

**MINUTES OF STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020 SCA**

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday January 7th, 2020, at Willoughby Wallace Library by Dan Bullard, president.

- Executive board: Present:
 - Dan Bullard, President (203) 671-6282 / (203) 488 4488
 - Ted Ells (203) 214-5282
 - Bob Babcock (203) 619-2100
 - Greg Ames, Treasurer (203) 710-9665
 - Nick Fischer, Tax Collector (203) 710-2010
 - Ed Gagliardi (203) 483-5641
 - Mark Richter (203) 804-3163
 - Linda Reed (203) 970-5910
 - Hannah Purdy, clerk (203) 208-4077
 - Diane Latkowski (203) 481-4223
 - Jake Greenvall (203) 481-2410

- Absent:
 - Harlan Fichtenholtz (203) 907-6427
 - Deborah DeFord (203) 481-4010

Thank you to Jerry Shaw, who retired from the board, for his work. Welcome to Linda Reed, newest board member.

Minutes:

Mark made a motion to accept the minutes as written. All approved.

A motion was made by Mark Richter, seconded by Bob Babcock to move Jeff Lund to the top of the agenda to review Jeff's proposal to create a shared calendar for Stony Creek.

See attached proposal to create a combined calendar for the Stony Creek Association, Stony Creek Museum, Stony Creek Congregational Church, Stony Creek Legacy Theater, Stony Creek Library, and Thimble Island Association.

Ted Ells suggested adding the Cemetery Association, St Theresa's church, Branford Land Trust, and the Stony Creek Boating Association, and Rescue Fire.

Hannah Purdy made a motion to create a calendar and that the clearinghouse be SCA. Bob Babcock seconded. Linda Reed made a substitute motion that we hold the motion for 30 days. No second was made.

Ed Gagliardi opposed. Linda Reed abstained. All other voted yes. The motion was approved.

Treasures Report:

- Greg Ames presented the monthly report. A copy of the report is attached. A new account has been made at Guilford Savings Bank. Motion by Mark Richter and seconded by Linda Reed to accept report for audit. All approved.
- A motion was made by Bob Babcock to move 2/3 of the entire Stony Creek Association funds to a CD; Ted Ells seconded. All approved.
- Bills were submitted for snow removal. Hannah Purdy made a motion that we accept the bills as presented. Linda Reed seconded. All approved paying the bills.

Tax Collector:

No new reports.

Legal & Zoning:

- Planning & Zoning is meeting on 1/9 at 7 PM at the Firehouse.
 - 4 Three Elms Road - variance applied for setback from 15' to 7', narrow street and non-confirming use, based on lot coverage versus lot size.

- 16 Halls Point Road: adding 2 feet of height to existing retaining wall to repair failed septic system as required by the CT Health Department.

Peter Hentschel presented that a new committee in Branford has been formed called the “Branford Coastal Vulnerability Ad Hoc Working Group.” Ted Ells is also a member. The first meeting will be Monday 1/13 at 4 PM in the Town Hall Basement. Each section of Branford will have a representative to the committee, including Stony Creek.

Peter Hentschel presented that a “smart” sign has been reviewed for the underpass, that would sense the water level and automatically turn on a “stop” or “warning” light and send texts to those who had signed up warning about the water level.

Peter Hentschel also presented that the town is working on getting a probe of the storm drain at the underpass to understand why it’s not draining properly.

Linda Reed asked about a grant, and asking Sean Scanlon about helping with that. She also suggested that perhaps the SCA could help with the costs of the smart sign.

Unk DaRos (public) suggested fixing the problem by pumping rather than installing a sign.

Charter Revision:

There was another meeting, including Ed Gagliardi, Harlan Fichtenholtz, Sandy Fisher, and Linda Reed. The committee discussed making a entirely new charter & by-laws. They also discussed how to make the revisions. Linda Reed created a very informative Preliminary Report about the Charter Commission. See attached.

Ed Gagliardi made a motion have the Charter Revision committee revisit the entire charter & by-laws. Hannah Purdy seconded. All voted in favor.

Unk DaRos recalled that in the 80s, we discussed the question of “Home Rule,” and the lawyers strongly recommended against it. The committee is to review.

The committee is meeting again on Monday 1/13.

Ed Gagliardi requested that the committee have the option to bring in a clerical-type person who could create a log of all the changes.

Ed Gagliardi made a motion of spending up to \$500 to have a clerical person type work on the log of the changes to the charter at \$25/hour. Linda Reed seconded. All approved.

Police & Traffic:

- Sandy Fisher brought up the point that we need to have an extra person in the creek in the summer months, and that we need to address it starting now. Peter Hentschel met with the chief about adding a SCO, which runs into a union issue re: the number of SCOs the town can hire. Peter is continuing to look into the issue.
- The Stony Creek Market was broken into at 5 AM one morning.

- The Package Store had a possible attempted robbery.

Maintenance:

- No report.

Administration:

- Mark Richter has nothing to report on administration.

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Old Business:

- There is already a defibrillator at the library

New Business:

- None.

Mark Richter made a motion to adjourn. Ted Ells seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Hannah Purdy, clerk