

**MINUTES OF STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
 REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at Willoughby Wallace Library by Dan Bullard, President.

Executive Board:

Present:	Dan Bullard, President	Nick Fischer, Tax Collector
	Bob Babcock, Vice President	Jake Greenvall
	Katina Gionteris	Pete DaRos
	Mark Richter	Sandy Fischer
	Jim Walker	Laura Barr
	Ted Ells	Greg Ames, Treasurer
Absent:	Sam Kirby	
Public:	14	

Minutes:

October 3, 2017 Minutes:

- Meeting was not a “Special Meeting”.
- Laura Barr was absent and did not report that she is working on a community meeting with the Police.
- Legal & Zoning: Cell Tower was an incorrect term, should be **Cell Antenna** on a telephone pole.
- Village District: committee does not plan to revise the regulation. The committee plans to ask Planning & Zoning to revise the regulation.
- Maintenance: Gazebo does not need to be painted, the **benches in Madeira** need to be painted.
- Motion made by Mark Richter, seconded by Bob Babcock that the minutes of October 3, 2017 be approved with the above edits. All approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Greg Ames, Treasurer, presented the monthly report. Motion by Bob Babcock, seconded by Mark Richter to approve the Treasurer’s report for audit. All approved.

November 1, 2017

General Fund – Checking

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	10/1/17	\$15,624.35
PLUS		
Deposit Tax Receipts	10/5/17	\$15,000.00
Deposit Tax Receipts	10/30/17	\$3,500.00
LESS		
Bills approved for payment	10/3/17	<u>(\$3,289.81)</u>
 Cash on Hand- Checking	 10/1/17	 \$30,834.54

Money Market Account

Cash on Hand	10/1/17	\$21,760.14
PLUS		
Interest received 9/30	10/31/17	\$5.37
Interest received 10/31	10/31/17	\$5.55
(Int. Rate 0.30%)		

LESS		
Cash on Hand – Money Market Account	11/1/17	<u>\$21,771.06</u>
Total Assets November 1, 2017		\$52,605.60

- Greg Ames presented bills to be paid, totaling \$913.68. Motion by Sandy Fischer and seconded by Bob Babcock to pay the bills presented. All approved.

○ To: Meagan M. DeJesus	For: Services during October	\$225.00
○ To: Jake Greenvall	For: Reimbursement for Dog Poop Bags	\$150.48
○ To: Mark Richter	For: Reimburse for Hostgator.com, web hosting	<u>\$538.20</u>
○ TOTAL		\$913.68

Tax Collector:

- 98% of the total tax due has been collected.

Legal & Zoning:

- Village District: Plan to ask the Planning & Zoning commission to amend the regulation (see attached letter). Motion by Jim Walker, seconded by Bob Babcock to send the attached letter to Planning & Zoning. All approved.
- Planning & Zoning Agenda: 3 Elms Rd was taken off the agenda for enforcement proceeding.
- Branford Plan for Conservation and Development: (see attached) Community meeting on November 29. Plan will be finalized by July 2018. (See attached)

Police & Traffic:

- Nothing to report from Sgt. Watrous.
- Rextile Road: Neighbors sent in a letter with a petition in favor of no parking on Rextile Rd.
- Buena Vista Rd: Police Commission is in control of parking decisions for this road. If they feel there is a safety issue, they will address.
- Motion made by Ted Ells, seconded by Katina Gionteris to move the Watrous Stop sign item up on the agenda to discuss with Police and Traffic. All approved.
- Dan Bullard, President, asked residents of School Street and Watrous Ave to attend the meeting to discuss a suggested stop sign on the end of Watrous Ave, intersecting with School Street.
- Public Comment:
 - David Baker (previous Chairman of Police & Traffic for SCA) reported in September 2012 that after a meeting with Captain Morgan and Detective Travisano, it was recommended to have a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Watrous Ave and School St. due to the sightline. The executive Board voted this recommendation down in a 5 – 4 vote, 1 abstain.
 - Many neighbors mentioned looking into alternatives to stop signs such as no parking on the west side of School Street, cut back the hedges on School Street, no parking at the end of Watrous Ave or eliminating a spot or two, speed limit reduction to 25mph, make the pedestrian crosswalk more pronounced with better signage, traffic calming devices, etc.
 - Sandy Fischer reported that according to the police department, there have only been 4 accidents on School Street in the past 5 years, with only 1 of those having to do with speed. Chief Halloran also stated that stop signs are not ways to prohibit speeding. Best way to address the issue is by educating.
 - Neighbors are going to draft a list of recommendations regarding this issue and report back to the Stony Creek Association Executive Board’s December meeting.

Maintenance:

- Sandy Fischer, committee chair, reported that the new toilet was delivered to Branford.
- Ted Ells suggested we have a celebration for the long-awaited toilets in Stony Creek, Sandy will check.

- Fountain at Bayview has been repaired, fountain at the triangle has not yet been repaired.
- Sandy Fischer met with Selectman Cosgrove previously and they discussed the following: the town covering the cost of Wayne Jacobson and no garbage pails at dock but rather a dumpster at the dock.
- Trees were removed around Bayview Park, town is still looking to do some cleanup along the back fence.
- Birch at the triangle needed to be taken out. Town left the stump. Motion made by Bob Babcock, seconded by Mark Richter to pay to grind the stump out at the triangle. All approved.
- We should consider buying a Christmas Tree to plant at the triangle instead of buying a new one every year.
- Phil Brencher and Sue Rocco do the Christmas lights on the tree at the triangle every year. Decorating on December 3 and would like some help. Also, Phil suggested the Stony Creek Association purchase LED lights for the tree due to issues with the power supply, saving costs of replacing bulbs and extension cords, and saving electricity. Commercial grade LED lights will cost \$917 plus shipping. (See attached) Motion by Sandy Fischer, seconded by Jim Walker to pay up to \$1,000 on LED lights for the Christmas Tree. All in favor.
- Public comment that the swings need to be replaced at West Point Field. Sandy Fischer asked her to call Alex Paluzzi.
- Dock area is in bad shape. Town has grant money to take care of this sort of thing. Dan Bullard will write a letter to send to Selectman Cosgrove asking for these repairs to be done at the dock.
- Dan Bullard needs to call Selectman Cosgrove regarding fixing the flag pole.
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Administration:

- Snow removal bid: 1 received. Motion by Mark Richter, seconded by Sandy Fischer and approved to accept the bid with the same contract as last year.

Holiday concert is December 2 (done by the Church of Christ). Friends of Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library does a separate concert in December.

Motion made by Mark Richter, seconded by Sandy Fischer and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.

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, December 5, 2017 at **7:00pm** at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

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

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