

The Oaks Village Annual Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Jen Finnerty at 7:00 p.m.

Key Topics Discussed:

1. 2025 Budget & Assessment:

Details to be covered in the meeting scheduled for 12/4.

2. Oaks Meeting Reminders:

Suggestion to add paper reminders at mailboxes for owners who miss or don't receive email notifications about yearly meetings.

Election of board members:

- Jen Finnerty was elected to stay on the Oaks Board for 2 years (VP-group did not vote on President spot), and elected to stay on the board to represent the Oaks
- Steve Halliday was elected to become a Secretary for 2 year
- Chrissy Osie was elected to serve as a Director
- Siubhan Fallon has 1 year on her term
- Bill Karten was elected to stay on for 2 years

- **Directors roles and responsibilities**
 - Owners sought clarity on directors' responsibilities.
 - Suggestion to provide educational materials on the topic. (is this on the website?)

New Business:

- **Meeting Participation:**
 - Owners expressed concerns about limited opportunities to ask questions.
 - Information was provided on accessing meeting notes and agenda and CT state law on how meetings are run

- **Communication and Follow-Through:**
 - Owners requested timely updates and empathetic responses to raised concerns.
 - **Examples were shared of concerns receiving general responses or assurances of follow-up, but no further action being taken**

- **Community Directory Proposal:**
 - *Suggested creating a Heartwood directory for interested residents to improve communication and community support.*
 - Proposal suggesting using signs placed at the mailbox to invite interested individuals to sign up. Jen will take the lead if moving forward

Other Business/Concerns:

- **Landscaping Materials:**
 - Concern about the quality of hay used for trees.

- **Pest Control:**
 - Reports of carpenter ant infestations; issues resolved too late, leading to property damage.
- **Tree Replacement:**
 - Homeowners requested input on the placement of new trees near their units.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM. Motion by Steve Halliday, seconded by Siubhan Fallon.
Approved unanimously.