

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting June 3, 2014

A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order by Dan Bullard -President at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 3, 2014.

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

Absent: Spencer Bartels

Public: 14

Special Meeting: Opened at 7:00pm

- This year’s Nominating Committee: Sam Kirby, Sandy Fischer, Leslie Consolo, Spencer Bartels and Linda Reed.
- Ted Ells-Vice President/Chairman of Legal and Zoning Committee, is resigning from the Executive Board for the upcoming year. Thank you for your service!
- Jake Greenvall- Tax Collector, is resigning after 25+ years of service. Thank you for your service!
- Nominating committee currently has a list of 23 nominees including those currently on the board. (Please see attached list of nominees and their biographies).
- Any nominees who wish to change their biography need to submit changes to Spencer by Friday June 6.
- Dee Dee Hakun would like to update the spelling of her name to “Delores Hakun” on her biography.
- Nominee submissions opened to the floor. None received. A motion was made by Sandy Fischer seconded by Dee Dee Hakun and unanimously approved to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and close the nominee ballot
- A motion was made by Sandy Fischer seconded by Bonnie Sanders-Newton and unanimously approved to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Stony Creek Executive Board at 7:08pm.

Minutes: A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of May 6, 2014 with the following changes:

- Correct spelling of Dee Dee **Hakun** under “Minutes”.
- April Minutes: Add motion made by Ted Ells, seconded by Sandy Fischer to add a bill from Dee Dee Hakun for printing.

Treasurer’s Report: Greg Ames – Treasurer

- A motion was made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Ted Ells and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for June 3, 2014.
- Fix sidewalk fund shown on Treasurer’s Report to be updated to \$10,000 as previously approved.

June 1, 2014

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	5/1/14	\$16,682.59
PLUS		
Interest received April 30 (interest rate 0.05%)	5/31/14	\$0.75
Deposit		
Tax receipts	5/22/14	\$163.12

Void Checks 2699 & 2725		\$40.50
LESS		
Bills approved for payment May 6	5/11/14	(\$1,869.48)
Replacement Check to Meagan DeJesus	5/11/14	(\$310.00)
Cash on Hand- Checking	6/1/14	<u>\$14,707.48</u>
<u>Money Market Account</u>		
Cash on Hand	4/1/14	\$21,441.43
PLUS		
Interest received March 31	5/31/14	\$5.46
Interest received April 30	5/31/14	\$5.29
(Interest rate 0.30%)		
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	5/1/14	<u>\$21,452.18</u>
Total Assets June 1, 2014		<u>\$36,159.66</u>

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

o TO: Meagan DeJesus	FOR: Services March, April	\$130.00
	FOR: Services May	\$170.00
o TO: Marion Fair	FOR: Flowers on the Green	\$23.04
o TO: K&G Graphics	FOR: Presidents Letter, etc.	\$145.00
o TO: Sandy Fischer	FOR: Gardening Supplies for Tri	\$69.33
o TO: Betsy Weiland	FOR: Postage for Village District	\$311.16
o TO: Shore Publishing	FOR: Legal Notice Special Meeting	\$25.00
o TOTAL BILLS		\$873.53

Tax Collector:

- Two outstanding, liens have been placed.

Legal & Zoning:

- Zoning: no pending items in Stony Creek. Nothing has been filed for Puppet House. Nothing has been filed for Costco.
- Discussion regarding Standing Committees and Special Committees and procedures to be followed in connection with such meetings.

Bayview Park Committee:

- Motion made by Linda Reed, seconded by Sam Kirby to move the “Park Report” up on the agenda.
- It was noted that seven of those running for election to the Executive Board are members of the Committee.
- Committee is growing and there is a lot of enthusiasm. Jill Boffa, Alison Moncrief Bromage and Andy Bromage have joined the committee.
- Next projects are:
 - o Seated wall (2 ft x 9 ft) in the back (east side) of the park, to be completed by Unk DaRos with Stony Creek Granite with the remaining \$7,500 in the Branford Budget for Bayview Park.
 - o Paint the inside of the Gazebo in the Park light blue. Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Bonnie Sanders-Newton to paint the inside of the Gazebo light blue, remove two

boards and allocate up to \$1,000 from the Playground Fund to complete this project. All in favor.

