

## Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting May 6, 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 May 6, 2014.

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

**Absent:**

**Public:** 13

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Betsy Wieland/seconded by Ted Ells and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of April 1, 2014 with the following changes:

- Police and Traffic: Leslie Consolo was not at gathering of the subcommittee in March. Dee Dee Hackun and Betsy Wieland were present in addition to a few members of the public.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg Ames – Treasurer

- A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 1, 2014.

### May 1, 2014

#### General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	4/1/14	\$18,131.72
PLUS		
Interest received Feb 28	4/30/14	\$0.83
(interest rate 0.05%)	4/30/14	\$0.80
Deposit		
Tax receipts	4/24/14	\$41.99
LESS		
Bills approved for payment April 1	5/5/14	(\$1,492.75)
 Cash on Hand- Checking	 5/1/14	 <u><b>\$16,682.59</b></u>

#### Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	4/1/14	\$21441.43
PLUS		
Interest received March 31		
(Interest rate 0.30%)		
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	5/1/14	<u><b>\$21,441.43</b></u>

Total Assets May 1, 2014		<b>\$38,124.02</b>
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**Bills:**

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:
  - TO: Jake Greenvall FOR: Reimbursement for liens filed \$1,362.00
  - TO: Page Hardware FOR: Flag \$89.99
  - TO: Leslie Consolo FOR: DogPoopBags.com \$45.66
  - TO: DogPoopBags.com LLC FOR: Dog Poop Bags \$371.83
  - TOTAL BILLS: \$1,869.48

**Tax Collector:**

- Received all except two.

**Legal & Zoning:**

- Planning and Zoning: 3 Thimble Islands Rd, Site plan & coastal site plan review-addition to existing “Stony Creek Package Store” building, approved with conditions.

**Police and Traffic**

- Continued research on radar signs for traffic control. Least expensive signs are approximately \$2,500 each. Branford Police would assist with locations of signs.

**Maintenance:**

- Alex Paluzzi (Town Rec. Dept.) will have fountains turned on soon and will look at erosion on the right hand side of the beach.
- Holes at Madeira Park need to be fixed.
- Tom Brennan working on long term solution for under the railroad overpass. Plans to excavate the drain and sidewalk, without touching railroad/overpass as that is the property of Amtrak. Amtrak has been contacted multiple times regarding this issue.
- Upper Thimble Island Road Sidewalk: retaining wall needs to be completed. Delay with sale of property where retaining wall is to be located.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Linda Reed to order a Doggie Poop Bag Dispenser for the corner of School Street. All in favor.
- Street cleaning to be done soon. Once street cleaning has been completed, then the town can re-do some of the street lines and the dock area.
- Garbage pails were not removed. Garbage contract with town says “pick-ups as needed”.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Ted Ells to rescind the decision of the previous approval to remove the trash cans in Stony Creek. Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Dee Dee Hakun to ask the garbage company to pick up 5 days per week in Stony Creek. All approved.

**Administration:**

- (Election under New Business.)

**Old Business:**

- Village District

- Motion made by Betsy Wieland, seconded by Josh Brooks to rescind the motion made at the April Board meeting to have a vote on whether to send the Village District recommendation to the Branford Zoning Commission. 1 opposed.
- Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Linda Reed to send out a self-addressed, stamped post card to property owners in Stony Creek with the following poll: “Do you want the Stony Creek Association Board to move forward with a request to the Branford Zoning Commission to designate Stony Creek a Village District? YES or NO”, to be included in the same envelope as the President’s Letter. All in favor.
- Poll will be sent out to each property owner in Stony Creek, within the same envelope as the Presidents Letter, to be mailed back to the Association Board by MAY 29, 2014.
- Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Linda Reed to send the poll postcard to each person within the district of Stony Creek that is on the property tax list.
- To clarify, this means each property owner, regardless of number of properties owned, gets one poll vote. Also, if multiple owners, such as husband and wife, are listed as owners of the property, they each get a poll vote.
- It is the Executive Board’s intention to compile the results of the poll by the June 3 meeting and vote on whether to send the Village District recommendation to the Branford Zoning Commission.
- Puppet House
  - Ted Ells, Linda Reed and Sam Kirby had planned on meeting with Town Planner, Jose Giner, to stay updated on progress at Legacy Theater. According to Jose Giner, there was no update and therefore no need to meet.
  - (Please see attached Legacy Theater Update)
  - According to a citizen, floor at Puppet House collapsed and there was flooding in the basement. Town was contacted to look into the problem.
  - Motion made by Linda Reed, seconded by Betsy Wieland to rescind the motion to send a letter in support of property owners because property owners pulled back their letters. All in favor.
- Tax Collector Replacement
  - Nick Fischer and Peter Banca have expressed interest in running for Tax Collector.
- Bayview Park Committee
  - Meeting in two weeks to discuss ideas for the “Opening Celebration”, sitting wall to provide additional seating, and estimates for cedar shakes for the roof of the gazebo.
  - Request from the public for handicap accessibility to the gazebo.

**New Business:**

- Sean Scanlon came to introduce himself to the Board. Sean is running for state representative (98<sup>th</sup> district) to replace Patricia Widlitz who is retiring.
- Nominating Reports/Election
  - 4 confirmed Executive Board nominees.
  - Biographies/changes to current biographies must be sent to Spencer Bartells by May 18<sup>th</sup>.

- The regularly scheduled Board Meeting on June 3, 2014 will include the Special Meeting starting at 7:00pm.
- Election to be held on July 7, 2014 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.
- July 8, 2014 will be the first official meeting with the newly elected board.
- Dan Bullard to write Annual President’s Letter.
- By-Laws
  - Motion made by Ted Ells, seconded by Josh Brooks that we add a sentence after tax collectors’ duties (in the by-laws) that the tax collector shall have no vote at meetings of the executive board and differentiate “special committees” from “standing committees”. All in favor.
  - The board needs to clarify the need for special meeting minutes and agenda.
- Shoreline Resiliency Plans
  - Motion made by Ted Ells, seconded by Sandy Fischer to send a letter in support of the Shoreline Resiliency Plans.
- Toilet Progress
  - Appraisal needs to be completed (next couple of weeks) before project can go any further in terms of the sale of the property, design plans, applying for grants, etc.

A motion was made by Betsy Wieland/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday June 3, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

**NOTE:**  
**MINUTES ARE POSTED AT WILLOUGHBY WALLACE MEMORIAL LIBRARY’S**  
**WEBSITE.**

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