## MINUTES OF STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

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

Executive Board:	Present:	Sandy Fischer Jake Greenvall Jim Walker Mark Richter Pete DaRos	Greg Ames, Treasurer Nick Fischer, Tax Collector Ted Ells Bob Babcock, Vice President Sam Kirby
	Absent:	Dan Bullard, President Laura Barr	Christine Chiocchio
	Public:	6	

#### Minutes:

- April 4, 2017 Minutes:
  - Sean Scanlon: Deputy Director should be **Executive Director of the Railroad Administration, US Department of Transportation.**
  - Sean Scanlon: Motion by Laura Barr: write a letter to the **Executive Director of the Railroad Administration, US Department of Transportation**.
  - Motion by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Richter to approve the minutes of April 4, 2017 with the above edits. All approved.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

• Greg Ames presented the May monthly report that is subject to approval by the auditors. Motion by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Jim Walker to approve the Treasurer's report for audit. All approved.

# April 1, 2017

<u>General Fund – Checking</u> Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	4/1/17	\$7,854.17		
PLUS Deposit Tax Receipts				
LESS Bills approved for payment	4/4/17	(\$1,944.12)		
Cash on Hand- Checking	4/26/17 5/1/17	<u>(\$1,715.00)</u> <b>\$4,195.69</b>		
Money Market Account				
Cash on Hand PLUS	4/1/17	\$34,627.38		
Interest received (Int. Rate 0.30%)	4/26/17	\$16.80		
LESS	E /1 /17	<u></u>		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	5/1/17	<u>\$34,644.18</u>		
Total Assets May 1, 2017	\$38,839.87			

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• Greg Ames presented bills to be paid, totaling \$1,151.79. Motion by Sandy Fischer and seconded by Sam Kirby to pay the bills presented. All approved.

0	To: Meagan DeJesus	For: Services during April	\$300.00
0	To: Dan Bullard	For: SCA cell phone 4/19-5/18	\$57.66
0	To: Fasano Ippolito Lee & Florentine	For: Legal Services through April 10	\$770.00
0	To: Chubb Insurance	For: Balance of Workers Comp Premium	\$5.00
0	To: Sandy Fischer	For: Reimbursement for fertilizer	<u>\$19.13</u>
0	TOTAL		\$1,151.79

# Tax Collector:

• Nick Fischer, Tax Collector, reported: As of today, there are 3 more to collect.

# Legal & Zoning:

- Planning & Zoning Agenda: Nothing to report.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda: Nothing to report.
- 3 Elms Rd: Request for variance was approved. Will not go to Architectural Review Board.
  - This property was cited for zoning violations regarding the boats, trailers and cars parked on the property. Property owner appealed the violation, zoning officer sustained the order. Zoning Officer ordered a site plan review to see how many boats can be stored and where the dumpster should be located. Property owner has 120 days to comply with zoning officers request.
- Many thanks to Jon Wilson for all his research into the Railroad expansion project and for keeping the Stony Creek Association in the loop.

# Police & Traffic:

• Sandy Fischer reported that she and Dan Bullard, as private citizens, went to the Board of Police Commissioners meeting in April to discuss speeding in Stony Creek. Sandy felt that the board listened to their concerns. One suggestion from the board was to educate the people. One way to educate would be by posting banners. Other options mentioned were "slow down" signs, police presence, etc. Sandy Fischer will contact police about coming to an Association meeting to discuss speeding issues.

## Maintenance:

- Sandy Fischer, committee chair, reported the tree was planted on the left side of Madiera Park. Thank you, Nick Fischer, for digging the hole.
- Tree at triangle is damaged & is raising the sidewalk. Tree is 40+ years old. Town will not pay to remove but it should be removed.
- If people are dumping trash, please write down their license plate and report.
- After speaking to Dan McGowan, Solid Waste, we will see if daily pick-up is necessary after Memorial Day.
- Bike rack and garbage containers will be refurbished this winter.
- Thinking about recycle pails in Stony Creek.
- Gary Zielinski Highway Supervisor (new Brennan) planning to fill the hole at the beach near the pier, will check
  voids circling beach wall at Madiera, looked at wall along dock area which is deteriorating, and sidewalk on
  Flying Point Road.
- Buoys will go in this month at the beach.
- Thank you to Nina Smith for donating mulch and hoses for the triangle plantings.

