

Date June 30, 2017

To Aspen Lane & 696 Bridge Road Residents

From Thom Wright  
Executive Director

Re Minutes from Lane Meeting

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Thank you for participating in Lathrop's monthly Lane meeting! It was highly informative and enjoyable and we appreciate your feedback and wise counsel. The following are minutes from the meeting held on June 30, 2017 at 11:00am (to the best of my recollection and short-hand ability!)

1. The meeting began with a moment of silence.
2. Kendal at Home was discussed in response to the query about the first floor of 696 Bridge Road (The Blue House). Kendal at Home offers several products, including a life care/insurance plan that residents will learn more about in the coming months. Kendal at Home currently operates in Ohio and plans to expand to Massachusetts. They will rent space from Lathrop at the Blue House. The first floor of the house may also be shared with Lathrop marketing.
3. The Master Plan continues to progress and the Task Force met on Wednesday to discuss preliminary results of the market focus groups that occurred on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, the updated market demographic and competitor study, the revised and reduced construction budget and new design plans. The plans to seek bonds to finance the preconstruction phase has been reinitiated in anticipation of the Mass Development schedule of meetings in order to have funds in October, should the project be approved by the Board. The Task Force anticipates reviewing the financial feasibility and capital reserve study and the final report of the focus groups, in August. Residents will receive updates
4. Landscape issues persist. Mike Strycharz explained that the drought conditions and the resident initiatives related to the fertilizer program and mini-clover planting has resulted in the current condition. Therefore, the Property Committee is developing a new plan, which will be shared with all Northampton residents once it is complete. Mike shared that in the fall, top soil will be added and reseeded will occur. We will restart the irrigation system, as well.

Mike also reiterated that issues with the back of the units require a work order and Spring Valley will plan the work accordingly. Two residents commented that gutters were not well-cleaned and again filled up after cleaning because debris was not removed from the roof. These issues will be discussed with Spring Valley and Dave Morrissey is planning a specific meeting about landscaping before the fall.

5. A resident suggested that Lathrop Philanthropy Committee consider fundraising for capital projects on annual basis and include an option in the annual appeal to which residents may opt to donate.
6. Safety concerns of landscaping should be a priority. All agreed and the areas identified were addressed after the meeting.
7. Transportation has 2 or 3 drivers each day and coordinate with residents for personal and medical appointments, as well as outings. Residents are pleased with this service.
8. Residents acknowledged that the Program Committee is very active and accommodating and gave kudos to Dave Morrissey for his role in programs and to Judy Buhner and Joe Kulin as effective and wonderful lane reps.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.