

## **Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting January 7, 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 January 7, 2014.

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

**Absent:** Josh Brooks

**Public:** 10

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Betsy Wieland and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of December 3, 2013.

**Tax Collector:**

- 97% collected

**Legal & Zoning:**

- Application 270 Thimble Island Rd – variance deck in front & slight addition in back
- Land use – exit 56 area
  - Discussion regarding commercial development at the exit 56 area
  - Concerns expressed regarding potential ramifications for the community
  - Sam: distributed an article - *Where to start: How to Stop a Big Box* –Institute for local Self-Reliance March 28, 2007
  - Ted will lead group to gather information from the Planning Office
  - Ted, Sam and Linda will report back to SCA
- Puppet House
  - Janet Weithas called Board’s attention to zoning permit application Puppet House septic system
  - question of zoning application – question of projected use of Black-Eyed Susan structure- Black-Eyed Susan as a single family house
  - Post card sent to some residents regarding event in NY to see “sneak peek of Stony Creek Theater’s latest plans by the designers and team”
  - Brian Knudsen –President of legacy Theater –
    - Brian reports do not have the exact plans yet-
    - SCA request that Legacy Theater present at the next meeting of the SCA on February 4: information being presented on January 25<sup>th</sup> in NY
- Playground
  - Playground at Bayview Park has been installed – many reports of positive feedback
  - Port-a-potty will need be placed at Bayview Park for summer Parks program
  - Ted submitted a report to the Recreation Department summarizing the project
  - Signage stating age range for equipment use will be removed

- The Bayview Parak Committee will continue as a committee of the Association to continue further plans for the park

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

A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Betsy Weiland and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 1, 2014.

**January 1, 2014**

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	12/1/13	\$21,229.36
PLUS		
Interest received Nov 30 (interest rate 0.05%)	12/31/13	\$0.87
Deposit	12/12/13	\$2,759.08
Tax receipts	1509.08	
Donation	500.00	
HPTAG grant final (zoning study)	750.00	
LESS		
November Bills approved for payment Dec 3	12/3/13	(\$701.49)
Holiday Concert contribution per board Authorization 10/1	12/3/13	(\$250.00)
Cash on Hand- Checking	1/1/14	<u><b>\$23,037.82</b></u>

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	12/1/13	\$21,420.31
PLUS		
Interest received November 30 (Interest rate 0.30%)	12/31/13	\$5.27
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	1/1/14	<u><b>\$21,425.58</b></u>
Total Assets January 1, 2014		<b>\$44,463.40</b>

**Bill:** Motion made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Ted Ells to approve snow removal bill.

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

Date: January 1, 2014

To: K& G Graphics	\$24.89
For: Zoning Study Printing	
To: Besty Weiland	\$16.48
For: Postage/ Envelopes	
To: Andy DaRos	Amount of Invoice in Dan's Mailbox
TOTAL	\$41.37

### **Police and Traffic**

- Please see the attached Stony Creek Neighborhood Report for December 2013
- Sgt. Watrous to look at the problem areas:
  - underpass
  - speed on Thimble Island Rd/School St

### **Maintenance:**

- Garbage pails: discussed removing to see if makes a difference in Stony Creek trash
- Pot holes reported-messy situation under RR overpass. Town repaired – temporary solution.  
Sandy will write letter to Thomas Brennan (Director Public Works) and cc 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman.
- Summerhouse roof repair completed. Broken light will be replaced with a brighter LED light.
- Lines were not painted last year – will remind Mr. Brennan that need to be done in early Spring.
- Sidewalk repair: would like to couple with sidewalk to 4 corners
- Roadway at 4 corners – could be coordinated with culvert across road when completing Thimble Island Rd sidewalk
- Sidewalk at the four corners:
  - Stonewall will be completed by Josh Brooks by February 28, 2014.
  - Dan will send letter of understanding to Josh.
  - Need to reapply to Town for funds to complete project
- Bathroom Facility: Dan and Sandy met with 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Cosgrove to discuss bathroom situation. He called a meeting with Sandy, Dan, Tom Colville (owner of Post Office property), and Janice Plaziak (Town Engineer) to discuss progress and direction to take.
  - Discussed septic issue and financing

### **Administration:**

- No Report.

### **Village District:**

- 99 people responded to the survey
- Suggestions for changes to the amendment from surveys were reviewed:
  - Revisit the casualty clause and consider extending the time frame to accommodate delays in insurance reimbursement

- Revisit the appointment/recommendation of the Review Board members to ensure that at least 2/3 of the members are residents of Stony Creek
- Enforce the historic footprint regulations limiting new construction to the old footprint
- The Village District Initiative Committee met in mid December to revise the proposed amendment based on suggestions from the Survey respondents. Those revisions included:
  - Requiring that 2/3 of the appointees to the Stony Creek Village District Review Board be residents of Stony Creek (Section 5.7.D, #2) and,
  - Amending the time for commencement of reconstruction following a casualty loss of any structure from 1 year to 2 years, amending the time for completion of reconstruction from 18 months to 24 months, or within such additional period, not exceeding six months, as the Commission may grant. (Section 5.7.G).
- All respondents to the Survey were notified of these changes by email or direct mail on January 7-8, 2014. More than half of the respondents had not read, and requested, a copy of the proposed amendment and the Stony Creek Village District Design Guidelines. All respondents were given copies of both documents and another survey. Respondents were encouraged to email questions to [sca06405@gmail.com](mailto:sca06405@gmail.com). The mailing is attached.

**New Business:**

- A letter was received regarding the Stony Creek Pageant.
- The Stony Creek Association email address will be included at the bottom of minutes.

A motion was made by Linda Reed /seconded by Sandy Fischer and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Sanders-Newton

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday February 4, 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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Or

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