

**Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting
August 5, 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 August 5, 2014.

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

Absent: Josh Brooks, Leslie Consolo

Public: 46

Legal and Zoning:

- Motion made by Spencer Bartels, seconded by Dee Dee Hakun to move Legal & Zoning forward on the Agenda. All approved.
- Tim Lee, of Fasano, Ippolito & Lee (attorney hired to appeal the Tenet Fit Out application submitted by the Legacy Theater Group for 128 Thimble Island Road and approved by the Branford Zoning Officer.)
- Filing an appeal in hopes of getting the application submitted by the Legacy Theater through to the Branford Zoning Board of Appeals. This would provide a public hearing for the application, and would require the Legacy Theater to comply with the current town zoning regulations.
- Dan Bullard read aloud a letter submitted to him by Brian Knudsen, President of the Legacy Theater, prior to the meeting. (Please see a copy of the letter attached)
- Reminder that the application submitted by the Legacy Theater was for a “theater, function party space and concert hall.”
- Board’s Legal and Zoning committee would like to pass around the following petition to accompany their appeal, “We, the undersigned, hereby oppose Branford Zoning Enforcement Officer, Jennifer Aquino’s approval of the “Tenet Fit Up” application of the Legacy Theatre. Due to the historic use of the property, the change in activity proposed by the Legacy Theatre and the impact of the proposed use on the neighboring property owners, the Town of Branford should require that the Legacy Theatre apply for a special exception so that the Planning and Zoning Commission can hold a public hearing to ensure that all interested parties are heard and, if approved, appropriate safeguards are imposed to protect the neighborhood.”
- **The Stony Creek Association Executive Board would like the support of the Stony Creek residents and Association members in supporting this position at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on September 16 at 7pm.**
- Question raised from the public regarding the negotiations that were had between Attorney Lee and Attorney Shansky (representing The Legacy Theater). Attorney Lee reported that he met with Attorney Shansky and another representative from The Legacy Theater, presented them with a series of questions attempting to highlight the concerns Stony Creek has for their proposed operations. They had no comment and stated they would get back to Attorney Lee with answers to the questions he presented. Attorney Lee has attempted to make contact with them 4 or 5 times since the meeting had has not made contact nor received any return phone calls.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Sam Kirby to send out a reminder email prior to the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on September 16, 2014.

Minutes:

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Dee Dee Hakun and approved to accept the minutes of July 8, 2014 with the following edits:
 - Correct spelling: Joe **Lentini**, Highway Supervisor.
 - Under Maintenance: correct “trolley bridge **rails**”

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 August 1, 2014.

August 1, 2014

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	7/1/14	\$6,934.65
PLUS		
Interest received June 30 (interest rate 0.05%)	7/31/14	\$0.54
Deposit		
LESS		
Bills approved for payment	7/8/14	(\$5,591.15)
Cash on Hand- Checking	8/1/14	<u>\$1,344.04</u>

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	7/1/14	\$21,457.65
PLUS		
Interest received June 30 (Interest rate 0.30%)	7/31/14	\$5.29
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	8/1/14	<u>\$21,462.94</u>

Total Assets August 1, 2014 **\$22,806.98**

Bills: 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 July	\$140.00
o TO: Bonnie Sanders-Newton	FOR: Reimbursement for Concert	\$400.00
o TO: Shore Publishing	FOR: Election Notice	\$25.00
o TO: Branford Police	FOR: 7/13 Concert	\$668.57
o TO: Sandy Fischer	FOR: Doggie Bag Dispenser Box	<u>\$60.95</u>
o TOTAL BILLS		\$1,294.52

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Linda Reed for Dan Bullard to write a letter to the Branford Police informing of the miscommunication and requesting a new bill based on the agreed cost for police coverage for the concert on July 13 of \$300 that was provided prior to the event. All approved.

Tax Collector:

- Tax bills were sent on July 26. Deposited a substantial amount today.

Legal and Zoning:

- Branford Planning and Zoning: on hiatus through August 19.
- Branford Zoning Board of Appeals: Nick Fischer, Linden Point Road, adding 40 sq. ft. small deck expansion.
- Village District application was accepted and there will be a public hearing on September 4 at 7:00pm at the Senior Center on Cherry Hill Road. (Please see the attached Notice).
- Recommendation from the board to resume sending a representative from the Stony Creek Association Board to the Town Hall to check on the Costco project. Sam Kirby volunteered to check in on this.

- Question was raised regarding building permits and whether people in Stony Creek have the appropriate permits for building corrections and whether or not they are posted correctly.
- 128 Thimble Island Road: Stony Creek Executive Board members have received complaints about ongoing construction, town building official has been there multiple times to shut down any operations.

Police and Traffic:

- Report from Branford Police for July:
 - 5-6 calls per week
 - 1 vandalism
 - 2 burglaries
 - No accidents
- “Fritzy” (community safety officer) is back on the job.
- Detective Travisano is responsible for speeding in Stony Creek. Will be placing a speed monitor in Stony Creek, placement to be determined.

Maintenance:

- Spoke with Dan McGowan of Waste Management. Garbage issues are mostly resolved at this point. He agreed to meet again in the Spring to review frequency.
- Tom Brennan originally agreed to sand blast the garbage receptacles and bike racks during the winter, Sandy Fischer will remind him.
- Striping was completed by Public Works. Could not complete all striping because there were issues with cars in the way, etc. Public Works will have to come back in the Spring.
- 15 minute parking signs have been replaced on the south side of the beach.
- Handicap signs will be replaced and the signs at the docks will be straightened.
- Retaining wall for the new sidewalk on upper Thimble Island Rd. has been completed. Need to “chop out” rock, relocate mailboxes, relocate water line. Waiting until after Labor Day.
- Holes at Madeira Park will be filled. Seawall needs to be repaired to solve the problem.
- Trolley bridge repairs have been done.
- Weeds along Thimble Island Road from the four corners to the overpass will be cut back.
- Buoys have been replaced- will need new ones next year.
- Trees on Thimble Island Road tagged to be cut down. One is diseased and one will look odd is trimmed out (big hole left) and will be unstable. Need to reply to the tree warden within 10 days if any objection.
- Recreational Department needs to cut back weeds along Bayview wall on Sachem Road, along the beach, and behind the port-o-potties.
- First Selectmen has inspected the boat ramp and it definitely needs repair. Town engineer will determine how to proceed and obtain any necessary permits.
- Waiting for the State DEEP to determine how to proceed with the purchase of the Post Office Building for the toilets.
- Reminded Tom Brennan of the need to repair the road under the railroad overpass.

Administration:

- No report.

Old Business:

- Bayview Park
 - Bluegrass concert on July 13, 2014 went well. “Passed the hat” and collected \$168.
 - Would like to have another bluegrass concert on August 17. Costs: \$400 for the band, \$700 for the police.
 - Motion made by Betsy Wieland, seconded by Linda Reed not to have a follow-up bluegrass concert on August 17. 8 in favor, 1 opposed.

- Some discussion regarding the need for police coverage. If it is a Stony Creek Association sponsored event, the Branford police require there is police coverage. For example, when the town holds events on the town green, they are also required to hire police.
- Board owes Stacy Phillips Bluegrass Band a fee for canceling the concert of 50% or \$200. Band must submit a bill.

New Business:

- Suggestion that all future Stony Creek Association Board Meetings be held in the Gallery so people may enter the meeting after 8:00pm when the Library locks the doors. Also the gallery allows for more space and chairs for the public.
- Question to the board about purchasing sticks to post signs around town since signs may not be posted on telephone poles.

A motion was made by Dee Dee Hakun, seconded by Betsy Wieland and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday September 2, 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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