

**Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting
September 2, 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 September 2, 2014.

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

Absent: Bonnie Sanders-Newton

Public: 46

(Meeting postponed by President Dan Bullard for 5 minutes per the Legal and Zoning committee meeting held at 7:00pm)

Minutes:

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Linda Reed to accept the minutes of August 5, 2014 as written. All approved.

Legacy Theatre:

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Linda Reed to move the “Legacy Theatre” up on the agenda. All approved.
- Dan Bullard, President, sighted some facts from the Stony Creek Association Charter and By-Laws.
- Linda Reed read aloud the letter to Brian Knudsen from Attorney Lee (see attached letter).
- Linda Reed read aloud the letter to the Stony Creek Association Neighbors from Attorney Lee (see attached letter).
- Dan Bullard confirmed Attorney Lee sent a copy of the engagement letter to Brian Knudsen and plans to send a copy of the tax payer list once he has received from the Town Hall.
- Stony Creek Association Board is trying to keep full disclosure among all communications with the Legacy Theatre.
- Stony Creek Association Board has received legal fund donations in the amount of approximately \$4,000 in support of this cause.
- Dan Bullard read aloud a letter of support from Bill Donaruma (please see letter attached).
- Motion made by Betsy Wieland, seconded by Linda Reed to spend \$300 to send a copy of the original letter from Brian Knudsen dated August 5, 2014, a copy of the petition, two letters written by Tim Lee, and a cover letter to the “owners of record” in Stony Creek (approximately 333 households). All approved.
- Legacy Theatre appeal will be heard at the September 16 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at 7:00pm at Canoe Brook Senior Center. At this meeting, our attorney, Tim Lee, will present the facts and then there will be an opportunity for public opinion.
- Petition that has been circulating should be available online. Secretary to send out Petition for Stony Creek residents (or anyone who wishes) to sign online.
- Petitions must be signed by September 15. Please contact a Legal and Zoning Committee member to sign a Petition if you have not done so.
- Question was raised as to whether or not the Association should post the results of the Association Election. Answer is yes, we need to post the results of the election.

Treasurer’s Report: Greg Ames – Treasurer

- Not clear at this time whether or not we can use Stony Creek Association funds for the Legacy Theatre appeal legal fees, so the board would like to hold the donations aside until that has been decided. Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Sandy Fischer to take \$2,017.50 out of the legal fees item listed on the Budget to pay the bill to Attorney Lee. All approved.
- A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 1, 2014.

September 1, 2014

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	8/1/14	\$1,344.04
PLUS		
Interest received July 31 (interest rate 0.05%)	8/31/14	\$0.20
Deposit Concert Contributions	8/22/14	\$168.00
LESS		
Bills approved for payment	8/5/14	(\$600.95)
	8/10/14	(\$25.00)
Cash on Hand- Checking	8/1/14	<u>\$886.29</u>

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	8/1/14	\$21,462.94
PLUS		
Deposit Contribution to Theater Legal Fund	8/10/14	\$3,000.00
Interest received June 30 (Interest rate 0.30%)		\$0.00
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	9/1/14	<u>\$24,462.94</u>

Total Assets September 1, 2014 **\$25,349.23**

Bills:

- Motion made Sandy Fischer, seconded by Josh Brooks, to pay \$210.00 to the Stony Creek Election monitors. All approved.
- Motion made by Linda Reed/seconded by Bonnie Sanders-Newton and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:
 - o TO: Meagan M. DeJesus FOR: Secretarial services August \$140.00
 - o TO: Andy Bromage FOR: Concert Cancellation Fee \$200.00
 - o TO: Fasano, Ippolito & Lee FOR: Legal Services, Legacy Theatre \$2,017.50
 - o TO: K&G Graphics FOR: Printing Petitions \$24.67
 - o TO: Stony Creek Elec. Mon. FOR: Monitoring Election \$210.00
 - o TOTAL BILLS \$2,592.17

Tax Collector:

- 325 checks received, 80% collected and deposited.

Legal and Zoning:

- Branford Planning and Zoning meeting on Thursday September 4 at 7:00pm at the Canoe Brook Senior Center where the Village District proposal will be heard. The Stony Creek Association Board and the Village District Committee would like your attendance ad support at this meeting. There will be an opportunity for public comment.

- Stony Creek Association members with questions regarding permits and projects operating under a permit should call the Branford Building department or Town Hall with their inquiries.

Police and Traffic:

- Report from Branford Police for August:
 - 1 vandalism on the Trolley Bridge: graffiti.
- Speed trailer sign will be headed to Stony Creek soon.
- Community Service Officer in Stony Creek is done for the season.
- Concern about the buses in Stony Creek, need sign to be replaced before the overpass that buses are not allowed. Something that needs to be addressed with the First Selectmen. Solution may be more policing in congested areas.
- Question regarding driving golf carts on the road. Dee Dee Hakun to check on this.

Maintenance:

- Roadway and sidewalk under the railroad overpass still has a major drainage problem.
- Sidewalk on Thimble Island Road needs to be done before winter. Met with First Selectmen about this today.
- Signs at the dock were straightened.
- Hedges need to be cut back on roadway heading into Stony Creek on Thimble Islands Rd., before the railroad overpass.
- Sandy Fischer asked to meet with the garbage men before next season regarding keeping around the garbage receptacles clean.
- Seawall and boat ramp in need of major repairs. DEEP can repair of the boat ramp but getting rid of the silt may take a long time.
- Asked for additional walking police coverage in Stony Creek on holiday weekends.
- Toilets: most likely will not happen at the Post Office location because the grant does not cover to value of the property. Need to revisit Bayview Park as a location for the toilets.
- Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Linda Reed to spend \$100 on replacing plants at the triangle. All approved.
- Leslie Consolo asked to notify neighbors regarding hedges that need to be cut back around Stony Creek.

Administration:

- Snow removal contract: begun to advertise for bids for snow removal. Will bring bids to next meeting.
- Idea presented about holding an Association election ever 2 or 3 years as opposed to every year. Issue is that change would have to go through the state legislature to change the charter.
- Clerk needs to compile a binder/booklet of all their tasks throughout the year and when they should be completed to educate future board members.

Old Business:

- Costco: what is going on? Sam Kirby to get an update for next month's meeting.

New Business:

- Buoys have been removed for the season.
- Dan Bullard needs to speak with the Branford Police Department regarding the \$700 bill for police coverage at the concert held in July.
- Selling items on the street/sidewalk in Stony Creek: the sidewalk cannot be blocked.
- Posting signs on trees is acceptable under the Stony Creek Association Charter.
- Josh Brooks donated his labor to complete the stone wall for the sidewalk on upper Thimble Islands Road. He quarried, cut, and installed the stone with which took a lot of time and equipment. Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Betsy Wieland to pay Josh Brooks \$5,000 for the stone wall he completed on the sidewalk on upper Thimble Islands Road.

- Signs at the four corners to be looked at by the First Selectmen as there are many signs on the northwest corner.
- Concert at Bayview Park that was supposed to be held in August meant a lot to the younger people in Stony Creek. Cancelling the concert affected a large group of Stony Creek residents who were enthusiastic about the concert and the holding of a village wide event for all.

A motion was made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Sam Kirby and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday October 7, 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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