

**MINUTES OF STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016**

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:30pm on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at Willoughby Wallace Library by Dan Bullard, President.

Executive Board: Present: Dan Bullard, President Greg Ames, Treasurer
Bob Babcock, Vice President Jake Greenvall
Christine Chiocchio Nick Fischer, Tax Collector
Jim Walker Pete DaRos
Mark Richter Sandy Fischer
Ted Ells Sam Kirby
Laura Barr

Absent:

Public: 19

Minutes:

July 7, 2016 Minutes:

- “Memorandum of Understanding Legacy Theory” should be “Memorandum of Understanding Legacy **Theater**”.
- Add to “There was a motion made by Jim Walker, seconded by Ted Ells to approve the “Memorandum of Understanding Legacy Theory.” “... “and present it together with Legacy Theater to the judge at the next mediation.”
- Add to discussion “When Ted Ells asked a question of the individual plaintiffs, saying it was critical for us all to hang together, would you tell us how you feel about the proposed agreement? Brian Ameche said he would not tell the board how they felt.”
- Motion made by Ted Ells, seconded by Sandy Fischer that the minutes of July 7, 2016 be approved. All approved.
- Document reviewed during the July 7, 2016 should be attached.

June 7, 2016 Minutes:

- Only nominated 1 Auditor for the election (Charles Torre), not 2.
- Third Page: Mediation was scheduled for July 12th, not 15th.
- Forth Page, Additional Comments from the Board: Dan Bullard “...**not** frivolous...”
- Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Sam Kirby to approve the minutes of June 7, 2016. All approved.

June 27, 2016 Minutes:

- Motion made by Jim Walker, seconded by Sandy Fischer to approve the minutes of June 27, 2016. All approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Greg Ames presented the monthly report and the year-end report that has been approved by the auditors. Motion by Sandy Fischer and seconded by Bob Babcock to approve the Treasurer’s report for audit. All approved.

July 1, 2016

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	6/1/16	\$8,265.00
PLUS		
Deposit Tax Receipts	6/27/16	\$1,000.00
LESS		
Bills approved for payment	6/7/16	<u>(\$2,109.97)</u>
Cash on Hand- Checking	7/1/16	\$7,155.03

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	6/1/16	\$39,546.06
PLUS		
Interest received May 31 (Int. Rate 0.30%)	6/30/16	\$10.05
LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	7/1/16	<u>\$39,556.11</u>
 Total Assets July 1, 2016		 \$46,711.14

- Greg Ames presented bills to be paid, totaling \$7,186.72. Motion by Sandy Fischer and seconded by Sam Kirby to pay the bills presented. All approved.
 - To: Meagan M. DeJesus For: Services during June \$300.00
 - To: Nick Fischer For: Tax Collector Fee Balance \$575.00
 - For: Reimbursement for filing liens \$106.00
 - To: Fasano, Ippolito, Lee & Florentine For: Legal services thru June 21 \$1,072.50
 - To: K& G Graphics For: Bios and Ballots \$349.00
 - For: Treasurer’s year-end report \$9.60
 - To: Sandy Fischer For: Reimbursement for Wayne Jacobson \$480.00
 - For: Fertilizer \$30.62
 - To: Shore Publishing For: Legal Notice \$26.00
 - To: CIRMA For: Liability, Auto, Property Insurance \$4,154.00
 - To: USPS For: Post Office Box Rent \$84.00
 - TOTAL \$7,186.72
- CIRMA bill is for our liability coverage.
- Fasano, Ippolito, Lee & Florentine bill includes 5/2/16: Met with Greg Ames, Sam Kirby and Jake Greenvall and went to a court appearance for 2.4 hours. 5/31/16: Conversations with Sam Kirby, attorneys and judge 1.5 hours.
- Motion by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Christine Chiocchio and approved for Greg Ames to pay Wayne Jacobson directly. All Approved.

Tax Collector:

- Two liens have been filed on delinquent properties.

Legal & Zoning:

- Planning & Zoning Agenda: nothing to report in Stony Creek.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda: nothing to report in Stony Creek.
- 4 Long Point Rd. requires no special exception or coastal management for their proposed 3 bedroom, 38 x 28 ft., 2 car garage proposal with gross square footage of 3,486. (Village District is for properties over 3,500 gross square footage). This is currently a vacant lot.

Motion by Ted Ells, seconded by Bob Babcock and approved to move “Set Up Committees” up on the agenda. All approved.

Committees:

- Christine Chiocchio is now the Chair of Police & Traffic. Laura Barr has been added to Police & Traffic.
- Mark Ritcher is now the Clerk and chair of Administration. Pete DaRos has been added to Administration.
- Legal & Zoning: Sam Kirby, Jim Walker, Ted Ells, and Greg Ames.

Police & Traffic:

- Concern brought to Christine’s attention about cars parking too close to the stop sign on Sachem Rd.
- Leno (dock master) stated he is not ticketing and he cannot ticket, there are too many people going to court and they are backed up. Police feel there is no need to ticket anymore.
- Public Comment:
 - Leetes Island Rd. and School Street need “Enforced by State Law” and higher crosswalk signs (like in the center of Branford) to slow down cars.

