

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting October 6, 2020

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order by at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday October 6, 2020, via Zoom by Dan Bullard, president.

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

Absent: None

Public: 5

Minutes: A motion was made/seconded and unanimously approved to make the following corrections to the 9-1-2020 minutes.

- Under Legal and Zoning, the address of the variance submitted should be changed from 258 to 285.
- Police and Traffice the name should be changed to Peter Hugret.
- Charter committee the statement should be completed to read in full “The object of said association shall be to provide for the health, comfort and convenience of persons living therein”.
- Mark Richter moved to accept the minutes as revised, seconded and unanimously accepted.

Branford Clean Energy Committee: Bob Babcock came and spoke about energy saving incentives. He asked the SCA to set up a Zoom meeting where the SCA can set up the Zoom and invite residents for the Branford Clean Energy committee to present on the programs available.

- Ted Ells made a motion to invite the BCE committee and it was seconded and unanimously accepted.
- The meeting was tentatively scheduled for 10/20 at 7:00 PM.
- Bob will see if the experts are available to present and provide Dan with the invitation information and confirmation tomorrow.
- Residents can access information about the committee on the town website at <https://www.branford-ct.gov/boards-commissions-committees/clean-energy-ad-hoc-committee>

Treasurer’s report

- Greg Ames presented the monthly report. Mark Richter moved to accept report for audit. It was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Bills from the previous month included Wayne Jacobson for 12 days of maintenance totaled \$480.00; Jake Greenvall reimbursement for poop bags \$147.95 and a new flag \$86.50 for a total of \$234.45; Inc Lawn Care for roadside trimming totaled \$185.00. We received parts to

repair the flag pole totaling \$384.81 for which the First Selectman agreed to reimburse us. All bills to be paid this month total \$1284.26.

- Deb Deford motioned to approve. It was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Tax collector's report: Nick Fischer stated that the taxes are 86% collected at this time.

Legal & Zoning

- 43 Three Elms Rd. submitted an application for special exception and ADA compliant parking area. The application was continued until October 15th. The porch has been taken down already.
- Nothing on the Zoning Board of Appeals agenda in Stony Creek.
- The Water Company will be digging a trench down Thimble Islands Road. Ellen Page asked if the SCA could write a letter to Eversource and all the utilities in the area to request they put a line in the old trench for future use so that potentially the electrical lines could be put there in the future. Ellen Page made a motion that the SCA contact the electric and all the wire companies to make use of the trench. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Police and traffic

- The Police Commissioners originally said no to removal of the parking spots in front of the beach crosswalk. Stephen Palumbo requested that they look at it to be sure that we are in compliance. The Police Commissioners will then discuss it next month.
- The town will look into a crosswalk on School St. at Watrous. It will be put on the November agenda and various town departments will review it and weigh in.
- A speed limit sign in Swedesville will not happen any time soon since the state is conducting a study.
- Sandy Fischer said that the state would be willing to put a crosswalk at the 4 corners but certain parameters have to be met with the existing sidewalk.
- A request was made to add a sign below the stop sign at the 4 corners to say "4 way stop" or some equivalent.

Maintenance

- Deb Deford spoke with Alex Paluzzi. Next week the potty trailer will be removed. Bayview park will be cleaned up. Alex agreed to meet with the committee before the next season.
- The basketball nets have been put back up in Bayview park.
- There is no plan to change over West Point Park to anything except park and open land. Deb Deford would like to get it codified that they cannot change the use of that land. To accomplish that, it needs to go through the Branford RTM and Selectmen's office. Ted Ells suggested that the land trust goes to get the town to designate it as open space and the town puts an easement on it to protect it.
- Nick Fischer will get the buoys out next week. Alex Paluzzi will get the sign at Madiera Park fixed due to the wrong spelling. There is also a large hole that Nick will ask the town to fix.

- Previously Sandy Fischer got approval to order a couple of garbage pails. Nick Fischer will order them.
- A member of the public who lives on Halls Point Rd. and has no driveway requested that herself and her neighbors could receive permitted parking spaces. Stephen Palumbo will look into it.

Charter committee

- Linda Reed read the minutes of the 9/29 meeting where they discussed the survey on the NW corner boundaries (4 corners) of Stony Creek. The committee also discussed section 1 of the charter – Who are SCA members? Are trusts, LLCs? There are 25-30 LLCs in Stony Creek.
- The next meeting of the Charter Committee will be held on 10/13.

Nominating and election committee: Nothing to report

Old business: Nothing to report

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

New business

- Issue was brought up of kayakers clogging up the ramp. Dan Bullard is trying to find another way to move kayakers over to the trolley trail. We may need an ad hoc committee to address.

Amy Bloom moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Richter. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Gionteris, Secretary

Hannah Purdy, Clerk