

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:44pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the troops. Martin Bailey – Vice President, Margaret Colarossi – Recording Secretary, Carol Bedell – Membership Secretary, W. Paul Ziems – Treasurer and Kathrine Soscia – Corresponding Secretary were present. Ed Jackson - Sergeant-At- Arms was absent.

OFFICER’S REPORTS

President Erma Gluck welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Announcements are posted. The Lions Club is collecting used eye glasses.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Amy Ellis, Legislative Aid to Sarah Anker attended the meeting and was introduced to the membership.

Margaret Colarossi reminded the meeting to bring in Box Tops for Education and canned goods for the local food pantry. Bella Roma Restaurant & Pizzeria is offering a 15% discount on all purchases by Coram Civic Association members. Present your Civic Association membership card at time of purchase to receive your discount. Randazzo’s Pizzeria & Restaurant owner John DiGregorio is offering a 30% discount to all Coram Civic Association members when they show their membership card when making a purchase. Discount will be applied to eat in, take out and catering items through 2012.

The Coram Fire Department is holding a Christmas tree sale at the Rt. 112 and Pine Road substation. Their 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Dec. 2 at 7pm.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer W. Paul Ziems reports that the balance in the treasury is \$3,310.20. Paul thanked Sarah Anker for the \$1,000.00 grant awarded to the civic association.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Carol Bedell reports we have 151 paid members. Please renew your membership! Be sure to pick up your membership card. Can’t get your discount from Bella Roma or Randazzo’s without it!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

None

PLANNING & LAND USE

None

HIGHWAY REPORTS

None

NEWSLETTER

Back issues are available. Chris Reilly has volunteered to take over the newsletter.

POLICE

None

WEBSITE

Kathrine Soscia and Margaret Colarossi.

Civic meetings can be viewed at civicmeetings.com accessible from the Coram Civic Association website.

OLD BUSINESS

Nomination and Election of officers. After seeking any other nominations from the floor, seeing none, Jim Meade made a motion to nominate the slate of:

Carol Bedell for Membership Secretary

Margaret Colarossi for Recording Secretary

Kathrine Soscia for Corresponding Secretary

Bob Gluck for Sergeant-At- Arms

The Recording Secretary cast a vote for the slate, approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GUEST SPEAKERS

Barbara Russell, Town of Brookhaven Historian gave an update on the Davis House construction explaining that most of the siding is on the house, bids for gutters are in the works, windows are being worked on off-site and will be installed after the New Year, and some landscaping will be done in the spring. She explained that the Town might move the fence closer to the house once landscaping is done. She explained that the Town will not proceed with interior construction until a use for the building is decided. Some suggestions for the use of the house from the floor included tours of the house, space used for small meetings (scouts, civic organizations) or offices and a caretaker living on the premises. Barbara encouraged the formation of a committee to come up with ideas for the use of the house and explained that the Town is seeking concerned residents to take up the business of forming a separate group to become stewards of the house. Three members attending the meeting volunteered to form the committee. The Town would maintain the outside of the building including cutting the grass. Details of who would pay for insurance, utilities etc. need to be determined. The civic will reach out to its membership for suggestions in the form of a survey sent to each member. The Town is asking for a decision to be reached by June.

Marianne Garvin, CEO Community Development Corp. and Andrew Crossed of Conifer Realty presented the revised plans for the UA property. A market study was conducted which determined that 50,000 sq. ft. of retail proposed in their first presentation would be too much because of the DEC refusal to allow the wetlands along Rt. 112 to be touched. This concentration of vegetation would decrease the visibility of the retail buildings. By decreasing the retail space they would increase the housing units by 20. The membership is not happy with the increase number to apartments. It was suggested that some sort of community center be included in the plan. They will return with updated information in the near future.

OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP

50/50 DRAWING

Tonight's 50/50 was drawn by Barbara Russell. Winner, Helen Young, took home \$28.00.

No General Meeting in December.

Holiday Tree Lighting December 10 @ 3pm

Next meeting, Monday, January 23, 2012. 7:30pm

Guest – Legislator Sarah Anker

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Jim Meade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm. Seconded by Martin Bailey. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted
Margaret Colarossi
Recording Secretary