

MINUTES OF NORTHFIELD VILLAGE CAUCUS MEETING 7/11/23

Those members present were Beverly Smith, Al Chircop, Keith Reed, Becky Newport, David Woodyatt, Michael Cohen, ~~Mark Gantner~~, Dennis Culloton, Kathy Estabroke, David Miller, Laura Felicione, Carol Ritchell, Ericka Foster and Mareo Aiello. Guest for first part of meeting was Charlie Orth, Village Trustee. Other Northfield residents present as guests were Melinda Blake and Pat Morell.

There were at least 4 Caucus members at the Village Board (herein "VB") public meeting on July 10 at Sunset Ridge School. Comments made by Caucus members about the problems discussed and perhaps resolved at that VB meeting were as follows: Perhaps the Caucus has to do a better job screening potential candidates; the settlement reached by the VB that evening was best for all and perhaps solidified the VB to work better together in the future; that the Caucus worked hard to select the three Village Trustees to run in last April's Village elections but something went wrong the first year of their terms; not being able to work together and being disrespectful to each other has been a real disservice to the entire community; it appears that some VB members need training on how to work with others; the actions of the VB most likely will make it more difficult to get new, qualified candidates for future VB vacancies, and also may detract from the success of the Caucus' recent Village survey; name calling among trustees is not acceptable and is a bad role model for our Village's youth; perhaps the Village does not spend enough money on worthy projects in order to retain its AAA rating; and the VB should engage in succession planning.

The last portion of the meeting was spent reviewing the attached list of possible actions that the Caucus should suggest to the VB. After considerable discussion of this list, David Woodyatt moved that the current Caucus Executive Committee finalize the Caucus' view of these suggestions and present the list to the VB in the very near future. The motion was seconded by Al Chircop and unanimously passed by those members present.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Woodyatt, seconded by Michael Cohen and unanimously passed by those members present. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Keith A. Reed, Caucus Secretary

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