

Subject to Approval

**Old Elm Street Study Group
Regular Meeting, April 25, 2022
7:30 p.m. at Madison Town Campus
Meeting Room: Zoom Online Webinar**

MEMBERS Present: Thomas Boyle, Eric Berg, Susan Cartledge

MEMBERS absent: Peter Clement, Eric Axberg, John Lind, Denny Van Liew (Alternate)

ALTERNATES present: Carol Snow.

OTHERS PRESENT: The meeting was available on and recorded through a Zoom online webinar.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Thomas Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. - .Chairman Boyle asked for a vote to add an item to the agenda regarding information just received concerning a property in the proposed district at 353 Boston Post Rd which is Barbary Farm. The item will be #6 other items. Chairman Boyle moved to add the item to the agenda, seconded by Eric Berg. The study committee agreed unanimously to add the item.
2. Carol Snow updated members on funding application for final report – application has been submitted according to Town Planner Erin Mannix. The first possible date for any response will be June. Great news!
3. Discussion was held regarding phone calls to each of the homes in the proposed district. Most phone numbers not accurate, very few calls actually completed It was agreed that we should make personal visits to each of the homes in the district, following the assignments we already have. We agreed to teams of two: Carol and Susan will comprise one team and Eric and Tom another. John Lind, Eric Axberg and Denny Van Liew can get together by email to decide on additional teams and timing. We will make available extra copies of our letters and information sheets as leave-behinds for owners not present. Chairman Boyle shared information on 2 responses received from the letters., the family at 395 Boston Post Rd, and the family at 363 Boston Post Rd, both positive calls or emails. Also received a positive response from the family at 387 Boston Post Rd who are staunch supporters and will be good ambassadors as they walk the district regularly and are on first name basis with many owners. Update letters will continue to be sent. Letters will be sent to Town Planner prior to submission for approval.
4. More discussion regarding possible future public meetings and whether such meetings can be more informal at private homes. Chairman Boyle will inquire with the Town Planner on that question.

5. No minutes available to review

6. Other item, Barberry Farm – 353 Boston Post Rd. Long and detailed discussion regarding a preliminary plan for a 22 home planned district development on a 12 acre portion of Barberry Farm with two homes fronting along Boston Post Rd and the remainder on Stony Lane to Fort Path Rd. Barberry Farm is in the proposed district. The discussion focused primarily on how to turn this development with it's attendant neighborhood reaction to the advantage of the proposed district. It's important to note that this is public information, having been on the P & Z agenda. Chairman Boyle intends to call the abutting neighbors along Stony Lane to gauge their reaction, as well as owner at 363 Boston Post Rd. Chairman Boyle will proceed very carefully here with advice from John Lind and others.

7. Susan Cartledge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carol Snow . The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Boyle, Chair