## Administration:

- Special Meeting: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Election: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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- First Meeting: July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Note about ballot from Janet Weithas: you do NEED to vote for 10 people on your ballot, you can vote for less than 10.
- Motion by Mark Richter, seconded by Sandy Fischer to move the budget up on the agenda. All approved.

# Budget:

- Motion to approve the (attached) budget as amended by Jim Walker, seconded by Sam Kirby and approved.
- Town wants to remove the Community Service Officer for Stony Creek. Please contact Bob Imperato, RTM, with your concerns. Planning to keep the Harbor Master. Board should write a letter to Bob Imperato regarding this.

# New Business:

- Legacy Theater:
  - Sam Kirby reported that he had no updated report from Tim Lee.
  - Based on RTM Agenda, this item will most likely not be discussed till September, according to Jim Walker.
  - Order will be: the RTM, then to a subcommittee, then to Rule & Ordinances, then back to RTM for discussion and a vote. When Jim Walker polled the Rules & Ordinance committee, it was a universal "no" to private parking in Stony Creek.
  - Motion by Jake Greenvall, seconded by Peter DaRos to have the negotiating committee be involved in any future meetings with the town or Legacy Theatre regarding the Puppet House. All approved.
  - Motion by Jim Walker, seconded by Ted Ells to withdraw the Stony Creek Association from the lawsuit and for Dan Bullard, President, to notify the judge that we are withdrawing as a plaintiff.
    - Discussion: We may lose a lot of progress that has been made. Some believe the community should be involved in this decision via polling. We have been down a long road and it may be foolish to quit now. We need an update and to view the stipulated agreement as soon as possible.
    - Mark Richter asked Jim Walker to remove his motion. Jim Walker removed his motion, seconded by Ted Ells.
- Traffic Calming devices: move this item to June.
- Snow Removal Device: Motion made by Sam Kirby, seconded by Jim Walker that the Stony Creek Association should not purchase a snow removal device of its own at this time. All approved.
- Park Committee: Sandy Fischer and Ted Ells are planning to meet with Alex Paluzzi about the updates they would like to make to the park. Updates include: installing metal round and long tables, re-doing the roof on the gazebo, painting the gazebo, Motion by Ted Ells, seconded by Sandy Fischer to spend up to \$5,891.74 allocated in the budget for the playground once they have the okay from Alex Paluzzi. All approved.
- Nominating Committee: Sandy Fischer and Mark Richter. Mark Richter will reserve the library for the election and special meeting, as well as do the notices. Dan Bullard is working on the President's letter.
- Our heartfelt condolences to Marvin Zimmerman, long time Stony Creek Association member, for the loss of his wife Beverly.
- Condolences to Mike McCleary who lost his wife Kimberly McCleary.
- Railroad Please see the attached update and letter from Jon Wilson. Dan Bullard, President, wrote a letter on behalf of the Association to the Department of Transportation.
  - Please send your concerns to the address on the attached letter Jon Wilson sent to the Dept. of Transportation.

Motion made by Mark Richter, seconded by Jim Walker and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm.

# 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: <u>sca06405@gmail.com</u>.

Respectfully Submitted, Meagan M. DeJesus, Secretary

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

**NOTE:** MINUTES ARE POSTED AT SCA-CT.ORG, STONY CREEK MARKET, AND THIMBLEBERRY'S Stony Creek Association email address: <u>sca06405@gmail.com</u> Or Stony Creek Association, PO Box 3145, Stony Creek, CT 06405