

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting July 13, 2021

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 13, 2021, via Zoom by Mark Richter.

Present: Mark Richter - President, Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Katina Gionteris – Secretary, Ellen Page, Stephen Palumbo Jr, Amy Bloom, Emma Barnes, Courtney Rosenberg, Harlan Fritzenholtz, Alison Bromage, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Brian Love - Treasurer, Matt Milano, Tina Burne, Greg Ames - Auditor

Absent: None

Public: 6

Election Results: The following are the results of the election of the Stony Creek Association held on July 12th, 2021.

- President: Mark Richter
- Executive Board Members: Emma Barnes, Amy Bloom, Alyson Bromage, Tina Burne, Harlan Fritzenhold, Matt Milano, Ellen Page, Steve Palumbo Jr., Hanna Purdy, Courtney Rosenberg
 - Alternates: Diane Latowski, Robin Tierney, Merisa Mangano
- Treasurer: Brian Love
- Tax Collector: Nick Fischer
- Auditor: Charles Posidente, Greg Ames

Minutes: A motion was made by Hanna Purdy, seconded by Harlan Fritzenhold and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as written from the 6/8/2021.

Treasurer's report

- Greg Ames reported that the month began with \$29,382.12. One bill was paid for \$104. There is \$30,341.18 in certificates of deposit for total \$59619.30 to begin on July 1st. Going forward, the new treasurer Brian Love will take over the reporting.
- There was a motion to accept the treasurers report for audit by Amy Bloom and seconded by Ellen Page. All were in favor.
- The following bills were presented: Wayne Jacobson for 15 days of clean up for \$600, Greg Ames \$19.14 for printing, liability policy premium \$4,609, Mark Richter 853.24 printing, for postage for the election \$407, Jake Greenvall for dog poop bags \$150.47, Inc lawncare \$205. Total bills to be paid is \$6844.11.
- Motion to approve paying the bills as presented was made by Hannah Purdy and seconded by Emma Barnes. All were in favor.

- Hannah Purdy made a motion seconded by Emma Barnes to approve the treasurer to pay the election workers up to the budgeted amount previously approved when they send the invoice in. All were in favor. Thank you to our election workers!

Tax collector's report:

- Nick Fischer reported that there is only one person who has not paid their taxes.
- Harlan Fritzenhold made a motion to extend the due date of the tax bills to be one month past the existing due date as established by the tax collector. Amy Bloom seconded and all were in favor.

Legal & Zoning

- Ted Ells wrote up a summary of the Legal and Zoning committee and included details on what the committee does.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that signage at School St. and Watrous Ave were illegal because they are on telephone poles. The crosswalk needs to be repainted because it has faded. Crosswalks at the beach need more space on either side before the parking spots for better visibility. This has been approved by the police commission.
- Normally signs to watch for pedestrians crossing are up at the beach crosswalk and towards trolley trail crosswalk but have not been put up yet. This is most likely due to the water authority work. Steve Palumbo Jr. will follow up on getting those signs put up.
- REMINDER: Remember to lock your cars and remove your keys. There have been breaking into cars in Stony Creek as well as a car stolen this month in Stony Creek.

Maintenance

- Susan Torre brought up issue of overgrowth on the corner of School St. and Thimble Island Rd which hides the speed limit sign. Tanya Greenvall reported that walking up Leetes Island Rd the sidewalk has overgrowth which forces walkers to step into the street.
- Alison Bromage reported that they put new recycle bins out around town. One bin is at Bayview Park, one at the beach and another at Madiera Park. Hannah Purdy will reach out to Gary Zelinski (head of public works in Branford) to find out if public works will handle the overgrowth on Leetes Island Rd.
- Emma Barnes will talk to Rob at Stony Creek Pizza to see if they could take back their pizza boxes so that the pizza boxes don't fill up the garbage cans.

Charter Review Committee

- Harlan Fritzenhold reported that the committee has been working for the past 2 years to update the Charter for the Stony Creek Association. They are now working on edits to the language in the Charter. They hope to have a document to present to the association for a vote in the next month or two. After that they will work on revising the By-Laws of the Association so they match the Charter.

