

There was no August Board meeting and no issue of THE GREEN LIGHT.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the general membership was held on the evening of August 4 at St. John's Guild Hall, with Edwin H. Brownell presiding.

The treasurer, R.S. Weiss, reported a balance of \$2053.81, which does not include receipts from the July "Afternoon on the Point". These amounted to \$943.25 profit, appearing in the report of the successful affair by Mrs. Henry E. Eccles.

Much of the business consisted in reports both of the July 9 affair and the Garden and Clean-up contest, detailed accounts of which have appeared in the Bulletin.

The winning young people were present to receive their prizes - Louise O'Loughlin, Gertrude and Louise Duffy, and Charles Cabral, and made short speeches of acknowledgment. Owing to the polio epidemic, Louise O'Loughlin's trip to Beach Pond Camp was deferred until next summer. Mr. Caswell, principal of Callender School, received the book prizes for the home rooms of the children participating in the poster contest, and Susan Brownell accepted the book for Potter School.

M. Joseph Sullivan took a bow for his part in the garden project and was also thanked by the president for his generous donation of time in standing guard over the silver exhibition on July 9.

Bulletin: The editor reported a circulation of 1133 for the quarter, with expenses of \$62.07 and a balance on hand of \$53.63.

Protection: Dr. David Nemptzow stated that the past three months had been spent with old and repeated complaints. He then reported on the passage of the Dog Ordinance after four Council meetings, and called upon J. Harold McCormick, Councilman for the First Ward and a member of the Point Association.

Mr. McCormick explained some of the points in the new ordinance, stating that the administration of it lies with the chief of police and the dog constable. Copies of the

ordinance were distributed by Mr. McCormick, and Dr. Nemptzow stressed the fact that no one should hesitate to make complaints - either to the police, or to himself. Complaints on rats, he said, should be made to Mr. Norman Taylor at the Board of Health office.

Revolving Loan Fund Plan: The president reported that a committee is being formed "with care and caution" to study all angles.

Horticultural Society: Mr. Sullivan told of the Festival of Flowers to be held at "Miramar", outlined the various classes, and invited all to compete.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Wm.F. Kitts and Ivy O'Neill.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING - held on Sept. 9 at the home of Mrs. R.S. Weiss, who presided.

The treasurer showed a total balance of \$3020.49.

Mrs. Weaver stated that a number of the garden contest children did enter the Horticultural Soc'y show, and were awarded ribbons which will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Point Ass'n in October.

It was voted to send a letter to the City Manager, inquiring why the Dog Ordinance is not being enforced; the problems still exist.

It was voted that a resolution be prepared for the General Assembly urging legislation prohibiting any vessels containing harmful cargos from entering or leaving the Bay during times of low visibility. Also that a letter be sent to the City Council urging support of such legislation.

The committee to study the Revolving Loan Plan was named: E.H. Brownell, Mrs. R.S. Weiss, G.D. Weaver, jr, Mrs. H.E. Eccles, William Corcoran, with members of the Executive Committee. A report on the feasibility of the plan will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Date of the Annual Meeting was set for Thursday, October 27. It will include the celebration of the FIFTH BIRTHDAY of the Association.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

9 Chestnut Street

August 30, 1960

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, August 16, 1960, four members of The Point Association of Newport had the privilege and pleasure of joining a Newport delegation and touring Providence to see the renewal projects currently undertaken by the Providence Redevelopment Agency. Although the Point Association members - Mesdames Richard S. Weiss, David L. Smith, Paul Tubley and George D. Weaver, jr. - were invited guests representing another Newport organization, they could not help but view the entire proceedings from a Point Association outlook as well.

This tour, arranged by the Newport Redevelopment Agency and conducted by the Providence agency, was designed to acquaint Newporters with the best methods and procedures for embarking on a renewal program, to encourage Newporters in the undertaking of such a program, and to emphasize the social and economic benefits which a city derives from such a program.

The only disappointment during the day-long trip was the small number of Newport delegates who attended, and the only source of embarrassment was the fact that not one Newport Councilman joined the tour, part of which was planned expressly for our City Council members.

The delegation met at the Providence Redevelopment Agency office and then proceeded in a chartered bus to view the four areas undergoing the renewal treatment. The tour's host was the executive director of the Providence agency, James Reynolds, who also answered the numerous and varied questions posed by the Newporters. Following the tour, the delegation returned to the Agency office where "before" slides of the renewal projects were shown and more questions and discussion ensued.

The four renewal areas viewed were:

- I. West River Development, which embraces
 - a) the new automated Post Office
 - b) industrial development, including such companies as Rivacor Aluminum, Otis Elevator, Mack Trucks, Clifford Metal Sales, etc.
- II. Lippitt Hill Project, which will have
 - a) commercial frontage
 - b) private housing development in the rear
- III. East Side Renewal Project, which encompasses
 - a) Benefit Street Project - the preservation and restoration of historic homes for rent or sale. Undertaken by private organizations with full cooperation of the Redevelopment Agency and the Providence City Council.
- IV. Willard Center Unit I and II
 - a) new shopping center which replaced sub-standard housing and low-tax blighted business area.
 - b) public elementary school built within this same area.

Briefly -- what we learned from this tour:

- I. The Redevelopment Agency condemns the area, clears and determines the use of the land. The land is then sold for industrial development, housing, public needs, etc.

- II. The Agency places restrictions on the type of signs, landscaping, building frontage, etc., so that there is no danger of an unsightly development.
- III. In every instance of renewal, the city benefits from the removal of a blighted area, from improved conditions for its citizens, and from new and greater tax revenue which results from industrial development and better housing.
- IV. The City Council must provide the leadership in "selling" a renewal program to the taxpayers. The only other alternative is for the residents to demand such a program from their public officials, and
- V. the majority of funds for urban renewal are provided by the federal government. The city, however, must first expend funds for plans, without which no program involving federal aid can be undertaken.

Since this tour proved to be so informative and stimulating, may I suggest that a program devoted to urban renewal in Newport be arranged for a general membership meeting of The Point Association ?

- Eleanor S. Weaver

The resolution which the Board voted to place before the General Assembly of Rhode Island when it convenes in January, is tentatively as follows:

"The Point Association of Newport, R.I., Inc. urges the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to pass legislation which will prohibit vessels transporting material which can prove harmful to the Newport waterfront, from entering or leaving Narragansett Bay and/or Newport Harbor under conditions of poor visibility. Furthermore, any vessels and/or pilots violating such legislative provisions shall be held financially responsible for any damage to private or public property resulting from accidents which may occur."

At its Sept. 14 meeting, the City council agreed to support such a measure.

By a poll of the Executive Committee, the Point Association also voted to request of the City Council immediate action in regard to disposal of the oil along the Washington Street shore. Other than the dumping of some sand on the brows, no attempt has so far been made to eliminate the large pockets of oil on the water all along the Point shore - a condition which was intensified by the storm.

The City Council received this request at its Sept. 14 meeting and reported that the State was resuming its efforts to pump or skim off the oil. Specific mention of Washington Street was not made.

Conditions at the north end of the street are particularly bad.

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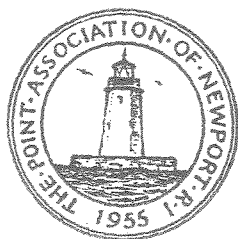
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