

# Northampton Civic League Minutes 06/05/2007

The June meeting of the Northampton Civic league was called to order at 7:06 by NHCL President Bernice Jackson. There were 13 people present.

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

The President welcomed two new guests, Ms. Melinda Webb, a neighbor of Flora Randall, and Mr. Jon McBride, who signed up for NHCL information at the Neighborhood Celebration event.

Secretary Matt Asay distributed copies of and summarized the minutes from the April meeting. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

President Jackson summarized the April 17 meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

She then summarized the May 19th "Neighborhood Celebration" at the Northampton Community Center and the civic league's participation in it. Matt Asay noted that there were prints of the pictures taken at the event next to the signup sheet. Jonathan McBride from the Neighborhood Office requested copies of our pictures. Matt indicated he would be happy to provide him with a CD of the photos. President Jackson also noted that we had signed up 33 people for our "information and prize drawing" list and that the drawing would be held at the end of the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse the members who had provided the leather valise and the AMC movie tickets being offered as prizes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Neighborhood Organization Registration

Jonathan McBride of the Neighborhood Office facilitated a discussion to help the members of the Northampton Civic League identify their issues, interests and goals for the league. This will lead to ideas about how the league might want to organize itself to best achieve those goals.

He lead the group through a series of questions, noting the answers on large easel sheets that were then posted across the wall. He emphasized that this was a spontaneous brainstorming session and that the ideas and comments generated here would later be refined and organized, but for now the goal was to get everyone's input and capture it on paper.

- Introduce yourself and note one thing you like about where you live
- What are some of the values you think are important for this organization?
- How would you describe the present state of the NHCL?
- What is your vision of what the ideal NHCL would look like?

At this point we wrapped up for the evening. Jonathan indicated that he would type up the responses and distribute it to the members via email (and the league would mail it to members without email). The members would review the content and at the next meeting (or by email if they were unable to attend) we would organize the results and develop:

- Strategies for getting where we would like to be
- Measurable goals based on those strategies
- Issues or topics we would like to work on

Jonathan thanked everyone for their participation and he was thanked in turn for his excellent facilitation.

## Other Business

Several members noted that our next meeting would fall on July 3rd just before the 4th of July holiday. The members voted unanimously to reschedule the meeting for the following week on Tuesday July 10th.

Vice President Wendell Midkiff confirmed with the community center staff that the room was (tentatively) available for that date and reserved it for the league. The Secretary noted that he would be going in for surgery at the end of June and would not be able to make the July meeting.

A drawing was held for the prizes from the May 19th signup sheets. The AMC movie tickets were won by Alice Madison. The leather valise and calculator set was won by Michelle Garcia.

Selvin Walker, who serves on the Back River Flooding and Shoaling Citizens Committee provided a brief summary of his participation. He noted that there would be a another Citizen member meeting discussing wetlands and dredging impacts at 6:00 pm on Thursday June 7th at the downtown library.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:47.

Memberships: There were no renewals and no new members.

**Matt Asay, NHCL Secretary**

As approved at the July 10, 2007 meeting