

**Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting
July 8, 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 July 8, 2014.

Present: Dan Bullard- President, Greg Ames- Treasurer, Jake Greenvall, Dee Dee Hakun, Sam Kirby, Linda Reed, Bonnie Sanders-Newton, Sandy Fischer, Leslie Consolo, Betsy Wieland, Josh Brooks, Kathryn Coffin, Nick Fischer.

Absent: Spencer Bartels

Public: 27

Minutes: A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Betsy Wieland and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of June 3, 2014, June 17, 2014, and June 19, 2014 with the following changes:

- June 19 Minutes: Add motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Betsy Wieland to authorize a check for \$2,500 be sent to Fasano, Ippolito & Lee as a retainer for their services regarding the Legacy Theater application.
- June 3 Minutes: Maintenance:
 - **Joe** Latini Public Works.
 - **Tree** at south end of the beach.

Vice President:

- Motion made by Josh Books, seconded by Linda Reed to nominate Betsy Wieland as Vice President of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board for the 2014-2015 year. All in favor.

Legacy Theater/Puppet House:

- Motion made by Linda Reed, seconded by Sandy Fischer to move the Puppet House up on the agenda. All approved.
- Legacy Theater's fit out application was approved by the town Zoning Officer, Jose Giner.
- Dan Bullard learned that interestingly enough, there are no standards for a theater in Branford leaving many open ended questions about permitted use.
- Attorney Ippolito:
 - Attorney Lee met with the Zoning Officer last week and had an extensive discussion about the application.
 - Issue surrounds the fact that Legacy Theater is planning to abide by the grandfathered Zoning Regulations put in place in 1956 when the Puppet House was a garment factory. The Stony Creek Association would like to see Legacy work within the current zoning regulations.
 - Attorney Ippolito and Lee believe there are many grounds on which to appeal this decision made by the Zoning Officer.
 - Question is... to what degree does the Stony Creek Association want to protect Stony Creek and the neighborhood in which Legacy Theater will directly affect?
 - Attorney Ippolito recommends we file an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals within 30 days, sooner the better. The appeal will outline missing pieces and legal issues with the application submitted by the Legacy Theater. He would prefer an aggrieved neighbor (neighbor within 100ft. of the Puppet House) be the one to file the appeal, with Stony Creek Association to support that appeal.
 - Attorney Lee has a meeting scheduled with the Legacy Theater's attorney on Thursday July 10.

- It is the responsibility of the Stony Creek Association to protect the community's property values and get a clear understanding of the planned operations of the Legacy Theater at the Puppet House.
- Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Kathy Coffin to spend up to \$2,000 to file an appeal to the Branford Zoning Board of Appeals and endorse Attorney Lee to meet with the Legacy Theater's attorney on Thursday July 10 on behalf of the Stony Creek Association. All approved.
- By filing an appeal, Legacy Theater may not proceed.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Ames – Treasurer

- A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Bonnie Sanders-Newton and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2014.
- Treasurer, as recommended by the Auditors, would like all bills to be submitted prior to the meeting, and all bills must include an invoice.

July 1, 2014

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	6/1/14	\$14,707.48
PLUS		
Interest received May 31 (interest rate 0.05%)	6/30/14	\$0.70
Deposit		
LESS		
Bills approved for payment	6/3/14	(\$5,273.53)
Bills approved for payment	6/29/14	(\$2,500.00)
Cash on Hand- Checking	7/1/14	<u>\$6,934.65</u>

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	6/1/14	\$21,452.18
PLUS		
Interest received May 31 (Interest rate 0.30%)	6/30/14	\$5.47
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	7/1/14	<u>\$21,457.65</u>

Total Assets July 1, 2014 **\$28,392.30**

Bills: Motion made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Betsy Wieland and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:

○ TO: Meagan M. DeJesus	FOR: Secretarial services June	\$225.00
○ TO: CIRMA	FOR: LAP Annual Prem.	\$4,035.00
○ TO: K&G Graphics	FOR: Election Printing	\$180.15
○ TO: USPS	FOR: Box Rental	\$84.00
○ TO: ENH Restoration	FOR: Plywood at Gazebo	\$150.00
○ TO: Town of Branford	FOR: Village District Application	\$340.00
○ TO: DaRos Co. Inc.	FOR: Masonry Repair Mem. Tri.	<u>\$727.00</u>
○ TOTAL BILLS		\$5,741.18

- Masonry Repair was not approved prior to repair being done. Need to have a motion approved by the board in order to go forward with a project.

