

NHIA MEMBER MEETING
PIZZA at 5:30 PM and brief meeting at 6:00 PM on
THURS, OCT. 13
Candidate forum will follow at 6:30 pm

Purposes of the Member Meeting

Our current bylaws are outdated and **do not serve the needs of a nonprofit organization in the 21st century**. The bylaws committee has been working for the past year to revise and update the Association's bylaws and to compose a set of Standing Rules. You need to vote on these at our November Annual Membership meeting. The proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on our website, www.newhopeimprovement.com. Please read them!

At our Sept 8 Member Meeting, the new bylaws were "rolled out." The 20 or so people in attendance represented a small fraction of those who had been paid members of NHIA over the past 5 years. The Members decided that we needed to make a strong, good faith effort to present the proposed Bylaws to all former members of NHIA. This letter is the result of that effort. This letter is sent to everyone who paid dues to NHIA during the past 5 years but not for 2016. It is very important that all stakeholders and interested parties read the proposed Bylaws. **Only current members** of NHIA are eligible to vote in the November 15th elections, including for approval or disapproval of the Bylaws.

If you want to vote in the NHIA elections, it is necessary to renew your membership for 2016 NOW, if you have not already done so. Your dues (\$5) must be paid by **Oct 13** in order to be eligible to vote on the Bylaws.

We need to elect a Nominating Committee. Positions up for election in November are **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members-At-Large**. The Nominating Committee identifies persons willing to serve on the Board. Come elect the committee on October 13. **CANDIDATES ARE NEEDED**. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or if you want to run for one of the open offices, please email Walter Fowler ASAP at walterfowler@gmail.com.

All that is needed to serve on the Board is the energy and desire to meet and work with your neighbors in support of our community and our region. If you are not able to serve as an Officer or Board member, please consider becoming a Nominating Committee member or volunteer to serve on other committees. Remember to attend the Member meetings and vote. This is your community association.

NHIA FALL SCHEDULE

Thursday October 13: CANDIDATE FORUM and membership meeting

5:30 Pizza with the NHIA Board and with other NHIA members

6:00 Election of Nominating Committee

6:30 Candidates for Orange County Commissioner

7:00 Candidates for NC Senate District 23 and NC House, districts 50 and 56

Saturday November 12 TURKEY RUN

Tuesday November 15 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Includes elections and vote on bylaws.