

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting April 1, 2014

A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order by Dan Bullard -President at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 1, 2014.

Present: Dan Bullard- President, Leslie Consolo, Ted Ells-Vice President, Jake Greenvall, DeeDee Hakun, Sam Kirby, Linda Reed, Bonnie Sanders-Newton, Betsy Wieland, Spencer Bartels, Josh Brooks, Sandy Fischer.

Absent: Greg Ames- Treasurer

Public: 6

Minutes: A motion was made by Betsy Wieland/seconded by Ted Ells and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of March 4, 2014.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Ames – Treasurer

- A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to move \$6,369.29 from the Money Market account to the Sidewalk Fund to make the Sidewalk Fund \$10,000.
- A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Ted Ells and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 1, 2014.

April 1, 2014

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	3/1/14	\$20,965.72
PLUS		
Interest received Feb 28 (interest rate 0.05%)		
Deposit		
Tax receipts	3/21/14	\$500.00
LESS		
Bills approved for payment March 4	3/4/14	(\$3,334.00)
Cash on Hand- Checking	4/1/14	\$18,131.72

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	3/1/14	\$21,436.50
PLUS		
Interest received February 28 (Interest rate 0.30%)	3/31/14	\$4.93
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	4/1/14	\$21,441.43

Total Assets April 1, 2014 **\$39,573.15**

Bills:

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:
 - TO: K&G Graphics FOR: Printing Budget Worksheet \$18.75
 - TO: Ferguson & McGuire FOR: Directors' Liability Insurance Premium \$1,464.00
 - TOTAL BILLS: \$1,482.75

Tax Collector:

- 3 yet to be collected – Liens have been applied.

Legal & Zoning:

- Zoning Board of Appeals: Francine Sears submitted an application to do a vertical expansion/balcony 6x16 ft. on the second floor.
- Stony Creek Package Store applied to build a square out behind the building to enclose the ice machine. Must notify abutting property owners.
- Puppet House
 - Motion made by Betsy Weiland/seconded by Dee Dee Hakun to move the Puppet House forward on the agenda.
 - Three neighbors are planning to submit a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals objecting that the permit given for this “sign” is incorrect as it is a “banner” not a “sign”.
 - Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Linda Reed that the Stony Creek Association executive board write a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals to extend its support of the neighbors that are filing an appeal as it pertains to the Stony Creek puppet house sign/ banner and that a copy of the neighbor’s letters of objection be attached to the Association letter. 6 in favor, 4 opposed.
 - Motion made by Sam Kirby, seconded by Josh Brooks to copy the Legacy Theater on this correspondence to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor.

Police and Traffic

- Special Meeting called with Detective Travisano and Sergeant Watrous. There was no quorum for the meeting and therefore Linda Reed, Leslie Consolo, Sgt. Watrous, Detective Travisano and a few members of the public met informally.
 - Discussion at this meeting included: concern from the public regarding the 4-way stop at the intersection of School St. and Watrous Ave., handicap parking options for residents, stones on Sachem Rd., radar signs, and resident-only parking.

Maintenance:

- Sidewalk is on hold till the end of April due to property owner’s concern.
- Painting of lines on the street was said to be completed in April by the town.
- Grant for \$500,000 available from the state for which Branford is eligible (second round of the grant that was granted to Branford for the Toilet project). Committee to look into.
- Motion made by Josh Brooks/seconded by Sandy Fischer to take all the garbage cans out of Stony Creek (and store them offsite) until the July meeting. 9 in favor, 1 opposed. Amendment made to the motion by Josh Brooks, seconded by Linda Reed to take the garbage cans out of Stony Creek and discuss as needed. 7 in favor, 2 opposed.

Administration:

- Spencer Bartels will head the nominating committee this year.
- Nominating committee: Spencer Bartels, Linda Reed, Sam Kirby, Sandy Fischer and Bonnie Sanders-Newton.

Old Business:

- Village District
 - Poll:
 - 66% of people thought Stony Creek would be at risk of losing its character without a Village District.
 - 57% believe the proposed Village District Amendment could help manage changes.
 - 65% agreed that Village District Amendment provides guidance without being mandatory or forcing people to do or not do with their property.

- Motion made by Josh Brooks/seconded by Betsy Weiland that the Stony Creek Association Executive Board vote at its May meeting on whether to file an application with the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the zoning regulations by adopting a Village District Amendment put forth by the Village District Committee. 8 in favor, 2 opposed.
- Toilet Update: discuss at May meeting.

New Business:

- Public concern regarding boat trailers and vehicles on a property on the corner of 3 Elms Road. Dan Bullard to speak to Town Planner about this concern.
- Bowhay Hill: Property owner has till May 31st to replace the curbing that was removed.
- May meeting
 - Budget
 - Discuss Jake Greenvall's (Tax Collector) replacement.

A motion was made by Linda Reed/seconded by Sam Kirby and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

NOTE:

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