Tax Collector:

- Welcome to Nick Fischer, the new Tax Collector!
- Report from Jake Greenvall (previous Tax Collector): 2 properties outstanding.

Legal & Zoning:

- Zoning Board of Appeals: Nothing concerning Stony Creek.
- Planning and Zoning: Nothing concerning Stony Creek.
- Betsy Wieland will attend the Planning and Zoning meeting on July 10, 2014 for the Village District application. This application is expected to hit the docket at the September 4, 2014 meeting.

Police and Traffic:

- No incidents to report in Stony Creek in June.
- Branford Police is bringing speed sign down. Need to figure out where in Stony Creek would be the best place for it.
- Fitzgerald (CSO) is in the Hospital and Branford Police Department is looking to hire a replacement.
- Lines need to be drawn by the dock for parking issues. Town had said it would be done in April, and then said after the first of July.
- Stony Creek Association is sponsoring a Community Concert on Sunday July 13. Paying Branford Police Department for a mandatory police officer for 5 hours (2:30 – 7:30pm). If the officer decides he needs additional assistance, another officer will be called.
- Radar signs: found smaller, rechargeable (not solar) radar signs, looking into further. Public suggested portable speed bumps.

Maintenance:

- Stop sign has been replaced at the bottom of Prospect Hill.
- Trolley Bridge nails have been repaired.
- Jake Greenvall, Sandy Fischer, and Dan Bullard have been working with Dan McGowan regarding the garbage; this issue will need constant monitoring.
- Holes at Madeira Park have not been repaired. Need to be flagged with cones.
- Lines have not been done by the town near the dock, causing parking issues.
- Large tree on the south end of the beach has a bacterial infection and dying. Will be tagged at the end of the summer. Town will replace the tree with a tree of their choice and location of their choice. SCA may consider contributing to a replacement tree of their choice.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Dee Dee Hakun to spend up to \$2,000 on a replacement tree to be planted in the fall. All approved.
- Railroad Bridge sign on Thimble Island Road headed south, needs to be moved up street before the School Street intersection so that trucks may turn around.
- Bollard at the triangle and chains at Veterans Park have been repaired.
- Town came to look at the issues with the boat ramp, but it was high tide. Will come back to check again.
- Swimming buoy has been found and will be put back where it belongs.

Administration:

- No report.

Old Business:

- Toilets: No update.
- Bayview Park:
 - Hosting a Community Bluegrass Concert on Sunday July 13 from 4-6pm.
 - Received approval for concert from First Selectman for community concert on July 13.
 - Painter to paint the inside of the gazebo next. Gazebo roof has been completed.
 - Benches are in at the park and wall will be done in the fall.

- Committee meeting tomorrow night, July 9, 2014.
- Village District:
 - Betsy Wieland has prepared two documents, the Village District Design Guidelines, and the Amendment. Both documents are attached and available on the WWML.org website.
 - Congratulations to the committee for their hard work on this project: Betsy Wieland, Linda Reed, Ted Ells, Greg Ames, and Josh Brooks.

New Business:

- Please see the attached list of Stony Creek Association Executive Board Committees for 2014-2015 and an updated Contact List for the new Executive Board.
- Committees are reminded that if they have a quorum, they must provide minutes from their meeting.
- 2014-2015 Calendar: First Tuesday of November is November 4, and is Election Day. Motion made by Dee Dee Hakun, seconded by Linda Reed to move the November meeting to Wednesday November 5th at 7:30pm.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Josh Brooks to send out an email blast to the community reminding of the Community Bluegrass Concert in Bayview Park on Sunday July 13 from 4-6pm. 8 in favor, 1 abstain.
- Please see the attached budget for the 2014-2015 year. Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Betsy Wieland to accept the budget. All in favor.
- Mill Rate: Budget \$39,537 / \$143,568,380 (Grand List) = .27538793 (of every \$1,000 of assessment)

A motion was made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday August 5, 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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