

**MINUTES OF STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017**

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at Willoughby Wallace Library by Dan Bullard, President.

Executive Board:

Present:	Dan Bullard, President	Greg Ames, Treasurer
	Jake Greenvall	Nick Fischer, Tax Collector
	Jim Walker	Ted Ells
	Mark Richter	Laura Barr
	Pete DaRos	Bob Babcock, Vice President
	Christine Chiocchio	Sam Kirby
	Sandy Fischer	
Absent:		
Public:	11	

Minutes:

- March 7, 2017 Minutes:
 - Greg Ames was absent.
 - Greg Ames did not present the Treasurer Report, nor the Bills, Dan Bullard, President, reported.
 - Legal & Zoning: List of Architectural Review Board omitted John Herzan.
 - Police & Traffic: “Laura Barr reported that **Christine Chiocchio and she**”
 - Police & Traffic: Public Comment: “Linda Reed suggested the Stony Creek Association consider adding “Planning” to Legal & Zoning to take Planning matters into the hands of Stony Creek as opposed to the Town of Branford.” Should read, “**Linda Reed stated in effort to be proactive and have a plan when issues arise, the Stony Creek Association should have a plan or platform in place for the village as a whole so we do not react in a situation such as the Puppet House.**”
 - Invoice from Zackin, Zyimeski & Sullivan was for \$86.00, not \$1,586.
 - Motion by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Jim Walker to approve the minutes of March 7, 2017 with the above edits. All approved.

Railroad:

- Motion to add the Railroad to New Business and move up on the agenda by Ted Ells, seconded by Bob Babcock. All approved.
- Please see the attached letter from Jon Wilson.
- Sean Scanlon, State Representative, give a brief description of his understanding of the railroad proposal:
 - Sean believes, after speaking with the Deputy Director, this is a plan for very far in the future. If it is decided at some point in the far future that the current railroad system cannot handle the volume, this plan would be “pulled off the shelf”. Further, this plan is the result of the United States and more specifically the Northeast corridor’s attempt to improve railroad infrastructure. This may not be a great plan for this specific area, but overall, improving railroad infrastructure in the US is a good thing. There are no funds attached to this proposal. He does believe the railroad did a terrible job spreading this information. There was a public hearing about it in New Haven about 3 years ago. There would be many more public hearings if this plan were to be used in the future. Sean stated he will be a partner in monitoring these plans and articulating the intent of the plans moving forward.
 - Motion by Laura Barr, seconded by Sandy Fischer for Dan Bullard, President, to right a letter to the Executive Director expressing our concerns about these plans. All approved.

Police & Traffic:

- According to Sgt. Watrous, nothing significant to report for March.
- Christine Chiochio, chair, will be setting up a meeting with Sgt. Watrous in the next two weeks to review concerns for the upcoming busy season.
- See attached “Traffic slowing options by Trafficlogix for Village of Stony Creek” prepared by Christine Chiochio and Laura Barr. Also, see attached email from Traffic Commissioner Peter Hugret.
- Email from Jerry Shaw (attached) read aloud by Ted Ells.
- Board discussion:
 - We need to educate about speeding and communicate with the community about slowing down, as advised by the Police Commission.
- Public Comment:
 - Police presence was most effective in the past and would be helpful to do again.
 - A speed monitoring sign would be helpful.
 - Speed cushions are safe for bicyclist.
- Next step with the traffic calming devices would be to go before the Town Traffic Commission. Traffic Commission is currently looking at these traffic calming devices for another area of town (Supply Pond).
- Traffic Commissioner also noted that the cost of these devices is born by the requestor if the traffic study does not prove this is necessary.
- Motion made by Mark Ritcher, seconded by Ted Ells to put this on the agenda for May to see if there is support for traffic calming devices and whether to advise Christine Chiochio and the Traffic Committee to move forward with this. Motion withdrawn.
- Board Discussion:
 - Do we have a safety issue?
 - Traffic Commission and Police look at statistics.
 - Crossing the street in Stony Creek is dangerous.
 - We should solicit public comment at next meeting.
 - Could we better educate people with a banner/sign.
 - Crosswalks: Cars are required to stop if pedestrians are IN a crosswalk, not AT a crosswalk.

Maintenance:

- Sandy Fischer, committee chair, reported the street sweeper will be coming soon. Also, garbage pails are being sand blasted and painted. Crosswalk signs should be installed by Friday, hopefully.
- Tree at Madiera Park will be planted by the town, at no cost to Stony Creek. Nick Fischer will dig the hole for planting. Thank you Nick!
- Motion by Sam Kirby, seconded by Jim Walker to approve up to \$400 to be spent on flowers for the Triangle. All approved.
- Motion by Pete DaRos, seconded by Mark Ritcher to approve hiring Wayne Jacobson for \$100/week for painting and maintenance in Stony Creek during the summer season. All approved. Also, Sandy Fischer is hopeful that Wayne could be helpful with the new toilets coming to Stony Creek.
- Motion by Laura Barr, seconded by Pete DaRos to approve \$1,450 for Andy DaRos to repair the grass along the sidewalks in addition to the \$415 approved earlier for replacing the sod. Motion by Mark Ritcher to move the motion. All approved.

Administration:

- Nothing to report.
- See attached list of Roads included in the Stony Creek Association.

New Business:

- Legacy Theater:
 - Dan Bullard, President, met with Bill Aniscovich, Town Attorney; Jamie Cosgrove, First Selectman; and Tim Lee, SCA Attorney, today. Stipulated Agreement has been prepared as of 3/31. The Town Engineer did a study of the ballfield to see how it can be improved. This will now go to the RTM and Board of Police Commissioners. It is hopeful that this could be resolved within 60 days.
 - Jim Walker (RTM member) believes that the RTM will be busy approving their budget and this will not be discussed until September.
 - SCA Board plans to review the Stipulated Agreement with Tim Lee before it is finalized.
- Toilet was approved by the RTM. Town is financially responsible for the toilets and responsible for maintaining them.
- Jim Walker asked who the attorney was for the neighbors. Joan Johnson stated Mark Brance.

Motion made by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Mark Ritcher and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

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, May 2, 2017 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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