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Green Report for the Nov. Board Book

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Mr. Biddle: This report constitutes my report for the Board of Managers for the next monthly meeting of the Board of Managers

Attendees: Susie Eig, Larry Heilman, Marea E. Grant Hatziolos, Christopher Knopes, Betsy Stephens, Michael Younes

What follows is my recollection of the meeting. If there are important omissions or corrections that should be made, please let me know.

1. The Comprehensive Building Final Assessment Report:

ITEM #1 Replacing Bulbs in Village Facility :Satisfactory progress is being made in terms of implementing the recommendation to replace incandescent light bulbs with an acceptable lamp that is Energy Star rated. The problem persists regarding an appropriate replacement not being available for a dimmable compact florescent lamp. It has been reported that GE has developed a number of options and in the near term an appropriate lamp should come on the market. It has also been report that in the near future that GE will discontinue manufacturing incandescent light bulbs. It is recommended that the village staff continue in their effort to continue "to pursue an acceptable lamp" for the cost savings are considerable as well as the is the reduction in the carbon footprint.

ITEM#2 Weather-strip and caulk windows: As reported by Michael Younes is has been accomplished.

ITEMS#3 Install automatic thermostats and #4 Install automated light controls: It was recommended that these 2 items be undertaken.

Regarding all other recommendations in the report, it was recommended once again that all recommendations listed on page 13 (The "Green Review") should be reviewed by the EC to determine their appropriateness and feasibility. It is recommended that Betsy Stephens lead this review with Larry Heilman, Marea E. Grant Hatziolos, Christopher Knopes, and Marilyn Bracken participating in the review. It is hoped that this review can be accomplished prior to December 20, 2008.

2. Green Vehicle Procurement Policy: An EMAIL was sent to all members of the EC requesting their comments.

3. Future Articles for the Crier (1) Marea E. Grant (Hatziolos) has agreed to prepare an article on eating and carbon diets (2) Susie Eig prepare a short piece regarding appropriate items that can be spread on sidewalks to prevent icing.

4. Re-Cycling: A new policy regarding the disposal of the materials that are being collected to be re-cycled has been developed by Michael Younes. It has been posted on the Village Listserve, and it was requested that it be also place on the in the Crier in the Village Green space. Several good ideas were suggested regarding how to communicate to village residents of the materials that can be recycled. A sticker for the refrigerator listing all of the items was suggested by Susie Eig. Who should follow through on this suggestion?

5. Developing the Wolfurth Property: Jay Treadwell and Polly Lawrence should be considered to be added to the planning group for the development of the Wolfurth property. Jay has been a citizen leader in promoting this property to be developed as park. Jay lives in the immediate vicinity of the Wolfurth property. Polly, the "Green Grower" on the Environmental Committee, is also interested in the development of the park. Hopefully Susie Eig, who is leading the process for the Village, will consider this recommendation.

6. Augmenting Tree Program: There are a number of initiatives that Ralph Stephens would like to pursue to strength the Village's tree program that reach beyond the tree planting and preservation program. Ralph is certainly encouraged to do so.

7. Representation on the Public Works Committee: It was recommended that Marea E. Grant Hatziolos and Marilyn Bracken become members of the Public Works Committee. Their names where submitted but were lost in the process.

8. Items to Be Considered in the Future:

#1: Invite the public to a meeting in the fall of the Environmental Committee to learn if there ideas that we should consider.

#2: Does Polly want to write a green growing article for the Crier? If so, perhaps she should hold off until next spring.

#3: We continue to get a number of complaints regarding noise pollution and exhaust pollution. Is it time to make renewed effort regarding this problem? Who would be willing to lead this effort? Are Amanda Jacobs and Betsy Stephens willing to once again be involved in this odiferous exercise?

#4: Does Valery want to write something about photovoltaics for the Crier?

#5: Should we be exploring the need to developing a policy regarding building green?

#6; Promote a house energy audit as soon as we clear the Village Assessment Report. At that time Marilyn could prepare something for the Crier.

9. **Communication Policy**: it was suggested that when there are important items regarding the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the EC that as many avenues of communication should be utilized including the (1) The Village Green in the Village Crier; (2) the Village Listserve; (3) The Village WEB; and, (4) special notices when appropriate.

GO GREEN, Larry