

THE FEDERALIST

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The Federal Street Neighborhood Association is a registered, non-profit group which serves the residents of the Federal Street Neighborhood

2004 Annual Meeting

On Saturday, March 13, 2004, FSNA held its Annual Meeting at the Grace Church on Essex Street. We congratulated and welcomed our new Ward 2 Councilor Mike Sosnowski to our neighborhood and also thanked Tom Philbin and Regina Flynn for their work and dedication over the past few years. The Federal Street Neighborhood then voted and approved our new Board for 2004. Stan Schwartz and Mike Williamson will return as Co-Chairs to FSNA, David Hart will continue as the FSNA Treasurer and Pam McKee as our Secretary. The Board for 2004 also includes Jane Arlander, Maggie Lemelin, Rita Markunas, and Will Wrightson. The meeting then moved on to discuss the current issues that we will be reviewing in 2004. In attendance were five of our City Councilors (Mike Bencal, Tom Furey, Kevin Harvey, Mike Sosnowski, and Matt Veno. Doug Bollen (Head of Parks and Recreation) was also in attendance and took the floor to discuss a proposal for installing a dog park at the Leslie's Retreat Park. It was a great discussion and many questions arose. Doug and his group will keep our neighborhood informed of upcoming meetings to continue the process. Rita Markunas was next on the agenda to review and discuss the North River Corridor Master Plan and B6 Zoning Proposal. Her presentation was brilliant and it was clear that our neighborhood will have to continue to work hard to keep the City of Salem on the right track to developing the area along the North River (see roundup below). Our new Ward Councilor Mike Sosnowski then discussed current items under review and thanked us all for our support. Mike provided us with an update on the progress of his efforts to have the rail cars removed from the railroad tracks along Bridge Street. Councilor Kevin Harvey, who is the Chair of the Council Finance Committee reviewed the City budget for us, and based on the data, the City will be looking for ways to increase revenues, even with another significant increase in taxes, it appears that several million dollars will need to be cut from next year's budget.

Calendar

Tuesday, March 23rd 7PM - AOH Boston St.
**FSNA Joint Meeting with Gallows Hill
and Mayor Usovich** City Department Heads
review City Services, City Development, Taxes

Wednesday, April 7th 6PM - 120 Washington
**North River Corridor Implementation
Committee** - Discussion of all updates and
issues involving Development along the
North River.

Neighborhood roundup

FSNA voted to support the North River Canal Corridor Working Group's recommendation that the B6 Zoning proposal be withdrawn from the City Council and Planning Board's consideration. It is crucial that each of us contacts each member of the Salem City Councilors and requests that the B-6 zoning proposal for the North River Corridor be withdrawn or rejected. As you are aware, the B-6 zoning proposal, a "one size fits all" district was never discussed or considered by the Working Group. The Plan document that the Working Group created was to be used as a guideline and that the Working Group would consider zoning review and potential redefinition of each area of the Plan. Once reviewed and approved by the Working Group, a clear zoning regulation would be proposed to fit each area, leaving no margin for confusion among the City or potential Developers. The message is clear: Please contact our City Council and request that they reject any consideration of the proposed B-6 Zoning that has been submitted. Contact information for the City Council is attached on your email.

2004 Membership Dues for the Federal Street Neighborhood Association

For the past two years, FSNA has provided our monthly newsletter, *The Federalist*, to over 240 residences in the greater Federal Street area. As you've read, there are a few neighbors that are at the core of the operations who try to keep you informed and in touch with what is going on in our neighborhood and around the City of Salem. We know that many people have families and are busy trying to make ends meet, so if you cannot help by volunteering your time, please join us by filling out/updating the membership form below. Keep in mind that the annual dues help to cover the administrative costs (including the newsletter) that keep our group going. The newsletter is also sent via e-mail as well, so if we do not have your current email address, please provide it below.

The Federal Street Neighborhood Association is also connected to a website where you can find up-to-date meeting schedules and citywide issues being addressed. Simply go to www.salemcitizens.org

Cost of a membership: \$7 for an individual, \$10 per family

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