

September 25, 2003
8 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Minutes of the Landscape Committee Meeting

Attendees: Terry Zawacki, Bob Donaldson, Karen Stephenson, Kathy Doherty

- Mark Kaye asked the committee to address the significant soil erosion in the alley behind 106-114. Mark has put in some rocks/bricks to stem the erosion and while it has helped it has not solved the issue. He expressed concern that:
 - the sediment will clog the storm drain behind 106 and 08 (this is also a City issue - it is their drain);
 - cables are being exposed (safety and property issue);
 - erosion will weaken the brick walls (safety and property issue); and
 - once the top soil is washed away - it will be more expensive to re-soil and re-plant (in addition to fixing things).

The Landscape Committee is looking into how to resolve this issue. Karen and Kevin Stephenson are having their backyard redone, and Karen is checking with the landscaper they are using for recommendations to fix the problem.

- ? Tony D'Ermes (103) requested that the tree in front of his home be trimmed because it is impacting his gutters.

The Committee agreed to trim the tree in front of Tony's house. Additionally the committee noted other trees that need trimming: a Beech at 108; a white pine behind 113; a maple behind 117; a maple over the gazebo; a dead pine behind 118; a Linden between 109 and 11. We will also do a walk around this weekend to determine other trees in the neighborhood need trimming. Please contact Bob Donaldson if you have a tree that needs trimming. Bob Donaldson will call the arborist and check with him to find out what company he is using for tree trimming.

- ? The committee also discussed the rat problem in Falls Church. Feeding birds attracts the rats. So the Committee will put a notice in the newsletter requesting that homeowners refrain from feeding the birds.

- ? Additionally, Terry Zawacki has indicated that she will be stepping down as chair of the landscape committee. She will still serve on the committee. Karen Stephenson and Kathy Doherty have both indicated that they would consider chairing the committee in the spring. We would like to thank Terry for the outstanding job that she has done during her tenure as committee chair.

- ? The committee also contacted Mr. Flores to thank him and his crew for the excellent work they have done this year in cleaning up our properties.

- ? The only outstanding landscape issue are the shrubs on the right side of 102.

The committee is going to trim back the yew and if time permits will remove the other overgrown shrubs with holly or laurels.

Submitted by Karen Stephenson