

THATCHMONT BOARD MEETING – March 12, 2009

Trustees Present: Neil Golden, Ann Lammers, Sarah Leaf-Herrmann, Arthur Mattuck, Rosemary Trainor Absent: Lars Liebisch

G&G Management Representative: Sheryl Sarkis

Election of Replacement Trustee

Lifei Guo was elected unanimously to fill the position vacated by Paul Tempest.

Budget Status for 2009

The snow and heating oil expenditures for this winter still have many outstanding invoices and are expected to be significant due to the extreme weather this winter. We will have a good idea of these expenses and how we are compared to budget when the March bills are received at G&G Management.

Masonry Project Update

The Board reviewed the preliminary report on the masonry. They raised a number of issues that require clarification. These have been conveyed to Tom Heger of DM Berg Consulting, our engineering consultant.

Once these questions are resolved and incorporated in the preliminary report, the Trustees will distribute copies of the report to all unit owners. We anticipate that this will occur in a few weeks. The report is quite detailed and includes numerous photos that show the damage to our structure. The report recommends we repair in two stages over the next 5 years to include replacing rusted lintels, cracked concrete sills and decorations, repointing approximately 5/8 of the total area, and apply sealer everywhere.

The Trustees authorized funds to proceed in developing design specifications and obtaining proposals for the work so that we will be working with real numbers rather than the engineering estimates.

In parallel, the Trustees are looking in to ways to finance the work to minimize the immediate financial impact on owners should we decide to proceed with the repairs.

Birdfeeders

A birdfeeder has been observed tied on a tree in front of 14 Egmont. They are not permitted as they attract rodents. All bird feeders will be removed by the cleaning crew.

Spring/Summer Landscaping

Rosemary raised the issue that the bushes on Egmont Street are dead. Ann then noted that the trees on St.Paul St. are dead and the trees in front of Egmont are dying. Sheryl recommended that all unit owners call City Hall repeatedly to get the trees removed and replaced.

New Washer/Dryer Unit for 14B Egmont

The washer we supply to the rental unit on Egmont St failed and the Trustees voted to replace them.

Next StepsApril 2009 Board Meeting

The next meeting will be held in mid- to late-April, to review the scope of work and bids by potential contractors. The date will be set once we get an idea from Tom Heger as to when the bids will be available for evaluation.

Sarah Leaf-Herrmann
Recording Secretary