- Replace roof on the Gazebo. ENH roofing was the second lowest bid at \$4,250. Shingles chosen have been pressure treated, last longer, and have a 40-50 year lifespan. ENH has done roof on summer houses at beach and Town Dock. Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Josh Brooks to move forward with ENH Roofing to replace the roof on the Gazebo at a cost of \$4,250. All in favor.
- Committee would like to host two Bayview Park events to bring community together.
 - Would like to have two Blue Grass Band (Andy Bromage and Stacy Phillips, 5 piece, “Bill Monroe” type) family-friendly concerts, one on July 13, and one on August 17, both on Sunday’s and both from 4-6pm.
 - Cost is \$400 for band and sound system and \$300 for Police coverage per event. Committee plans to “pass the hat” to cover the cost for the second event. Will need a certificate of insurance. Should check with Stony Creek Church for conflicting events. Approval of Board of Selectmen will be sought.
 - Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Ted Ells that we fund \$700 for concert on July 13. All in favor.
- Parking issue on Flying Point Road: Zoning Enforcement Officer is aware and working on this.
- Concern raised regarding a hunter on Trolley Trail.
- Trolley Bridge needs some planks replaced and a hanging wire to be removed.

Police and Traffic

- No incidents to report in Stony Creek in May.
- Radar Signs:
 - Committee to check with town police department regarding who will maintain the signs, who will move them, are we able to rent them?, etc.
 - Signs cost about \$2,500 per sign.

Maintenance:

- Thanks to Janet Weithas for the \$300 donation for flowers.
- Garbage
 - Spoke with Dan McGowen and Dan Latini of Waste Management.
 - Have asked for rings to be replaced on garbage receptacles to prevent birds “dumpster diving”
 - Asked for continued collection on Thursday, as well as additional pick-ups on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and holidays.
 - Receptacles and bike racks need to be sandblasted; will be done over this winter.
- Sign on Thimble Islands Rd. needs to be replaced, Prospect Hill “Dead End” sign will not be replaced, signs by the dock need to be straightened.
 - Comments: “120 minute Parking” sign in front of the Market needs to be replaced (lost during the winter). Replacing “No kayak/no dog” sign needs to be addressed with police.
- Madeira Park has deep holes that need to be fixed.
- Sidewalk
 - Need curb cut for crosswalk on upper Thimble Islands Rd. No comment back from Town.
 - 6 squares need to be replaced, told by town to do it ourselves. Sandy Fischer plans to address with the town again.
- Striping on the road is not visible at boat ramp and dock. Advised to wait for funds after July 1.
- Potholes: at the four corners and Leetes Island Rd headed toward the highway. Will be filled.
- Bollard at Triangle is loose and going to fall off. Needs to be reset, will cost approximately \$700.
- West Point Rd.(Trolley Trail) bamboo is hanging into the road, needs to be cut back.

- Dock area in summer months gets very sloppy. Suggested a blower or vacuum.
- Two Trees at the beach are dead. Would like to have town remove stump and replace trees in the fall.
- Buoys are in.
- Need additional dispenser for the doggie bags. Need to move doggie bag dispenser by Post Office as bags are being pulled out by children at the bus stop. Leslie Consolo to order additional dispenser.

Administration:

- No report.

Old Business:

- Village District
 - Letter from Stony Creek Resident (Please see attached).
 - Thank you to Greg Ames, Linda Reed, Ted Ells and Josh Brooks for three years of service on this project.
 - Survey results:
 - 455 surveys mailed, 227 returned (50% response rate).
 - 122 in favor (54%), 105 against (46%).
 - Motion made by Betsy Wieland, seconded by Josh Brooks that the Stony Creek Association Executive Board requests that the Branford Planning & Zoning approve the Village District Amendment for Stony Creek based on results of the recent poll. IN FAVOR: Linda Reed, Sam Kirby, Bonnie Sanders-Newton, Josh Brooks, Ted Ells, and Betsy Wieland. NOT IN FAVOR: Leslie Consolo, Dee Dee Hakun, and Sandy Fischer.
- Toilets
 - Greg Ames, Stan and Sandy Fischer met with Jamie Cosgrove, First Selectmen. Appraisal came in at \$390,000 for the Post Office building (much lower than asking price). Problem is grant will not give \$500,000 with such a low appraisal.
- Puppet House- No report.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Ted Ells to pay ENH Roofing \$2,125 (50%) as a deposit to start the gazebo roof. All in favor.

New Business:

- Tax Collectors Book has been prepared.
- Concern discussed about the condition of the boat ramp. Town needs to pour a concrete slab as opposed to filling with gravel.
- Motion made by Josh Brooks, seconded by Betsy Wieland to publicize a list of criteria as to who is considered a voter in the Stony Creek Association election (please see list attached).

A motion was made by Betsy Wieland/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday July 8, 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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