

## Minutes of the Stony Creek Association - Executive Board Meeting January 5, 2021

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday January 5, 2021, 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, Diane Brecciaroli, Amy Bloom, Allison

**Absent:** None

**Public:** Several

Ted Ells has stepped down from the board. Diane Brecciaroli has now joined the board. She will join Ellen Page on the legal and zoning committee.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mark Richter, seconded by Ellen Page and unanimously approved to accept the unrevised minutes.

### Treasurer's report

- Greg Ames presented the monthly report. There were no bills paid in December. Mark Richter made a motion to accept the report for audit, Amy Bloom seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Bill submitted for payment included: Katina Gionteris submitted a bill for \$250 for secretarial services during the months of November and December, Jake Greenvall asked for reimbursement for dog poop bags in the amount \$149.92, Josh Brooks for snow removal Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> for \$1,945.00 and Hanna Purdy reimbursement for flowers for \$126.99. The total amount of bills to pay came to \$2,471.91. XXX XXX made a motion to accept and xxx seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Tax collector's report:** Nick Fischer submitted a report stating to date we have collected \$19,884.25 (98%) out of the total taxes due (\$20,304) for 2020.

**Legal & Zoning** - no discussion

### Police and traffic

- The state is doing a traffic study of Route 146. They extended the deadline for input until 1/15. A webinar of the meeting and more information is available online at <https://scrcog.org/route-146-corridor-study>.
- It was mentioned that on 146 near Howd there is a big pot hole developing. Dan Bullard will call state contact about repairs.

### Maintenance

- Snow removal
  - There was a complaint about snow removal on Watrous not being done properly. There was a problem with the snow removal machine breaking which caused a delay. Josh Brooks requested to use the bigger machine and Dan Bullard gave the ok however the larger machine chewed up the lawn in some places. As a result, there is sod by the side of the road in some places. Ellen Page made a motion, seconded by Hannah Purdy and it was unanimously approved to pay Josh Brooks to remove the sod.
  - There was discussion about buying a machine that is the right size for our sidewalks which would cost approximately \$8,000.
    - Dan Bullard will speak with Josh Brooks to see what solutions they can come up with. Nick Fischer and Deb Deford will investigate ways to help ensure snow removal is able to be done when needed.
  - A member of the public asked that the 146 sidewalks be prioritized since the traffic is more dangerous.
- Sandy Fischer mentioned that part of road dropping away by a storm drain. Public works has been contacted. Nick Fischer will take a look at it.

#### Charter Review Committee

- Since Ted Ells has stepped down, Ellen Page has volunteered to join the committee.
- The next charter revision committee meetings will be held on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. They will be held on Zoom.
- The current Section 1 of the charter addresses who is a part of the association. The committee discussed three options to use in defining what a member is:
  - Option 1: Based on review of the charter done in 1966, that review concluded that members were people (registered to vote in SC and owners of property=Electors).
  - Option 2: This option fits more with what we currently do. Live within and regist. And ind. Who own prop, trustees of properties owned by trust are allowed to vote.
  - Option 3: This option is more expanded to include other ways that people own property for example executors of estates and LLCs. It could include:
    - Electors
    - Owners
    - Trustees, executors, manager or specific individual
    - Exclusion of corporate ownership and town ownership
- The committee also discussed who can hold office?
  - Option 1: Any member of the association, no matter which category.
  - Option 2: A member of the association would have to live and reside within the boundaries of Stony Creek therefore limiting the governance to those who live within Stony Creek.
- Questions from the board:

- Will including other people like LLCs on the list of voters become unmanageable for the SCA to keep track of?
- Has the committee decided what are the boundaries of Stony Creek? The committee would like to include a map in the revised charter. Since the landmarks in the current charter do not exist anymore, the committee would like to make sure that going forward the boundaries are identifiable. There may be some expense associated with making a new map.

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

**Old business:**

- Policy concerning memorials
  - The museum has decided to take on the project of memorial bricks.
  - Does the association want to handle memorial benches and trees?
    - There are very limited spots for new benches.

**New business - None**

Mark Richter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Amy Bloom All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Gionteris, Secretary  
Hannah Purdy, Clerk