

**MINUTES OF STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at Willoughby Wallace Library by Dan Bullard, President.

Executive Board: Present:

Dan Bullard, President	Deb DeFord
Bob Babcock	Ted Eells
Hannah Purdy	Jake Greenvall
Mark Richter	Jim Walker
Nancy Patton	Greg Ames, Treasurer

Absent:

Sam Kirby	Sandy Fischer
Nick Fischer, Tax Collector	

Public: 8

Minutes:

December 4, 2018 Minutes:

- Ted Eells noted a correction of typos. Linda Reed (public) requested to add all last names to minutes.
- Motion made by Mark Richter to approve minutes as amended. Ted Eells seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion made by Jim Walker, seconded by Bob Babcock to move Old Business to the first order of business. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Dock Use: Peter Hentschel (public) explained that the RTM is reviewing enforcement of limited time tie-ups at docks and floats, and of people extending their time on the floats.
 - RTM referred the issue to the Rules & Ordinances committee to discuss a change to regulations. It currently resides in the Rules & Ordinances committee.
 - Current regulation has no details and is unenforceable, because there are no procedural steps for enforcement, and due to contradictions in the ordinance about who will enforce it.
 - The Rules & Ordinances committee is working with William Aniskovich (Branford Town Counsel) to create a uniform procedure for all town ordinances, which will then be sent back to the RTM for approval.
 - Once a uniform procedure is in place, each ordinance will be adjusted to be covered correctly, giving the dock master and the CSO the ability to give warnings and citations.
 - Peter Hentschel said they hope to have this work completed by summer.
 - Other recommendations to help resolve the issue:
 1. markings on dock facings need to be repainted.

2. additional signage about dock regulations at each ramps including fine cost
 3. by-laws in gazebo should be redone larger and more legible.
 4. Create a task force within the Stony Creek Association to delve more deeply into parking & boating.
 5. Research getting a state grant for capital changes to the dock area.
- Mark Richter made a motion to allow Dan Bullard to talk to 1st Selectman Jamie Cosgrove and Police Chief Halloran to review the information presented by Peter Hentschel. Bob Babcock second the motion. All approved.
 - Peter Hentschel will continue to report monthly on progress.

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. See attached.
- Greg Ames presented bills to be paid, totaling \$453.00. Motion by Bob Babcock and seconded by Jim Walker to pay the bills presented. All approved. See attached.

Tax Collector:

- Tax Collector was absent. No update.

Legal & Zoning:

- Planning & Zoning:
 - December 6 meeting of Planning and Zoning approved theater proposal, with conditions. Several of the Stony Creek public spoke.
 - Janet Wiethas (public) noted that people were working in the space prior to Christmas, without a permit
 - Eleanor Stark (public) noted that there were workers there and they were cleaning out debris into dumpsters.
 - Hannah Purdy noted that removing debris into dumpster does not require a permit.
- ZBA
 - Variance applied for 30 School St to build detached garage at Sea Strand and School St. It is on the docket for the January 15th meeting at ZBA.
- POCD:
 - There is a Public Hearing January 17th at the firehouse. Hard copy of POCD is available online at: http://www.branford-ct.gov/filestorage/143/221/8655/Proposed_POCD_For_PH_110218_BL_-_edited.pdf
 - Peter Hentschel noted that there is a provision in POCD to establish a review committee monitoring the goals of POCD. If anyone is interested in POCD progress and goals, the Strategic Review committee should be contacted. Harry Smith, town planner, can be reached at p-z@branford-ct.gov.
- Other
 - Jim Walker notes that an ordinance banning single-use plastic bags and helium balloons/mylar is being considered by the town.
 - Peter Hentschel notes that UConn's Land Use Academy is working on a coastal resilience plan. Interested parties can find more information at <https://clear.uconn.edu>
 - Ted Ells & Linda Reed noted that there is an ordinance that dogs must be on leash in Stony Creek, and that dog feces must be picked up. There has been a few instances of dog fights

and/or dog bites. Anyone aware of a dog off-leash or of an owner not picking up after their dog should inform the Animal Control Officer at (203) 315-4125 and the Stony Creek Association at sca06405@gmail.com.

Police & Traffic:

- Ted Ells reported that a car was broken into at the West Point parking lot.

Maintenance:

- Dan Bullard called Diana Ross (tree warden) about the dangerous tree located on the access road to West Point Park
- Hannah Purdy noted she has also reported the same tree to Diana Ross, and will call her again to see about remedying the situation.

Administration:

- Mark Richter is working on creating committee emails.
- There are additional funds for seating or equipment at Bay View Park. Sandy Fischer is looking into purchasing additional materials.
- West End Field
 - Hannah Purdy to review exiting conditions and safety concerns with Alex Paluzzi
 - Mark Richter recommended we discuss fresh ideas for the use of the field and access to the water, as it is a public access point.
 - There is also a public access point on Halls Point Road

New Business:

- Deb DeFord noted that Stony Creek needs an emergency evacuation and emergency access plan to mitigate the issue of rising tides and an aging population.
 - Deb DeFord noted there may be access to resources from grants, foundations, businesses to move some of these plans forward, and recommended the SCA create a task force.
- Peter Hentschel recommended there be a shelf at the library for copies of all plans & documents related to coastal resiliency.
- Ted Ells noted that Fred and Kathy Kent of Project for Public Spaces (<https://www.pps.org/about>) may come in May or June to work with the SCA and the Thimble Island Association through a public workshop to tackle some of our continuing space/planning/land use issues. Ted Ells will contact PPS.

Mark Richter made a motion to adjourn. Jim Walker seconded the motion. All in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah Purdy

The next meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board will be held on **Tuesday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00pm** at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

Reminder that if you would like to contact Dan Bullard, President, please *text* (203) 494-0467.

NOTE: MINUTES ARE POSTED AT SCA-CT.ORG
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