

Forest Home Improvement Association
Open Officers Meeting
March 26, 2009
7:00PM, Forest Home Chapel

Attendees: Michael Bend, Drew Noden, Trevor Pinch, Abe Stroock, Jim Haldeman, Bruce Brittain, Doug Brittain, David Gross, Elizabeth Saunders, and Caroline Arms.

- Presentation by Jay Boulanger, Cornell's Deer Program Manager. Jay provided an overview of the deer management program, steps taken to address the deer population, results to date, issues etc. This is a five-year experimental study using, primarily, sterilization. The goal is to reduce deer population by 75 % in five years.
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting: postponed.
- Traffic Calming Update: Michael indicated that the town is waiting to hear from the state regarding dollars available from the federal stimulus package. Efforts are underway to address Phase II, i.e., crosswalks and sidewalks. Bruce indicated that according to their recent survey, traffic counts in Forest Home are down from four years ago.
- Alternative Transportation Working Group: Abe looking for more volunteers to work on this.
- TCAT comments: The notice regarding the upcoming meetings has been distributed. David Gross indicated that five different bus routes go through FH, 68 buses per day on Judd Falls Road. He also indicated that routes 40 and 41 will no longer go through the FH neighborhood.
- Comments on proposed Town Stream Setback Regulations: Michael will follow up on this item.
- Neighborhood leafletters (street captains): There is an effort to try and reinstate the NL. Michael will take the lead on this. The first job is to update addresses.
- Upstream Bridge Renovation update: Bruce indicated that this is not likely to happen this summer. Minutes from the sixth meeting of the USB working group were distributed. Two items emphasized included shoulder material and pedestrian lighting. Further discussion is necessary before decisions are made regarding material for the shoulder. Regarding pedestrian lighting, the County is willing to include this on the approaches to the bridge. However, FH will need to work with the County to develop a specific proposal. It was proposed that this item should be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the ATWG.
- FHIA website: It was noted that Wendy Petti has been instrumental in getting the website updated and expanded. Wendy has made the following suggestions: personalize the history section more with anecdotes and old photos and invite current and past residents to contribute anecdotes and current and old photos. It was proposed that for the October annual meeting that there be a discussion of the website including such items as security, further site enhancements, updating the addresses and related information for those living in FH. Jim should work with Wendy to develop the report and recommendations for the annual meeting.
- Spring clean-up and removing mustard garlic: to be scheduled for the end of April.

- Social events: Those proposed include the biography of George Warren, a progressive party (Walter Stone party) after graduation (don't conflict with Ithaca Festival).
- Additional item, working group on FH historical preservation: Jim H. send a general notice about doing more on this topic. Those interested should contact Karen Westmont.
- Meeting adjourned shortly after 9:00PM.