

**SOMERSET HILLS VIII HOA  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 26, 2019, 7:00 P.M.  
Valley Covenant Church**

Present: Steve Bilynskyj, Erin Fennerty, Darin McDaniel, Donna Stout, Teresa Tutt

1. Call to order at 7:05 PM
2. Question about general policy in response to storm damage. *By consensus the board arrived at the following general response:  
There will be no pickup of storm debris on common area.  
There will be no removal of broken hanging branches on common area trees unless there is a threat to property or home walkways.  
If homeowner insists broken hanging branch on common area is a nuisance, we may give individual permission for owner to remove hanging branch at own expense.*
3. The board considered the following list of tree issues:
  - a. 3349 Bentley: Concern about leaning tree. *Response 3/1, no threat, done.*
  - b. 3368 Bentley: Concern about debris down from storm, hanging branch. *Determined no property threat, done*
  - c. 3355 Bentley: Concern about limbs hanging from trees in common area behind home. *Arborist determined limbs pose no danger to structure, so no action will be taken. However, Board authorizes to homeowner to remove broken branch identified by arborist at homeowner's own expense.*

3336 Bentley: Concern about tree that fell on edge of roof and removal of storm debris piled on street. *Darin removed tree. See later action about debris removal.*

2915 Timberline, 2917 Timberline: Concern about dead tree fallen on house, other future threats, debris. *Ethan evaluated cost of removing threats and piling debris around this address and 2917 Timberline at \$600. Work authorized by board.*

3457 Timberline: Concern about dead Douglas fir and leaning triple-trunk oak. *Ethan evaluated cost of removing both at \$750. Work authorized by board.*

2935 Timberline: Concern about hanging branch from tree on common area over deck and back of house. *Board will ask Ethan to bid this.*

2951 Timberline: Concern about bush on common area. *Board will give homeowner permission to trim bush.*

2961 Timberline: Concern about broken top ash trees and leaning trees on common area threatening back of house and concern about small oak on common area leaning over chimney on north of house. *Bid by Ethan at \$1,050. Work authorized by board.*

2908 Warren: Concern about tree on 2906 Warren property. *Board will direct homeowner to contact other homeowner, with specification that homeowner may not represent he is communicating on behalf of Board, or that Board authorizes or endorses the communication.*

3820 Ashford: Concern about fall fir tree between 3820 and 3824. *Removed by volunteer labor.*

3847 Ashford: Concern about debris down and dangerous branch hanging over side of street. *Ethan bid \$100 to clean up and haul away debris as well as debris in front of 3848 Ashford. Work authorized by board.*

3848 Ashford: Concern about tree A41 danger to roadway and house. *Ethan bid this at \$850 to remove. Work authorized by board.*

3869 Ashford: Concern about broken ornamental cherry tree on common area. *Board authorized Darin to cut down it down with volunteer labor.*

3837 Brighton: Concern about piled storm debris blocking mailboxes. *Resolved by volunteer labor.*

3347 Bentley: Concern that large Douglas firs in common area behind house are often dropping branches and sap on deck and house. *The board determined that these are very tall, healthy fir trees and no immediate danger to property. The board will notify the homeowner that he may contact our arborist at Town Gardener or another arborist to explore trimming branches that extend into the owner's property circle at the owner's own expense. No permission is granted for removal of any trees.*

MSC to authorize \$3,500 for hauling away existing debris and branch piles. Darin will check on contractors before next meeting.

4. Discussion about how to handle removal of storm debris already piled on streets and highly visible common area. *It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize \$3,500 for hauling away existing piles as will be prior marked by members of the board. Darin will check with contractors for this hauling work and report at next board meeting.*
5. Next regular board meeting scheduled for April 9, 2019, at 7:00 PM
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.