- There will be a meeting of the Charter Review Committee Wednesday July 14th at 6:30 PM.

Nominating and election committee: No report

New Business

- Hanna Purdy made a motion, seconded by Steve Palumbo Jr. and all were in favor to amend the agenda to add the following items:
 - Assigning of committees
 - Election of clerk and vice president
- Assigning of Committees: Board members were assigned to the committees as indicated below:
 - Maintenance – Alison Bromage, Emma Barnes and Courtney Rosenberg
 - Police and Traffic – Steve Palumbo Jr. and Tina Burne
 - Legal and Zoning – Matt Milano and Ellen Page
 - Nominations and Elections – Hanna Purdy, Amy Bloom and Harlan Fritzenhold
 - Charter Review Committee – Harlan Fritzenhold, Amy Bloom and Ellen Page
- Election of clerk and vice president to the Executive Board
 - Harlan Fritzenhold was elected as Vice President
 - Hannah Purdy was elected as Clerk
 - Katina Gionteris was appointed as secretary
- Complaints about tie ups and jet skis – There have been complaints about the noise from a lot of boat tie ups and the speed of the jet skis in the ‘Flats’ area off of Flying Point Rd and Prospect Hill Rd. Steve Palumbo Jr. will talk with the Police about this.
- Harlan Fritzenhold made a motion to amend the agenda to add setting the mill rate, seconded by Hannah Purdy. All were in favor.
- Setting the tax mill rate
 - The mill rate was calculated at .00014839. It was calculated by taking the gross assessment for all Stony Creek (subject to some exemptions) divided by the budget for 2022.
 - Harlan Fritzenhold made a motion to approve the mill rate as calculated by Nick based on the tax base of Stony Creek. Seconded by Hannah Purdy. All were in favor.

Old business – Tabled for next meeting

- Music in the park on Tuesday nights
- Plantings
- Stony Creek Day

Ellen Page motioned, Hannah Purdy seconded and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk

Stony Creek Association Treasurer's Report
 7/1/21...and also as of July 13, 2021

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Guilford Savings Bank #-----8105			\$29,382.12
Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	June 1, 2021		
PLUS			
Deposit tax receipts			
Deposit Town reimbursement			
LESS			
Bills approved for payment 6/1	June 1, 2021		(\$104.00)
			<u>\$29,278.12</u>
Cash on Hand- checking	July 1, 2021		

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

3 mo. CD maturing 8/25/2021			\$10,072.40
Interest .15%, .15%APY			
Interest to date			\$20,268.78
14 mo. CD maturing 4/25/2021			
Interest 1.24%, 1.25%APY			
Interest to date			\$30,341.18
Cash on Hand- CDs	July 1, 2021		
			\$59,619.30
Total Assets July 1,2021			

Funds Allocation-CDs		opening balance	change	Current Mo.
Unallocated Funds	96.95%	29,414.69		29,414.69
Playground Fund	3.05%	926.49		926.49
Total	100%	\$30,341.18	0.00	\$30,341.18

Stony Creek Association - Bills

Date: July 1, 2021

check #	account code			
1052	705	To: Wayne Jacobsen For: cleanup 15 days at \$40/day (paid 7/1/21)		\$600.00
1053	732	To: Greg Ames For: Election printing		\$19.40
1054	803	To: CIRMA For: Liability policy premium		\$4,609.00
1055	732	To: Mark Richter For: Election printing	\$725.00	\$853.24
1056	733	Election postage	\$117.84 \$10.40	\$407.00
		To:		
		For:		
			Total	\$6,488.64

Approved by: _____ President

**Maintenance Committee
Stony Creek Association Executive Board
2020-2021**

The Maintenance Committee of the Stony Creek Association (SCA) Executive Board tracks the Town of Branford's maintenance of SC public roads, docks, parks, sidewalks, signage, and public trash receptacles. This also includes tracking upkeep on and replacement of playground equipment, fences, retaining walls and seawalls, trash cans, fountains, flag poles, and planted spaces. It also covers traffic line painting for flow and parking, seasonal crosswalk signs, lifeguards for the beach, and street sweeping.

