

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting February 4, 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 February 4, 2014.

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

Absent: Spencer Bartels, Betsy Wieland.

Public: 16

Minutes: A motion was made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Ted Ells and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of January 7 with the following edits:

- Maintenance: Sandy Fischer “suggested a letter be written to Tom Brennan.”
- 1/7/14 minutes are not available on WWML website, Meagan to check with Alaina.

Motion was made by Ted Ells, seconded by Linda Reed to move the Puppet House up on the agenda.

Puppet House:

- Small group in Stony Creek (NOT the Stony Creek Association) distributed a flyer to 300-400 people (in their mailbox)(ATTACHED). 18 responded. Of the 18, 7 were in favor of the Legacy Theater, 9 people were not in favor of the Legacy Theater, 1 would be in favor if parking was available, and 1 was undecided.
- Dan Bullard read aloud:
 - A letter written to Jose Giner (Town Planner) and Laura Magaraci (Zoning Enforcement Officer) submitted by Linda Reed (as an individual) (ATTACHED).
 - A letter to Keely (Legacy Theater) from Jose Giner (Town Planner) (ATTACHED)
 - A letter to Linda Reed from Laura Magaraci (Zoning Enforcement Officer) (ATTACHED).
- Public Discussion:
 - If we are going to have a community theater, we must work together.
 - Parking is a big issue that needs to be addressed.
 - Application processing must be considered. Allowing for a public forum is important. Community needs to be heard.
 - Legacy Theater would like to work with the community to design solutions. “Schematic Plans” are nothing final and simply ideas at this point.
 - Suggestions to Legacy Theater:
 - Have more neighbor meetings.
 - Hold workshops with stakeholders; go through schedule, parking, lighting, everything that would be on site review plan.
 - Bring hard facts, as opposed to ideas, to the Stony Creek Association.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Ames-Treasurer.

A motion was made by Sandy Fisher /seconded by Bonnie Sanders-Newton and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Reports for February 1. Year End balance sheet to be approved by Auditors. All Approved.

General Fund- Checking

Total Cash on hand	1/1/14	\$23,037.82
Total Income: Int. on Checking Account (Interest Rate .05%)	1/14/14	\$0.96
Deposit Tax Receipts	1/16/14	\$675.80
	1/30/14	\$543.55
Bills Approved for Pay	1/11/14	(\$1,544.37)
Cash on Hand- Checking	2/1/14	\$22,713.76

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	1/1/14	\$21,425.58
Int. Sav. Acc't Dec. 31	1/31/14	\$5.46
Cash on Hand MMA	2/1/14	\$21,431.04
Total Assets February 1, 2014		\$44,144.80

Bills: Motion made by Sandy Fischer and seconded by Ted Ells and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:

Date: February 4, 2014

To: DaRos Co. Inc. For: Snow Removal balance from January Invoice (paid \$1,500 of \$1,724)	\$224.00
To: DaRos Co. Inc. For: Snow Removal	\$1,749.00
TOTAL BILLS	\$1,973.00

Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Linda Reed to pay the most recent bill of \$1,749 to DaRos Co. Inc. Approved.

Tax Collector:

- 98% collected.

Legal and Zoning:

- 28 Thimble Island Road: nothing additional at this time.
- Costco: a "pro-Costco Branford" facebook page has been created.

- 270 Thimble Island Road approved by Zoning Board of Appeals to put an addition on.
- 133 Thimble Island Road, working on septic tank which has been approved.

Police and Traffic:

- Sergeant Watrous would like to remind people to lock their vehicles as theft from vehicles has become an issue.
- Committee is meeting with Sergeant Watrous on Feb.10 or Feb. 17.

Maintenance:

- Sidewalks
 - Josh Brooks: Stones are ready to install. Will be excavated in the next week (weather permitting).
- Josh Brooks to write a letter to Tom Brennan to tell him wall is in progress and asking him to put sidewalk in his budget.
- Toilets
 - Janice has to speak to DEEP.

Administration:

- No report.

Village District:

- No report.

By-Laws:

- Sandy Fischer, Ted Ells and Spencer Bartells (committee) would like to amend the Association's charter which will need the adoption by the State legislature.
- Recent changes to By-Laws include:
 - Any change in meeting date/time may be made by board. The change must be reflected in the minutes.
 - Treasurer runs meeting in absence of President and Vice President.
 - Board may have Special Committees (such as Playground) made up of Executive Board members and members of the Association. Decisions made by Special Committees are not binding. Number of committee members to be decided by the Executive Board.
- Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Bonnie Sanders-Newton and unanimously approved to adopt the revised by-laws (ATTACHED).

Old Business:

- Motion made by Dee Dee Hackun, seconded by Bonnie Sanders-Newton to send a letter to Jose Giner (Town Planner), Laura Magaraci (Zoning Enforcement Officer), Jamie Cosgrove (First Selectman), Branford Planning and Zoning and The Legacy Theater. (COPY ATTACHED) endorsing the letter sent by Linda Reed as previously read at the meeting. 7 in favor, 2 opposed.

New Business:

- Treasurer handed out budget to review at next month's meeting.

- Stony Creek Association Executive Board Sends its condolences to David Baker's family and thanks him for his many years of service.
- Playground:
 - \$117,894 has been raised so far, expecting \$5,000 more from the Rotary.
 - Would like to build wall for \$7,500 and "spruce up" gazebo.
 - Hannah Purdy (architect) has been great assistance to the committee and has done all her work pro bono. Thanks go to her and her firm.

A motion was made by Bonnie Sanders-Newton /seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus- Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday March 4, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

NOTE:

MINUTES ARE POSTED AT WILLOUGHBY WALLACE MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S WEBSITE.