

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting November 3, 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 November 3, 2020, via Zoom by Dan Bullard, president.

Present: Dan Bullard – President, Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Greg Ames – Treasurer, Mark Richter, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Deb Deford, Ellen Page, Allison Bromage, Ted Ells, Jessica Palumbo, Jake Greenvall

Absent: Amy Bloom, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector

Public: 6

Minutes: A motion was made by Mark Richter, seconded by Hannah Purdy and unanimously approved to make the following revisions to the 9-1-2020 minutes.

- Present - Remove Leslie from the list of names.
- Police and Traffic – misspelling of the word Traffic.
- Be sure to include the name of those who second a motion going forward.
- Branford Clean energy – remove “set up the zoom and” so the sentence will read “he asked the SCA to set up a zoom meeting and invite residents ...”
- Legal and Zoning – Insert the word “company” into the sentence: “The SCA contacted the electric.”
- Maintenance – bullet point about West Point Park: change the sentence to read “Ted ells suggested that the town designate it as open space and give the Branford land trust an easement to protect it.”
- Maintenance – bullet point about Halls Point Rd: change “herself” to “she” and remove the word “could”.
- Legal and Zoning – change “are” to “area”.
- Police and Traffic – second bullet should read “The town will look into improving the crosswalk on School St. at Watrous.”
- “Charter Committee” should be changed to “Charter Revision Committee”. First bullet should read “Linda gave a synopsis of the 9/29 meeting”.

Treasurer’s report

- Hanna Purdy made a motion to renew the short term CD, seconded by Deb Deford, and unanimously approved.
- Greg Ames presented the monthly report. The town reimbursed us \$2080 for Wayne Jacobson’s effort that the SCA had previously paid. Total bills paid this month total \$1,284.26.
- Hanna Purdy made a motion to accept the report for audit, Mark Richter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Bills from the previous month include Katina Gionteris \$400 for secretarial services for September and October, Tyco for printing the charter revision letter \$315, Harlan \$209 postage for the charter revision letter and USPS for the PO box rent \$90. All bills to be paid this month total \$1040.00

- Mark Richter made a motion to pay the bills, Hanna Purdy seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

Tax collector's report: Nick Fischer submitted a report stating to date we have collected \$18,847.39 (93%) of the total taxes due for 2020. There is a remaining balance of \$1,459.61 to collect representing 8% of properties.

Legal & Zoning

- Ted Ells reported that the Town Planning and Zoning Committee approved the special exception and coastal site plan for 43 Elms Rd at their meeting on October 15th.
- An application for 31 Buena Vista is on the agenda of the Nov. 5th Town Planning and Zoning Committee. The application will be heard for a special exception home occupation. A special exception is required in order to have a home occupation in an accessory building. The accessory building will be used as a counseling center for 8-15 people each week with sessions between 8 AM and 8 PM.
- At the Nov. 17 meeting of the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, is application for 25 Wallace Rd is on the agenda for an addition of a 13X10.6 foot room. The room includes a laundry and bath on the left rear of the house. The set-back will be 4 feet from the left hand side property owner. The existing house is approximately 6 feet from property line. The hardship is that the other side of house has a septic system and an accessory building.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo reported that the town engineer looked at the crosswalk by the beach in front of the church and will add 20 feet of yellow curbage on the drivable side of the crosswalk.
- The items below are on the agenda for the Board of Police Commissioners meeting next week Monday Nov. 9th at 5:30 PM. Here is a link to the public meeting held on Zoom.
https://www.branford-ct.gov/sites/default/files/field/files-docs-agenda-minutes/november_0.pdf
 - Request for "CROSSWALK AHEAD" and "CROSSWALK" signs on School Street in the vicinity of Watrous Avenue is on the agenda for
 - Traffic Study for Stony Creek/Thimble Islands Rd between the Amtrak bridge and Linden Point Rd.
 - Request for "NO PARKING THIS SIDE" and "NO OUTLET" signs on Buena Vista.
- Ellen Page wrote one letter to the water company and one letter to the electric company about the trench the water company will be digging on Thimble Island Rd. She asked about coordinating putting the wires in the ditch.

Maintenance

- Deb Deford reported that Wayne Jacobsen is done for the season. He is only responsible to clean up the areas around Stony Creek. Alex Paluzzi/The Recreation Department is responsible for cleaning the port-a-potty.

- Bayview park overgrowth. Alex Paluzzi said in October the crew would be in to clean up the overgrowth in Bayview park. Deb Deford will follow up with Alex Paluzzi about the overgrowth and replacing the sign at Madera Park.
- Deb Deford will also follow up with Nick Fischer to see if he ordered the new garbage cans or talked to the town about the street repair.

Charter Review Committee

- Harlan Krumholz reported that Sandy Fischer spoke with Jim Prete from Criscuolo Engineering about the boundaries of Stony Creek. It could potentially include 2 or 3 additional properties.
- Determination of which members should be included for example LLCs and trusts.
 - Ellen Page suggested that any properties included should always have a person attached to it.
 - Mark Richter is against including LLCs.
- Stony Creek currently has 77 properties that are held in holdings, estates, llcs, trusts etc. which make up over 19% of the properties in Stony Creek.
- Cuts thru towers and fischer property which were both part of the Anderson property.
- The Charter Review Committee is deciding whether to ask the SCA to approve having Criscuolo Engineering come back and make a more precise reading of the boundaries.
- The Charter Revision Committee is also looking at which members should be able to hold office and who should be able to vote.

Nominating and election committee: Nothing to report

Old business: Nothing to report

- None.

New business

- Policy concerning memorials
 - Hannah Purdy, Deb Deford and Mark Richter will look into it and make recommendations to the Stony Creek Association Executive Board. Some ideas mentioned were naming existing benches, new benches, planting trees and putting memorial bricks for the sidewalk by the seawall.
 - The meeting will be held on Zoom so it can be open to others.

Mark Richter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ellen Page. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk

Stony Creek Association - Bills

Date: November 1, 2020

account
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631	To: Katina Gionteris For: Secretarial services Sept and Oct 8hours at \$50	\$400.00
645	To: TYCO For: Print charter revision letter	\$315.00
645	To: Harlan Fichtenholz For: Postage for charter revision letter	\$209.00
635	To: USPS For: PO box rent	\$90.00
	To: Mark Richter For: Reimburse website costs- hosting, backup,malware protection, domain names	\$741.25

Total \$1,755.25

Approved by: _____ President

Stony Creek Association Treasurer's Report

11/1/20...and also as of November 3, 2020

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Guilford Savings Bank #-----8105

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	October 1, 2020	\$28,265.84
PLUS		
Deposit tax receipts		
Deposit Town reimbursement	October 5, 2020	\$2,080.00
LESS		
Bills approved for payment 10/6	October 8, 2020	(\$1,284.26)
Cash on Hand- checking	November 1, 2020	<u><u>\$29,061.58</u></u>

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

3 mo. CD maturing 11/25/2020		\$10,000.00
Interest .4%, .4%APY		
14 mo. CD maturing 4/25/2021		\$20,000.00
Interest 1.24%, 1.25%APY		
Cash on Hand- CDs	November 1, 2020	\$30,000.00
Total Assets Sept 1,2020		\$59,061.58

Funds Allocation-CDs		opening balance	change	Current Mo.
Unallocated Funds	96.95%	29,084.74		29,084.74
Playground Fund	3.05%	915.26		915.26
Total	100%	\$30,000.00	0.00	\$30,000.00

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