

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting January 4, 2022

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday January 4, 2021, via Zoom by Mark Richter.

Present: Mark Richter - President, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President, Katina Gionteris – Secretary, Brian Love – Treasurer, Tina Burne, Courtney Rosenberg, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Alison Bromage, Matt Milano, Amy Bloom, Ellen Page

Absent: Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Greg Ames – Auditor, Emma Barnes, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector

Public: 4

Minutes: A motion was made by Steve Palumbo Jr., seconded by Amy Bloom to accept the minutes as written from the 12/7/2021 meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report

- Brian Love presented the one bill for this month from Inc Lawn Care for \$235 for trimming trees/bushes on Leetes Island Rd.
- There was a motion made by Tina Burne and seconded by Amy Bloom to approve paying the bills as presented. All were in favor.
- Brian Love presented the treasurers report for the month. Nick Fischer moved over the \$22,729.39 funds collected from the taxes. After the taxes were paid from the December meeting the cash on hand in the checking is now \$40,380.52. The combination of our CDs is 30,402.67 so our total assets are \$70,783.19.
- There was a motion to approve the treasurers report for audit made by Harlan Fichtenholtz and seconded by Amy Bloom. All were in favor to accept the treasurer's report for audit.

Tax collector's report: Nothing new to report.

Legal & Zoning

- There is an addition going up at 309 Thimble near Lavassa Terrace and 10 Buena Vista is continuing on their renovations. The Zimmerman house is now down. Sixteen Three Elms Rd. is adding new windows and roofing. There are a lot of properties putting solar in.
- The apartment building on Three Elms received their variance. No new work has taken place.
- A member of the public reported that there was a change as of January 1st in a statute that accessory apartments no longer require a variance unless the municipality opts out. The question is how does this impact the village district regulations. Someone from the legal and zoning committee will contact town planner Harry Smith to get more information.
- A member of the public asked if the house being redone on Prospect Hill will be going through the Stony Creek Architectural Review Board. Ellen Page will follow up with Greg Ames to find out.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that we are still waiting for the line painting to be done including the firehouse parking lot. The contractor that does the painting does not let the town know when they will come do the painting.
- He asked that people be vigilant about strange cars pulling into driveways and taking pictures of houses. There was a blue Mazda that pulled into Steve Palumbo's driveway multiple times and took pictures. The same car has been seen elsewhere around town doing the same.
- Ellen Page asked if we could get the School House building next to the Land Trust to trim their hedges because there is very little visibility there. Courtney Rosenberg will ask Ed Vescovi, the owner of the building, if he can get them trimmed.

Maintenance

- Courtney Rosenberg reported that the benches were not ordered. Alex Paluzzi recommended backless benches that are not fixed in position. Courtney Rosenberg will follow up with the company and get pricing.
- Courtney Rosenberg spoke with Gary Zielinski and they will sandblast and paint the trash receptacles and will give us a timeframe soon. She will look into the company where we can buy two new trash cans that are right for Stony Creek. She talked with Pam at public works to get the specs on the trash can liners which are normally purchased at Home Depot.
- A member of the public mentioned that there is a significant amount of money from federal funding that is trickling down to state grants. For example, Short Beach received over \$100,000 to do sidewalks and landscapes. Can the Stony Creek Association apply for any of that grant money.

Charter Review Committee

- Harlan Fichtenholtz reported that the Committee began discussing changes to the draft of the Charter at their last meeting. The Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the hearing on November 16th and who sent them input on the draft of the Charter.
- The next meeting of the Charter Review Committee will be Monday January 13th at 7:00 PM on Zoom when they will begin making revisions to the draft based on the feedback from the public.
- The committee would like to get this charter revision on the ballot for referendum at our next election in July. The committee is interested in hiring a lawyer to review the revisions to be sure they comply with all laws. Harlan Fichtenholtz will get a quote from a lawyer he has been in touch with to present it to the Board at the next meeting.
- A member of the public mentioned that before we get the wording reviewed by a legislative lawyer, it needs to be reviewed by the town attorney of Branford. There was some discussion as to whether this was accurate.

Nominating and election committee:

- Due to the July 4th Holiday, the Stony Creek Association elections will be moved from the first Monday in July to the second Monday in July which is July 10th. The first meeting of the new Stony Creek Association Executive board will be held on Tuesday July 11th.

Old business

- Stony Creek Day Saturday 9/17/2022 from 11:00 am – 8:00 pm at Bayview Park
 - The next committee meeting will be held on Wed. January 12th.
 - Matt Milano is working on a logo for t-shirts.
 - The Committee is drafting a letter to send to local businesses to ask for sponsorships.
 - The Committee is trying to get information on food trucks for the event.
 - It is on the agenda to discuss a budget for the event which will be presented to the Board at the February meeting.
- Neighbors in need/welcome committee – nothing to report.

New Business - None

Harlan Fichtenholtz made a motion and Ellen Page seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk

Stony Creek Association - Bills

Date: January 4, 2022

check # account
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1075 700	To: Inc Lawn Care For: cut / tree service and overgrowth	\$235.00
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Total	\$235.00
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Approved by: _____ President

Stony Creek Association Treasurer's Report
01/04/22

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Guilford Savings Bank #-----8105

Cash on Hand General Fund (Checking)	January 3, 2022	\$18,217.68
PLUS		
Deposit tax receipts		\$22,729.39
Deposit Town reimbursement		
LESS		
Bills approved for payment	December 7, 2021	(\$566.55)
Cash on Hand- checking	January 4, 2022	<u><u>\$40,380.52</u></u>

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

3 mo. CD maturing 11/25/2021		\$10,085.40
Interest .15%, .15%APY		
Interest to date		
14 mo. CD maturing 4/25/2021		\$20,317.27
Interest 1.24%, 1.25%APY		
Interest to date		
Cash on Hand- CDs	January 4, 2022	\$30,402.67
Total Assets	January 4, 2022	\$70,783.19

Funds Allocation-CDs		opening balance	change	Current Mo.
Unallocated Funds	97.04%	30,402.67		30,402.67
Playground Fund	2.96%	926.49		926.49
Total	100%	\$31,329.16	0.00	\$31,329.16