

Jan. 11, 2010

Coleson Cluster board convened at 7 p.m. (ET).

Attendees:

Harris Finkelstein (president)

Freya DeCola (treasurer)

Laura Dalton

Will Fraize

Jeff Kosmicki

Vern Wyly

The Cluster asked Jim Martin of Growing Earth to speak to the board would be spraying of the trees for wood borers.

Mr. Martin said he was very familiar with the property, having worked on it or around it for 20+ years. He said he saw signs of a particularly bad borer (flat-headed and round-headed) infestation within the cluster. He said that when the borers' eggs hatch, the borers tunnel out of the trees so what residents might see is some sort of staining on the bark of the trees or some sawdust. He said that weakened trees put out a signal to attract borers, which typically go to the weakest trees first and then destroy them. Trees can be weakened by salt, poor drainage, drought, etc.

A motion to approve the minutes for the previous meeting was made by Harris and seconded by Will. The minutes were approved.

Freya discussed finances and noted that several householders were in arrears.

She also noted that the cluster's tax accountant, David Patterson, has left the firm the cluster typically works with and is on his own. The board was of the mind to continue having our tax work done by Mr. Patterson, at least for this year, if his price was similar to what was paid last year.

The board discussed snow removal for the extraordinary record snow fall that occurred in the previous couple of weeks. Harris said that overall, most residents were pleased with the level of service and the quality of the snow removal considering the circumstances. There was worry over snow removal cost and discussion over whether Mr. Farrar could have used different equipment for a cost savings, i.e. the Bobcat vs. the snow plow. When all was said and done, the board thought the Bobcat gave the operator a greater level of control of where to put the mountains of snow and through a combination of the use of the Bobcat and the plow, less damage might have been done to cluster structure.

The board also discussed the new development on North Shore Drive (JBG Development). At issue: lighting; Metro; Reston's Master Plan. For planning purposes, a county task force is looking at the area along the Toll Road to Route 28. Next year the task force will look at Reston proper.

Will will update the Coleson Cluster telephone directory.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.