

## **Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting December 1, 2020**

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

**Present:** Dan Bullard – President, Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Deb Deford, Ellen Page, Greg Ames – Treasurer, Mark Richter, Stephen Palumbo Jr, Jake Greenvall, Jessica Palumbo, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector

**Absent:** Allison Bromage, Amy Bloom

**Public:** 5

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Deb Deford, seconded by Ellen Page and unanimously approved to make the following revisions to the 11-3-2020 minutes.

- Police and traffic: The word trench should be plural. The last sentence should read “putting the wires in one of the trenches”.

### **Treasurer’s report**

- Greg Ames presented the monthly report. The town reimbursed us \$384.81 for flag pole parts. There were no bills submitted for payment this month.
- Mark Richter made a motion to accept the report for audit, Deb Deford seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Tax collector’s report:** Nick Fischer submitted a report stating to date we have collected \$19,368 (95%) of the total taxes due (\$20,304) for 2020.

**Legal & Zoning** – no discussion

### **Police and traffic**

- The items below were discussed at the Board of Police Commissioners meeting on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.
  - Request for “CROSSWALK AHEAD” and “CROSSWALK” signs on School Street in the vicinity of Watrous Avenue: One of the crosswalk signs is on a utility pole which is illegal. That sign will be replaced and put on its own pole. The police commissioners will add down arrow signs. There was also discussion about adding “CROSSWALK AHEAD” signs to warn that a crosswalk is coming up.
  - The town will be adding a “NO OUTLET” sign on Buena Vista.
- There was a complaint about some motorcyclists relieving themselves in Stony Creek near the trolley bridge.

### **Maintenance**

- Bayview park overgrowth has been cleaned up somewhat.

- We were not able to get new garbage cans yet.
- There has been a problem with picking up garbage lately and many people called to complain. Deb Deford spoke with the town and it has now been straightened out. The garbage will be picked up with the regular garbage pick up. The person to call in town if there is a problem with the garbage is Sharon 203-315-0622.
- Deb Deford will call about the caution tape and down tree limbs at the 4 corners.
- In addition to the letters that Ellen Page has sent about the trenches being dug by the water company, she will also send a letter to Jamie Cosgrove.
- Josh Brooks has the contract for snow removal on the main sidewalks.

#### **Charter Review Committee**

- The committee will plan on presenting its recommendations to the board sometime in January.
- The next meetings of the committee will be held on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM and Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

**Nominating and election committee:** Nothing to report

**Old business:** Nothing to report

- Policy concerning memorials
  - Hannah Purdy, Deb Deford have a summary of the information they have gathered to date which will be included in the minutes. The museum is interested in putting memorial bricks in their walkway. Hannah Purdy and Deb Deford will also look into adding memorial benches and where they can be placed. Trees are also being considered but they will check into making sure we plant the right trees that will survive. There is grant money from the town to pay for trees and the town could maintain the trees. If anyone has comments, please send them to the [SCA06405@gmail.com](mailto:SCA06405@gmail.com) email for discussion at our next meeting.

#### **New business**

- Holiday activities: We will send out an email asap to the association stating that the pageant has been cancelled and there will be a drive by tree lighting Sun. 12/6 at 5:00 PM.
- We would like to thank Sue Rocco and Phil Brencher for all the work they do putting up and lighting the tree and coordinating our tree lighting ceremony.

Mark Richter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Palumbo Jr. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Gionteris, Secretary  
Hannah Purdy, Clerk

**Stony Creek Association Treasurer's Report**  
**12/1/20...and also as of December 1, 2020**

**GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**Guilford Savings Bank #-----8105**

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking )	November 1, 2020	\$29,061.58
PLUS		
Deposit tax receipts		
Deposit Town reimbursement	November 3, 2020	\$384.81
LESS		
Bills approved for payment 11/3	November 3, 2020	(\$1,755.25)
Cash on Hand- checking	December 1, 2020	<u><u>\$27,691.14</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	December 1, 2020	\$30,000.00
Total Assets Sept 1,2020		\$57,691.14

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

To: Stony Creek Association  
From: Nick Fischer, Tax Collector  
Date: 12/1/20

RE: Stony Creek Tax Association Update

Total taxes billed = \$20,304.00  
Collected to date = \$19,368.69

This represents 95% of funds paid and 94% of properties paid.

## Memorial Gifts

### **For brick work:**

We work with the First Selectman's office for permission, etc., and Public Works for the reworking. Memorial paving with bricks was done to raise funds for a Branford High sports program—Alex Paluzzi did it, so he can certainly help us. Placement is largely the association's call, within code and construction parameters. Alex thought the idea of donations to the history museum was great. I'll have another more detailed conversation with Alex about how it worked in other locations.

Talked to Ted Ells—he presented the brick donations idea to the museum board, which they met with enthusiasm. I suggested that tying the donations into the museum might afford an opportunity to add to the museum's oral histories collection, as well as their photo archive (scanning historical photos that reside in the people's families' collection). Ted further mentioned that the Museum Board is talking about repaving the entrance of the Museum. They would be open to placing the memorial bricks there. Ted also spoke to someone at the SC Quarry, who said they have available stone, and it is possible to chisel in names.

Talked to Peter Hentschel—Peter suggested that placing memorial bricks in the dock area cannot be planned effectively until the town's larger plans for that area are settled, but felt that a sidewalk on the street side of Madeira Park or edging along the seawall would both be feasible.

### **For benches:**

Whether we want them and where is up to the SCA. We would work with Public Works and a Town-selected company, Dumor Benches, to get this done. The Town has undertaken donated benches at Branford Point and has a policy for replacing old benches with a standardized style and color. Memorial benches are paid for by the donation family, ~\$1500 for the bench and ~\$350 for the plaque. The available benches through Dumor are either 6- or 8-feet long. Need to know more about how these would address our existing benches.

Peter Hentschel suggested that if we want to introduce memorial benches, we could consider some locations along the southern end of Thimble Islands Road, which gets a lot of foot traffic and where there are views. If this idea appeals, he has ideas for how to do it and has offered to sketch up a "site plan."

### **For trees:**

Alex suggested that we talk about this to Shirley McCarthy, a volunteer for the Branford Tree Commission, who would give us enthusiastic support. Alex believes that because of "beautify" grants, the cost of the tree would be covered. Public Works would tend to any new trees. They

have the equipment and know-how available. Whether and where to plant new “memorial” trees would be the Associations decision.

Given the above information: Maybe we should provide a menu for would-be donators.

“Options:

- 1) X number of trees opportunities — cost per tree \$XXX
- 2) X number of bench opportunities — cost per bench \$XXX
- 3) X number of brick opportunities — cost per brick \$XXX

“Donation after costs to benefit the Stony Creek History Museum.”