

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting December 7, 2021

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

Present: Mark Richter - President, Katina Gionteris – Secretary, Tina Burne, Courtney Rosenberg, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Emma Barnes, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President, Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Ellen Page

Absent: Amy Bloom, Greg Ames – Auditor, Alison Bromage, Brian Love – Treasurer, Matt Milano

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Minutes: A motion was made by Steve Palumbo Jr., seconded by Harlan Fichtenholtz to accept the minutes as written from the 11/5/2021 meeting. Hanna Purdy abstained and all other members of the board unanimously approved the motion.

Hannah Purdy motioned and Steve Palumbo Jr. seconded to move the treasurers report down on the agenda. All were in favor.

Tax collector's report: Nick Fischer reported that his report is unchanged since last month which was that 100% of the taxes have been collected based on original billing. There is approximately \$220.00 remaining uncollected. The balance over 100% is due to late fees and finance charges assessed.

Legal & Zoning

- Ellen Page reported that there was a variance granted for a studio over the garage at 11 Rextile Rd. There have been questions about the drilling being done on Prospect Hill Rd. It is for geo-thermal wells for heating.
- There was email sent out with an ordinance by the board of selectmen passed regarding parking at the Stony Creek Museum/Fire House parking lot. Hanna Purdy reported that there was a lot of idling and noise there In the past and that was being addressed. The board of selectmen were given authority over this parking lot.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that the lot at the Museum/Fire House layout map has been created. The layout includes two rows of fire house only parking and additional parking spots around the perimeter of the lot for public parking. The parking lot will be lined soon.
- Steve Palumbo Jr. is trying to find out when the crosswalk at Watrous and School St. will be lined.
- The white fog line in front of 123 Thimble Island Rd. across from the Legacy Theatre was not repainted because there was no advance notice given to residence so that people could move their cars. The hope is to get it repainted when the Stony Creek Museum/Fire House parking lot is done.

Maintenance

- Snow removal
 - Mark Richter reported that the snow removal contract is set up with Josh Brooks for this year and will be signed soon.
 - In the past, there has been a lag in removing the snow until the word was given by the SCA to begin snow removal. This year, we hope to reduce the lag and allow the contractor to begin snow removal sooner at his discretion.
 - The approximate area of snow removal is Thimble Island Rd from Leetes Island Rd. on down till the end of Thimble Island Rd. in addition to School St. and Watrous. Harlan Fichtenholtz also mentioned that a portion of Leetes Island Rd is also done.
- Courtney Rosenberg will check with Sandy Fischer and Alex Paluzzi to see if the benches for Bayview Park were ordered or not.
- Courtney Rosenberg will look into the cost of new trash receptacles and new liners and caps for existing receptacles and the board can vote on it.
- Jake Greenvall has graciously agreed to continue maintaining supply of the dog poop bag dispensers and should be contacted if they are empty at Jerald.greenvall@snet.net.

Charter Review Committee

- Harlan Fichtenholtz reported that there was a public meeting of the Charter Review Committee on Nov. 16th. The next charter review meeting will be held next Thursday 12/14 when they will review the input from the public and revise the draft of the Charter based on feedback from the community. The revised draft will be presented to the SCA Executive Board at a future meeting.

Nominating and election committee: No report

Treasurer's report

- Mark Richter presented the treasurers report for the month. The cash on hand after paying the bills for last month in the checking account is \$18,316.68. The CD balances are \$10,084.98 and \$20,313.93 for a total of \$30,398.91 in CDs and total assets of \$48,616.59.
- There was a motion to approve the treasurers report for audit by Steve Palumbo, seconded by Emma Barnes. All were in favor to accept the report for audit.
- Bills submitted this month include Katina Gionteris \$325 for the month of October and November, Matt Milano \$74.44 for the gift for Phil and Sue Brencher, Jake Greenvall \$167.11 for dog poop bags all total \$566.55.
- There was a motion made by Ellen Page and seconded by Tina Burne to approve paying the bills as presented by Mark Richter. All were in favor.

Old business

- Stony Creek Day - Katina Gionteris reported that the committee is considering 9/17/2022 or 8/27/2022 from 11:00 am – 8:00 pm for the event to take place at Bayview Park. Some of the ideas which are still very much in progress include:
 - Set up a stage and invite only Stony Creek music groups to perform and invite the Legacy Theatre to do a short children’s show.
 - Games for kids and adults including things like egg in spoon races, potato sack races, cornhole and spike ball.
 - Hold a scavenger hunt for all ages throughout Stony Creek and include an historical element.
 - Invite a couple of food trucks to come sell food that do not overlap with the existing eateries around Stony Creek.
 - Hold an artisan fair that for this first year (at least the first in many years) will invite only local Stony Creek artisans.
 - Ask local Stony Creek companies to sponsor the event to help cover expenses.
 - Plan to advertise in the Stony Creek community only and make it geared towards only Stony Creek residents as much as possible.
 - The board discussed the dates and favored the 9/17 date.
- Neighbors in need/welcome committee – nothing to report.

New Business

- The Board would like to give an official THANK YOU to Phil and Sue Brencher. A letter including a thank you note from them is included with these minutes below. Thank you to Santa and the Fire Department for their help as well.
- The sign for Madeira park is on the land donated by the Collopy Family. The board will look into the history and find out the background from Jake Greenvall.

Tina Burne motioned, Hanna Purdy seconded and all were in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk

Thank you note from Sue Ruocco and Phil Brencher:

Dear Mark and the SCA Board,

We are completely blown away by your most thoughtful gift. We have given Martha's work as gifts but have never splurged to buy a cutting for ourselves. Your gift is a work of beautiful piece of art that we will treasure and display for ever for its beauty and for the link to our community it represents. It couldn't be more perfect and we absolutely love it. It has been our honor and privilege to obtain and light the tree each year and we are not abandoning ship. We are looking forward to working with Matt and Stefanie Milano as we pass the light tester and spare bulbs along. I was moved to tears by the generosity, thoughtfulness and creativity of your gift. Phil would like the record to reflect that he was not crying at the receipt of the gift, only Sue.

Thank you again,

Sue and Phil