

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting September 1, 2020

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order by at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday September 1, 2020, via Zoom by Dan Bullard, president.

Present: Dan Bullard – President, Hannah Purdy, Mark Richter, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Deb DeFord, Ted Ells, Jake Greenvall, Greg Ames - Treasurer, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Allison Bromage, Ellen Page

Absent: Amy Bloom, Jessica Palumbo

Public: 11<https://www.desegregatect.org/>

Clerk and Secretary Positions: The board appointed Hannah Purdy as clerk. They then went into Executive Session to discuss three candidates for the secretary position. After the executive session the board voted and elected Katina Gionteris as secretary by a vote of 7 for and 1 vote for another candidate Linda Reed. The job of the secretary is to check email, send out minutes, make sure all documents are circulated, take the meeting minutes and record meeting/minutes.

Guidelines for meetings: Dan read out loud from a document Guidelines for Meetings (included in minutes email) on guidelines for meetings:

- Jurassic Parliament: Guidelines for Meetings in Local Government on minute taking
- Tips for Community Forum Moderators
- Tips for Moderators/Facilitators; Expecting the Unexpected: Dealing with Disruptive Personalities and Situations

Minutes: A motion was made/seconded and unanimously approved to make the following corrections to the 8-25-2020 minutes.

- Change “Stony Creel” to “Stony Creek”
- Change of “Jake Greenvall made a motion to...” to “A motion was made to...”
- There was a motion under the charter revision to approve allocation of funds and approve the letter. Mark made the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- Adjourned – vote was unanimous
- Minutes unanimously accepted

Committees: In the charter, it states that we should have more members added to each committee. This way if two committee members should meet in the street it would not constitute a meeting. The following members were added to each committee:

- Legal and zoning – Mark Richter
- Police and traffic – Hannah Purdy and Deb DeFord

- Maintenance –Nick Fischer
- Administration –Steven Palumbo
 - In the By-laws, this committee is called – Nominations and Elections. A motion was made/seconded and unanimously approved to change the name going forward to “Nominations and Elections”.
 - It was clarified that the Clerk will handle snow plowing arrangements.

Treasurer’s report

- Greg Ames presented the monthly report. Mark moved to accept report for audit. It was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Bills from the previous month included Wayne Jacobson 4.2 weeks of maintenance totaled \$840.00. Hannah Purdy made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Ellen Page seconded the motion. Motion to approve unanimous.

Tax collector’s report: Approximately 70% of the taxes are paid. Nick Fisher will have a complete total at the next meeting.

Legal & Zoning

- 258 Thimble Island Rd. had their variance approved by the town. However the owner proposed to take away front stairs. The ZBA stated that the stairs should be left for historical purposes.
- [De-segregate CT](#) – Sarah Bronin is advocating to allow accessory independent dwelling units allowed in same plot.
- Planning ad hoc committee: Stated that they should have a meeting with the new members on how they all want to move forward.
- Governor extended executive orders to Feb. 2021.
- By-laws refer to a Town Relations committee consisting of 3 people: the chair of the maintenance committee, police and traffic committee and the legal and zoning committee. This Town Relations committee are the only Stony Creek Association members who should be communicating with town hall on behalf of the association.

Police and traffic

- Stephen Palumbo will attend the Police Commissioners meeting.
- Stephen Palumbo reached out to Peter Hubret regarding the issue of removing parking spots in front of the beach so there is better visibility in the crosswalk at the beach.
- It was suggested to add a crosswalk at the corner of Leetes Island and Thimble Island Roads. Since it is a state road we may need to get state involved. Christine Cohen and Sean Scanlon may be able to help. Stephen Palumbo to review with Nick Fisher.
- A member of the public also added 20 MPH speed limit signs in curve through Swedesville were removed.

Maintenance

- The meeting with the Rec Department will be rescheduled due to the storm.

Charter committee

- Presented 1 proposed change, asked committee to vote.
- Section 2 which contains the intent/mission of the association shall be moved to Section 1. “The object of said association shall be to provide for the improvement of lands for comfort convenience...”
- A motion was made by Hanna and seconded to unanimously approved to move Section 2 of the Charter to Section 1.
- The original Section 1 will be moved to Section 2 or 3 to be determined later.

Nominating and election committee: Nothing to report

Old business

- Committee procedure – Had been read by Dan at beginning of meeting.

New business –

- Letter from Margot Hardenbergh regarding noise level and fireworks on Roger’s Island.
 - Thimble Island Association. Tracey Everson used to come but not on RTM.
 - Dan will reach out to TIA.
 - Heather Adams from the TIA joined the call.
 - Rogers Island has decided not to join the TIA.
 - The TIA does not have any separate ordinances. They just follow the town ordinance.
 - Dan will go to the town and find out ordinance for light and noise then can discuss. 10:00 PM noise ordinance. PD has a decibel reader but not frequently used because frequently does not go over. 7am-10pm working 6 days a week, Sunday 9:00 am – 10:00 pm.
- Hard to use town dock due to all the activity on the islands
- 8/31/2020 6:00 in evening Town dock cluttered with debris, stakes for tents, metal products – some sharp, people complaining. An email was sent to Jamie Cosgrove with pictures, should anyone make a claim. Ray Dunbar will bring up to board of selectman and there needs to be regulations
- Any rules for Stony Creek dock? Not really. Everyone worked together. Lately more outside activity.
- Also talk about getting kayakers to use the trolley bridge area. Up until a couple of years ago, they needed a permit. Kayaks are using beach to launch and leaving kayaks in Madeira park.
- Bob Peterson memorial was discussed
- Dan Bullard to write letter to town hall thanking them for quick power restoration, and to the Emergency command center at the fire house.

- Mark moved to pay secretary \$50/hour estimating 4-5 hours/month. All voted for except Jake abstained.
- The website will be updated with the phone numbers of the new board members.

Mark Richter moved to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Gionteris, Secretary

Hannah Purdy, Clerk