

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

Present: Dan Bullard -President, Greg Ames -Treasurer, Dee Dee Hakun, Linda Reed, Sandy Fischer, Kathryn Coffin, Bonnie Sanders-Newton, Hannah Purdy, Mark Richter, Nick Fischer, Betsy Wieland, and Sam Kirby.

Absent: Josh Brooks

Public: 6

Minutes:

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Betsy Wieland and approved to accept the minutes of November 5, 2014 with the following edits:
 - Police & Traffic: Dee Dee Hakun requested the change in billing from the Branford Police Department for their services during the concert in Bayview Park in July.
- Motion made by Linda Reed, seconded by Betsy Wieland and approved to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2014 Executive Board Meeting.
- Motion made by Linda Reed, seconded by Sandy Fischer and approved to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2014 Special Meeting.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Linda Reed and approved to accept the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Special Meeting.

Legacy Theater:

- Motion made by Betsy Wieland, seconded by Linda Reed and approved to move the Legacy Theater up on the agenda.
- Decision was made by the Branford Zoning Board of Appeals on November 18, 2014 in favor of Jennifer Aquino, Zoning Enforcement Officer. Notice of decision was published on November 26, 2014 (attached) and the Stony Creek Association has 15 calendar days from the date of the notice to file an appeal.
- Tim Lee, attorney representing the SCA, plans to file an appeal in the next few days as well as file of a clarification of decision from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Once the appeal is filed, there will be no action for some time, upwards of 18 months to get a court date.
- Filing an appeal limits the Legacy Theater from obtaining any further permits.
- Public voiced concerns about parking and buses after a recent event at the Library.
- Motion was made by Dee Dee Hakun, seconded by Sandy Fischer, that the Stony Creek Association no longer uses tax payer funds for the attorney fees associated with this appeal, and only use private donations. All approved.
- Board discussed limiting the activity associated with this appeal to fewer board members. Also, need a committee to manage the private donations going forward.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Kathy Coffin, that we use tax payer money to pay the total \$4,905 in legal fees we have incurred as of today, and any further bills should be paid by private donations. 1 opposed. Motion to rescind by Dee Dee Hakun, seconded by Sam Kirby. Motion made by Linda Reed, seconded by Sam Kirby, that as of December 2, 2014, any additional bills received (after the \$4,905) be paid by private funding.
- If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please contact Dan Bullard.
- Committee to continue with the progress of this appeal and manage the private donations will be Greg Ames (Treasurer), Linda Reed, and Betsy Wieland.

- Stony Creek Association website
 - Mark Richter has registered the domain name “sca-ct.org” and developed a basic shell for a website.
 - We would like to distribute minutes via the website only going forward.
 - Cost to maintain the website is approximately \$500 per 3 years.
 - Motion made by Hannah Purdy, seconded by Mark Richter that we distribute minutes by email and the website for December.

Treasurer’s Report: Greg Ames – Treasurer

- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Betsy Wieland and approved to send the following Treasurer’s Report for audit.

December 1, 2014

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	11/1/14	\$27,288.10
PLUS		
Interest received October 31 (interest rate 0.05%)	11/30/14	\$1.11
LESS		
Bills approved for payment	11/5/14	(\$3,639.76)
Church of Christ room rent per motion	11/5/14	(\$50.00)
Cash on Hand- Checking	12/1/14	<u>\$23,599.45</u>

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	11/1/14	\$20,159.95
PLUS		
Interest received October 31 (Interest rate 0.30%)	11/30/14	\$5.14
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	12/1/14	<u>\$20,165.09</u>

Total Assets December 1, 2014 **\$43,764.54**

Bills:

- Motion made by Betsy Wieland, seconded by Sandy Fischer to pay Alaina Aldris for her time spent posting Stony Creek Association items to the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library website since January 1, 2014 in the amount of \$765.00. Approved, 1 opposed, 1 abstain.
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer/seconded by Linda Reed and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:

○ TO: Meagan M. DeJesus	FOR: Secretarial services November	\$160.00
○ TO: WWML	FOR: Website services	<u>\$765.00</u>
○ TOTAL BILLS		\$925.00

Tax Collector:

- 56 outstanding, approximately \$4,000.

Legal and Zoning:

- Village District
 - Approved at Branford Planning and Zoning in November, to be effective February 1, 2015.

- Committee is working with Jose Giner, Town Planner, to design the architectural review board. Thinking that it will be more than 3 people, at least 2 of which will be from Stony Creek. Committee will present their nominees to the board as well as how to elect the review board going forward.
- Last year in Stony Creek, there were 6 new construction projects, 2 of which would have come through the review board.
- No new applications from the Branford Planning and Zoning or Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Someone needs to look into 128 School St. as it is not listed as a school and should be. Should be turned over to the town.

Police and Traffic:

- Received a donation from the SeaMist and other local businesses in the amount of \$1,350 toward the new surveillance camera replacing the old one by the dock area. Also included in the letter is a request for an additional camera in the dock area. Dee Dee Hakun will address.
- Surveillance camera should be installed this week.

Maintenance:

- Tom Brennan is happy with the work done under the overpass.
- Sidewalks will be the first thing done in the spring.
- Bollard at Veterans Park has been repaired.
- Sandy Fischer plans to request the center line be done from the highway into Stony Creek in the spring.
- Boat ramp needs to be painted.
- About a half dozen sidewalk squares need to be repaired. Sandy Fischer to ask for this expense be included in the Branford budget.

Administration:

- No report.

A motion was made by Linda Reed, seconded by Betsy Wieland and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:30pm at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

NOTE:

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