

**March 27, 2013**

**To: Board of Directors TNH**

**From: John A. Brennan Administrator TNH**

**Subject: Board Meeting Minutes March 26, 2013**

**Attending:**

**Theresa Swartz Chair**

**Gina Hyde**

**Deacon Alan Thadeu**

**Joe Martin**

**Steve Linhares**

**Pauline Bellville-Taylor RN-DNS**

**Alyssa Gracia Assistant to the Mayor of the City of Taunton**

**Dr. Julie Taylor TPS Superintendent**

- 1. The meeting was called to order.**
- 2. Minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting were approved.**
- 3. The Taunton Community Garden Club attended and presented their preliminary plans for the Taunton Community Garden. See draft agreement between TNH and TCGC.**
  - a. Site maps were presented and discussed.**
  - b. A presentation by Carol Doherty and fellow club members ensued.**
  - c. The plan is to begin planting Memorial Day weekend.**
  - d. The garden will be organic.**
  - e. No GMO plants.**

- f. TCGC will inspect plants before planting.**
- g. No chemicals that are not approved by the TCGC.**
- h. Parking issues to be addressed. Can the City expand the TNH parking lot?**
- i. Taunton Little League representatives attended.**
- j. Question: Does the TLL have a separate water meter?**
- k. This will be a Four Phase plan. Year One will allow a limited number of plots. The TNH Board will review at the end of the season the operation and consider permitting Year Two.**
- l. TCGC will be responsible for trash, fencing, no smoking, no drinking or parties, no marijuana plants, and end of season cleanup.**
- m. Water to be reviewed with Cahal O'Brien.**
- n. No electricity is thought to be needed.**
- o. Dawn to dusk operations.**
- p. A waiver of insurance liability for the City to be signed by gardeners.**
- q. A public notice board to be erected at the garden.**
- r. Can we create a compost pile?**
- s. Site maintenance within the TCGC is the responsibility of the Club.**
- t. TNH will not be available for Rest Rooms.**
- u. BP Alternative School may be involved as a gateway to a soup kitchen and culinary arts program.**
- v. It is recognized that TNH is home to our residents and respect for this is fact is paramount to TCGC and TNH operations.**
- w. TNH will not be financially partnered with TCGC.**

- 4. The Board did not approve the color of the room painted by John; a different color will be selected and we will paint another sample color room.**
- 5. The sign was approved with the caveat of the first letter to be larger.**
- 6. The Victorian Tea to welcome Pauline was well attended.**
- 7. Red Sox Opening Day is April 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- 8. Mrs. Stephen Lynch, wife of Congressman Lynch and candidate for US Senate may visit TNH on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm.**
- 9. The TEMA MOU for emergency shelter was discussed.**
- 10. Table clothes samples were presented. Pauline will work on a selection of color. There will be an overlay (two layers).**
- 11. No glass tops on the tables.**
- 12. The front white fence is to be repaired and lowered.**
- 13. THS may be able to move the TNH sign to the field to improve driver site lines.**
- 14. TNH will participate in the Taunton Senior Tax Write Off Program again.**
- 15. John attended a meeting at the city with Lt. Governor Tim Murray and discussed CPE with him.**
- 16. CPE pending payment prior to June 30, 2013.**
- 17. Pauline will attend the MECF new DNS training program for eight days over two months.**
- 18. John is attending CEU events.**
- 19. John will meet with Morton Hospital nurse practitioners to discuss a program which brings Morton NPs to TNH to reduce hospital readmissions.**

- 20. John is working on the curtains with Gordon Seekel of Taunton.**
- 21. John is aware of the Board's request for new dining room tables and chairs.**
- 22. The next meeting is April 23, 2013.**
- 23. The meeting was adjourned.**