

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting April 5, 2022

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday April 5, 2022, via Zoom by Mark Richter.

Present: Mark Richter - President, Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Brian Love – Treasurer, Tina Burne, Matt Milano, Ellen Page, Alison Bromage, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector

Absent: Katina Gionteris – Secretary, Robin Tierney, Courtney Rosenberg, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Emma Barnes, Greg Ames – Auditor

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Minutes: A motion was made by Tina Burne, seconded by Hanna Purdy to accept the minutes with the following changes from the 3/1/2022 meeting. All were in favor.

- In the Legal and Zoning section of the minutes, there is a correction that there was one board member who voted against using the names of property owners in the minutes.

Motion was made by Ellen Page, seconded by Hanna Purdy to move Peter Henschel’s discussion up in the agenda. All were in favor.

Town Representative Peter Henschel is chair of the Coastal Vulnerability Working Group. He is willing to attend future SCA meetings to update the association on what is happening in the RTM, answer questions and update on activities in the Coastal Vulnerability Working Group.

- The town of Branford, currently in budget season, received approximately 8 million dollars from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which the town is still determining how it will be spent. He will forward a list of potential projects the town is considering to fund.
- Peter Henschel authored a proposal to the rules and ordinance committee of the RTM to change the way the tax collector is assigned in town from an elected position to an appointed position. The position requires a number of credentials for hiring.
- There was an ordinance passed to allow the Board of Selectmen to establish rules and regulations for various town owned parking lots. For Stony Creek, this ordinance was specifically used for the Firehouse lot. The rules need to be posted and the lot should be lined for the different uses.
- Coastal issue group are developing presentation to raise awareness of the challenges being faced regarding coastal issues. Start to move into more specifics on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis on what challenges look like. Finally they will thirdly resilience efforts to address some of the challenges.
- They have developed a pre-recorded public presentation that will be available at libraries, BCTV and the town website. He will send the link to the SCA next week when it gets posted.
- There will be a special presentation to the planning and zoning commission on the vulnerabilities and focused on approval of development projects that do not address future changes in sea level rise.
- They plan to have a more detailed presentation on the impacts of rise in sea level sometime in May as a live Zoom meeting with time for question and answers at the end. There will also be a recording of the meeting made for those unable to attend.

- The two posts on either side of the train bridge are intended to be an automated alerts system for extreme flooding. It would also send out an emergency signal to the town to let them know that there is flooding in Stony Creek. They are high because they are built to allow for solar power. The storm line for that pipe is very old and has been slightly cleared. There is a possibility to install a new pipe at some point in the future.

Treasurer's report

- No bills were presented to be paid.
- Brian Love presented the treasurers report for the month. We started out February with \$37,975.52, plus a deposit of \$2350 in Stony Creek Day donations during the month of March. Our current cash on hand in the checking account is \$40,325.52. The CDs have \$10,086.64 and \$20,327.29 for a total of \$30,413.93 plus the cash on hand in the checking comes to total assets of \$70,739.45. Total funds available for Stony Creek Day is \$7,350.
- There was a motion made by Hanna Purdy, seconded by Ellen Page to combine the 2 CDs into one large 3 month CD.
- Brian Love will send the proposed budget out for next year a couple of days before the next meeting.
- There was a motion to approve the treasurers report for audit made by Hanna Purdy and seconded by Ellen Page. All were in favor to accept the treasurer's report for audit.

Tax collector's report

- Nick Fischer reported that the total taxes billed for 2021 was \$22,321.50 collected \$22,409. We have collected about \$20 more than billed due to late fees. There are still 5 more properties left to collect from.

Legal & Zoning

- Matt Milano reported that there were 4 permit applications for 3 different properties: 2 Buena Vista has 2 renovation permits, 21 Thimble Island Rd. and 50 Thimble Island Rd. for new windows.
- Ellen Page reported that the garage on the corner of Buena Vista Rd. and Thimble Island Rd. applied for a variance to increase in size.
- There is an application for 125 Thimble Island Rd. to subdivide the property.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr.'s written report stated that he reached out to Selectman Cosgrove to find out the steps necessary to get a cross walk added by the four way stop.
- Once plants and shrubs start to grow, Tina Burne and Steve Palumbo Jr. will go around Stony Creek to identify blind spots and present them to the Police Commission.

Maintenance

- Allison Bromage reported that there will be a delay until July 1st before the benches arrive.
- Trying to coordinate with public works and the recreation department on the added trash can at the library.

- The holes at Madiera Park will be addressed soon.
- There was approximately \$10,000 worth of work done to the potty trailer which came out of the Parks and Recreation Department budget. The trailer will be put in place by Memorial Day.
- Nick Fischer will do annual grooming of the beach before Memorial Day.
- Wayne Jacobsen will not be able to do the maintenance that he normally does for the Association. We are actively looking for someone new to do this job or potentially an outside service to do this work. If anyone has someone they want to recommend for the work please contact Allison Bromage, Courtney Rosenberg or Emma Barnes.
- The maintenance committee will write a job description of what the work entails in time for the next meeting if not sooner.

Charter Review Committee

- Harlan Fichtenholtz reported that the lawyer has sent a draft of revised Charter for discussion at the next Charter Review Committee meeting to be held on Monday April 11th at 7:00 PM.

Nominating and election committee:

- The Association needs to start the nominations process.

Stony Creek Day committee

- Tina Burne reported that the committee met with people from the Stony Creek Museum about getting involved in Stony Creek Day.
- Stony Creek Day t-shirts will be on sale soon. You can see the design at the end of the minutes. The shirts will be navy blue.

Old business

- Neighbors in need – No discussion

New Business - None

Hanna Purdy motioned and Tina Burne seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk



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