

SMEPOA Board Meeting Minutes August 14, 2010, 3:30 PM, at the Leath home

Attendees: Mike, Jeff, Bonnie, Mark, Anita, Dennis, Pat, and Clayton (arrived at 5 PM)

Absent: Jerry Carter

Minutes from the July 10 Special Meeting were approved as corrected. MSA Board Meeting Minutes from the July 10 meeting were approved as corrected. MSA

**Financial:** Mark reported a checking balance of \$45,270.02 including Road Maintenance contributions of \$11,000 (19 lots at \$550 per lot). Note that this is NOT the Capital Campaign contributions, which are being returned to the donors. The savings balance is \$1,356.17 Attorney Herman Clark's latest bill is being reviewed. Following discussion, the board agreed that a request for Road Maintenance contributions (toward the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the original Seven Year Plan) should be mailed to all Assessed Lot owners, excluding those who have already contributed for FY 2010-2011. Anita agreed to compose the mailing. Mike Jolly will print it, and Bonnie will prepare and mail it. The Board agreed to keep at least \$20,000 in reserve for contingencies.

**Road:** Dennis said that the next portion of paving in the 7-Year Plan will be to complete the remaining portion of Upper Sassafras, estimated to cost about \$70,000. Bonnie said that the condition of the remaining portion of Lower Sassafras is worsening, not having been paved for over 15 years, and should be considered soon. Dennis said that all roadside mowing and tree trimming by the Road Committee volunteers is going great.

**Insurance:** Anita reported that Mike Jolly is close to finalizing a new insurance policy for the Association to replace the State Farm policy, which has been cancelled. Mike Moran conveyed thanks to Mike Jolly for his hard work on this matter. State Farm will continue to insure us for the pending litigation.

**Legal Update:** Mike Moran presented an update on the status of the Hawkins v. SMEPOA litigation.

**Firewise:** Anita reported that there are 18 newly trained Support Firefighter personnel on the mountain. Sassafras Mountain owners completing and graduating from the rigorous course at a ceremony on August 11 are:

Janice Edens

John Edwards

Mike Jolly

Chris Preble

Clayton Preble

Kathy Spidel

Mike Spidel

plus 11 other residents of mountain communities within Firewise.

**Future of SMEPOA:** Mike Moran said that ideas for the future direction of the Subdivision will be explored by a committee of volunteer owners which he will convene next week. This committee is formed for the purpose of generating ideas. The members of the committee will be those who have expressed interest in serving on it. Bonnie made a reservation for the meeting at the Pickens County Library for Saturday August 28. Mike Moran will email an invitation to them. Clayton further stated that he has calculated that we will need \$20,000 per year for RE-surfacing (with 3% inflation), in 15 years, the portions we have already paved.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday September 11 at 10 AM at Mike Moran's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Lovejoy, Secretary