Maintenance:

- Sandy Fischer, committee chair, reported that she spoke with Alex Paluzzi about attending the meeting for toilets in Stony Creek and about moving along the upper wall in Bayview Park and right side of the beach.
- Sandy Fischer also reported speaking to Tom Brennan about the sidewalks, town is in the process of hiring a subcontractor to complete this. She notified him of the dead trees over the lines on Leetes Island Rd. The guard rail on the left side of Leetes Island Rd. approaching Stony Creek is being quoted. Stone wall along the commercial parking area is on the listed to be filled and re-grouted. Deep hole on the left of the boat ramp will be repaired. The material under the gazebo has eroded and will be repaired. Street signs that are illegible will be repaired or replaced if missing.
- The hedges on Leetes Island Rd. near the 4 corners have been attended to.
- Still working on replacing the tree and the sidewalk crosswalk up by the graveyard.
- Alex Paluzzi asked how we would feel about a smoking ban across all Branford Parks. Motion by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Ted Ells to write a letter to Alex Paluzzi in favor of a smoking ban in the Branford Parks. Approved, Jim Walker abstain.
- Public Comment: Two dogwood trees on Memorial Triangle need to be replaced, appear to be diseased. Sandy Fischer will ask Tom Brennan to remove.

Administration:

- Election went well. 202 people voted (including absentee voters), large number of voters this year.
- Public Comment: It would be interesting to know what percentage of those able to vote, voted.
- 400 bios were mailed, there are 1852 registered voters in District 2 (Stony Creek, Pine Orchard, etc.), there are two lists used to determine if you can vote in Stony Creek, the voter registration list from the Town of Branford and property owners list in Stony Creek. If anyone would like to volunteer to compile this list of voters in Stony Creek, please contact a board member.

Motion made by Bob Babcock, seconded by Jim Walker and approved to add “Communication” to Old Business.

New Business:

- Toilet: Sandy Fischer, Greg Ames and Stan Fischer visited a portable toilet trailer in New Bedford and were impressed. These structures can be decorated/painted on the outside. Cost to purchase one of these would be \$60-70K. It would need to be pumped and would need a concrete slab. Thank you to Stan Fischer for all his research and hard work on this project for many years. Location of this structure has not yet been determined. It would be nice to have one in Bayview Park and one close to the beach (may have at Madiera as it is not a permanent structure). The ladies room would have three stalls, a changing table and be ADA accessible. Men’s side would have a stall and two urinals. Town would be responsible for cleaning.
- Puppet House:
 - Motion made by Jim Walker, seconded by Sandy Fischer to go into Executive Session at 8:38pm.
 - Motion made by Jim Walker, seconded by Bob Babcock to close the Executive Session at 9:09pm
 - Motion made by Ted Ells, seconded by Sandy Fischer to reopen the regular meeting at 9:10pm.
 - Please read the attached statement from Sam Kirby.

- Motion by Jim Walker, seconded by Mark Ritcher to approve the continuation of our three negotiators, Sam Kirby, Jake Greenvall, and Greg Ames, to work with all parties through the next scheduled mediation in the first week of August. Approved, Laura Barr opposed.
- Public Comment:
 - Executive Board should consider ending their involvement in this appeal.
 - Has Bill Aniscovich been present for the mediation sessions? Yes.
 - There have been a number of personal and verbal attacks on the individual plaintiffs which has been terrible. Hoping the community can heal soon.
 - Withdrawing from the appeal now would lead to no solution, we need some kind of solution.
- Communication: Dan Bullard is looking for clarification on how to answer emails as we are beginning to receive a large number of them. Do we bring them to the meeting and read aloud? Some? All?
 - Suggestion that Dan Bullard should contact FOI about recordkeeping of emails and what is required.
 - Anyone wanting to read a letter to the board should bring the letter to the meeting and read aloud.
- Mill Rate:
 - Budget: \$29,884, Grand List: \$141,531,060
 - Discussion regarding spending down some of the \$45K in the bank. Possibly spend down \$39k in reserves over next 3-5 years. Reserve is kept for natural disasters, if the Association were to get sued, excessive snow removal, etc.
 - Motion by Bob Babcock, seconded by Sandy Fischer to take \$10K off the tax bill this year which would be covered by our cash reserve. Approved, Ted Ells opposed.
 - New Budget for the calculation of the Mill Rate: \$19,884
 - Mill Rate: .14049 (of every \$1,000 of assessment)

Motion made by Mark Ritcher, seconded by Sandy Fischer and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51pm.

Reminder that if you would like to contact Dan Bullard, President, or Meagan DeJesus, Secretary, or anyone regarding the Stony Creek Association, please use (203) 494-0467 or email: sca06405@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

NOTE: MINUTES ARE POSTED AT SCA-CT.ORG, STONY CREEK MARKET, AND THIMBLEBERRY'S
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