

# Clairborne Maintenance Association

Minutes for Quarterly Meeting April 8, 2014

## ***Officers/Board Members***

President	Tom Sarnecky	19 Airdrie Dr	836-4455
Vice-President	Mary Joe Metz	34 Eaton Place	832-5584
Treasurer	Cookie Burget	2 Whitaker Court	834-4252
Secretary	Sharon Massello	66 Eaton Place	834-1889
Board Member	Keith Snyder	6 Whitaker Court	836-1956

## ***Committees***

<b>Architectural Committee</b>		<b>Grounds &amp; Maintenance Committee</b>	
Mike Hudson	834-6516	Cookie Burget, Chair	834-4252
George Holstein			
Ed DeLooze	836-5727		

Tom called the meeting to order at the New Castle Conservation District Building at 7:03p.m.

1. Introductions
  - Introductions were made of all attendees.
  - Four board members were in attendance and six homeowners
  - Rep Earl Jacques was in attendance as well as Ruby Dilmore from Councilman Powers' office. Councilman Powers arrived later
2. Secretary's Report
  - The minutes from the postponed January meeting and Groundskeeping April 5<sup>th</sup> walk were reviewed. A schedule of 2014 meetings was distributed.
3. Annual Budget Vote
  - Budget was approved. Will remain at \$80.00 per household
4. Board Member Voting
  - Mary-Jo Metz and Sharon Massello were re-elected to their respective positions
5. Treasurer's Report
  - All monies collected and deposited in bank accounts
  - Awaiting state reimbursement for snow removal charges
  - Billing review:
    - 1 home in foreclosure with lien for past unpaid dues
    - 6 additional homes will have liens placed if dues remain unpaid
    - \$80.00 relatively low maintenance dues. Rose Hill no longer has its own board. They contract the service and pay higher dues for that reason.
    - Ann Richmond will do an independent audit of our accounts
    - At least 10 homeowners expressed wishes to pay higher fees for better snow

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removal. Board will evaluate.

- Earl Jacques reminded all that snowfall removal >4 inches is reimbursed by the state.
- He also said snow plows had previously been stationed at 896& 40 but were moved to RT 2 this year. That is why RT. 896 was not plowed as well this winter either. Mr. Jacques complained to DELDOT about the poor conditions on 896 but received no response. In the future, you can call Mr. Jacques or #77 (Emergency Operation Center) if you are unsatisfied with snow removal on 896.

## 4. Grounds and Maintenance Committee

- Maintaining the open space is the first real priority of the Clairborne Maintenance Association.
- On open space walk through ruts from turving and sink holes were noted and photographed. Will need riprap on drainage swales and rocks around drainage pipes.
- Mr. Jacques requested the information be emailed to him.
- Mr. Jacques is aware of road surfaces in the community. He has had several cold patch repairs done. A 10x10 patch was just done at Airdrie and Peninsula.
- He is hoping for funding from the Community Transportation Fund to fix roads in his district. Call Earl's office to report any other pot holes in the community and he will get them patched.

## 5. Architectural Committee – Deed restrictions

- Trailer in driveway at one residence- violation
- Untagged car in driveway-violation
- High grass
- Addition without committee approval
- All were corrected

## 6. Old/New Business

- Earl Jacques presented a map of the Howell School Road expansion. The area from Porter Road to the bridge is a dangerous traffic area. DELDOT making major changes there. Parts of existing HSR will be removed. There will be a sidewalk from Denny Road to Lums Pond. GRPC will move their entrance off of 896. The Meadow Glen entrance on 896 will close. There will be additional turn lanes. The project should be completed by 2016. Maps can be found on the DELDOT website.
- Residents and board members discussed possible traffic calming devices in the community. Possibilities included solar speed limit signs, speed bumps, roundabouts, or addition of red light or stop sign at community entrance.
- Ruby Dilmore from Councilman Power's office spoke of having an unmarked car at Denny and Lexington to monitor traffic violations. A driver was ticketed last night for running the stop sign. To get a speed bump 67% of community must vote for it. A roundabout could possibly be part of the HSR project. DELDOT would pay for it.

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- Pets defecating on open space and private property was discussed. Homeowners must curb their dogs. Code enforcement can come out for violations on private property. For open space violations, there must be witnesses. Suggestion made for providing dog waste bags in the open space. Perhaps signs can be posted.
- Crime report: 14 calls since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Four alarms, one fraud, one domestic, nothing very concerning, no burglaries, robberies or assaults.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm