

**Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting
June 19, 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 June 19, 2014.

Present: Dan Bullard, President, Greg Ames, Treasurer, and the following Board members: Sandy Fischer, Josh Brooks, Linda Reed, Betsy Wieland, Bonnie Sanders-Newton, Delores Hakun, Leslie Consolo.

Absent: Spencer Bartels, Ted Ells, Sam Kirby

Legacy Theater: Puppet House

- Meeting delayed a few minutes to achieve a quorum.
- Linda Reed introduced Attorney Allen Ippolito who restated the Town Planner’s position that Legacy Theater simply needs a “permit of right” to proceed with their project. His review of the application and the history of the use of the Puppet House suggest that plays are more an accessory of use rather than a primary use. He does not feel the town is likely to sign off on this type of matter. He needs input from residents as to the history of the Puppet House and based on this history an argument can be made that this is not a continuing use.
- Several residents arranged to meet with the attorney later in the week to share their information.
- Dan brought the purpose of this meeting to the attention of the Board, i.e., to decide whether or not to hire the attorney.
- A motion was made by Betsy Wieland, seconded by Sandy Fischer to hire the attorney.
 - Discussion: Cost was a concern. Attorney Ippolito estimated 15 hours of work @ \$325/hr to pursue a Special Use Permit with regard to parking, septic, etc. An “as of right” permit is an easier permit but would still require parking, run off, etc.
 - Board and public concerns: Other uses in the future, such as bands, concerts; can a special use permit limit those activities? Ippolito stated some of those uses maybe negotiable with Legacy Theater.
 - Biggest concern is increased use: # of people, #hrs, # days, annual programs, etc.
 - Scope is frightening; it is not community based benefitting Stony Creek and does not respect the property values of the neighbors
 - Grace Weil originally brought 4,000 puppets as a museum. The Sicilian puppets and Macri came later.
 - The permit application is compiled of many ads asking people to “come on down”, there is no evidence that anything factual actually happened.
 - The application does not cover any handicap access.
 - Additional approach to East Shore Health should be included.
 - Dan ended discussion and called for a vote: 6 in favor, 1 abstain.
- A motion was made by Josh Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, seconded by Sandy Fischer, approved by all.