The Committee serves as the SCA's voice to the Town of Branford government, which is ultimately responsible for the aforementioned maintenance. Because Stony Creek is one of numerous neighborhoods that together constitute the Town, the town officials often depend on SCA communications to know what specific maintenance is currently required. Our advocacy helps ensure that work is scheduled and executed in a timely and acceptable fashion.

The primary Town offices with whom we communicate are:

First Selectman's office: 203-488-8394, ext 120
 Jamie Cosgrove, First Selectman
 Trista Milici, Clerk

Parks and Recreation Department: 203-488-8304
 Alex Palluzi (cell) 203-641-9413

Public Works Department: 203-488-4156
 Gary Zielinski
 Pam ?, Assistant
 Diana McCarthy Burkurry: 203-315-0637
 Solid Waste: 203-315-6141; Sharon 203-315-0622 (To be contacted if trash in public bins is not collected on time)

Responsibilities:

First Selectman's Office

Trash removal from public receptacles

Parks and Recreation Department—

Beach

sand

buoys

signs

lifeguards

Parks: Bayview (including Lewis Memorial Triangle), Veteran's Triangle (at Hall's Point),
Madeira, West Point

mowing (including north of the beach)

erosion repair

benches

playground equipment

plantings

general repairs

fountains

Public Works

Trash receptacles maintenance and replacement—off-season pickup weekly; on-peak
pickup daily

Sidewalks

Vegetation affecting sidewalks

Road repair

Road line painting

Street sweeping

Street trimming on west side of Thimble Islands Road from "Four Corners" to private
property beyond the RR overpass

Calendar:

January-February

- Assign planting of Lewis Mem'l Triangle (Bayview Park)
- Assign clean-up of dock, Madeira Park, beach, P.O. area
- Assign plant maintenance south fence of Bayview Park

April

- Street sweeping
- Street line painting
- Seasonal crosswalk signs
- Triangle plantings
- Lewis Triangle fountain activated
- Sidewalk check for heaving and damage (repairs gen'ly await critical mass)

May

- Lifeguards secured

May through season

- Mowing
- Weed control

October

- Port-o-lets removed BEFORE HALLOWEEN (offsets mischief)
- Lewis Triangle fountain deactivated

STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION

LEGAL AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Legal and Zoning Committee is responsible for advising the Association on any legal issue involving the community. It also keeps the community informed of planning and zoning issues in Stony Creek which come before the Branford Planning and Zoning Commission, Branford Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands Commission and Stony Creek Architectural Review Board.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE

1. Chairperson should introduce her or himself to the Town Planner, Assistant Town Planner, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Planning and Zoning secretary at Town Hall.
2. Chair or someone on Committee should subscribe on line to minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission and should check agendas and minutes of Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands and Stony Creek Architectural Review Board on Town website.
3. Chair or someone on committee should go to Town Hall the day of or day before Stony Creek Association meeting and look at all applications or matters in Stony Creek on Planning and zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands and Stony Creek Architectural Review Board and look at each file, making copies if needed.
4. At Stony Creek Association Executive Board meetings, the Chair should report on the status of all planning and zoning applications affecting Stony Creek. If appropriate, the Committee can recommend that the board take action with respect to an application.
5. The committee should be familiar with the zoning regulations of the town of Branford, the U.S. Department of the Interior National Register designation of the Stony Creek and Thimble Islands and Historic District, the Stony Creek Village District Guidelines and the Stony Creek Architectural Review Board.
6. The Chair or member of the committee should attend any hearing upon an issue the committee is considering recommending that the board take action.
7. Other minutes and agendas to check: Demolition applications and demolition delays, building permits.
8. Committee should familiarize themselves with Branford Town ordinances and be able to obtain information on any legal questions which may arise.
9. Committee should be knowledgeable concerning the Freedom of Information Action laws and regulations that may affect the Association.
10. Committee should be knowledgeable as to the Charter and By-Laws of the Association and make recommendations as to revisions and amendments needed from time to time.
11. Committee Chair or member should attend seminars offered from time to time for Branford town officials.

July 13, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Ells, former Chair