

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting July 12, 2022

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday July 12, 2022, by Mark Richter at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

Election Results:

- The new Charter revised as noted in the President’s letter passed with 88 votes for and 12 vote against.
- The elected Officer positions are listed below:
 - President: Mark Richter
 - Treasurer: Brian Love
 - Tax collector: Nick Fischer
 - Auditors: Charles Possidente and Jake Greenvall
- The elected Executive Board members are listed below:
 - Emma Barnes
 - Amy Bloom
 - Dan Bullard
 - Tina Burne
 - Harlan Fichtenholtz
 - Matt Milano
 - Ellen Page
 - Stephen F. Palumbo Jr.
 - Hanna Purdy
 - Courtney Opie Rosenberg
 - Alternates: Diane Brecciaroli-Latowski, Robin Tierney and Merisa Mangano

Present: Mark Richter - President, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President, Courtney Rosenberg, Katina Gionteris – Secretary, Matt Milano, Emma Barnes, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Ellen Page, Brian Love – Treasurer, Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Amy Bloom

Absent: Charles Possidente – Auditor, Jake Greenvall – Auditor, Tina Burne, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Dan Bullard

Public: 7

Minutes: A motion was made by Amy Bloom, seconded by Harlan Fichtenholtz to accept the minutes as is from the 6/7/2022 meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer’s report

- Bills presented for payment this month totaling \$1,158.58 are listed below:
 - Hanna Purdy for Zoom repayment \$159.42

- Jake Palluzzi for 42 hours of clean up/maintenance \$840.00.
- Doggie poop bags \$56.40
- Brian Love for election printing \$102.76
- A motion was made by Hanna Purdy and seconded by Amy Bloom to pay the above bills for the month. All were in favor.
- Brian Love presented the treasurers report for the month. We started out June with \$39,027 cash on hand, minus a payment of the June bills for \$2734.82. For Stony Creek Day during the month of June there were \$1200 in donations received and \$400 in bills. On July 10th the total cash on hand came to \$37,092.96. The CDs have \$10,087.48 and \$20,334.08 for a total of \$30,421.56. Total assets are \$67,514.52.
- Brian Love reported that there is still a little over \$6700 in the Stony Creek Day fund.
- A motion was made by Hanna Purdy and seconded by Steve Palumbo Jr. to accept the treasurers report for audit. All were in favor.

Tax collector's report

- Mark Richter reported for Nick Fischer that the tax bills will be send out immediately. He also stated that in the future, we will send tax bills out in June to comply with the state regulations.

Legal & Zoning

- Ellen Page reported that Halls point and Thimble Island Rd projects are continuing.
- The property at 4 Three Elms will come up on July 19th in front of the Zoning Board of appeals for various issues. The board will send out an email with a link to the meeting information. **UPDATE:** the owners of this property did not submit all the paperwork in time so this has been removed from the July 19th agenda.
- The garage across from the Fife and Drum hall has plans to add a second floor to the building. There was discussion about how this could have been permitted by the town.
- The Stony Creek Association (SCA) executive board would like to meet with some town departments and the Stony Creek Architectural Review Board (SCARB) to see what can be done. We would also like to request that the SCARB alert the SCA about properties coming up for review by SCARB and the town.
- There was discussion about how the Legal and Zoning committee could support these efforts in the future or become more involved. Maybe the committee can go door to door to neighbors when permits are coming up before the ZBA.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr. has not heard back from Patty Austin the Traffic Committee Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners.
- Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that he found out in order to request a crosswalk at the four corners, even though it is a state road, it needs to go through the Board of Police Commissioners.
- Tina Burne made a list of blind spots. Steve will talk see if they can be addressed.

- Harlan Fichtenholtz reported that some other districts in Guilford get their own lines painted or speed bumps placed without having to go through the town of Guilford. Harlan Fichtenholtz will give info to Steve Palumbo Jr. about this and maybe we can review our charter to see what could be potential options for us.

Maintenance

- A member of the public mentioned that some of the streets are impassable because of the overgrowth. There are a couple of boat trailers parked toward the end of Thimble Island road. There has been a bike at the park for months.
- Courtney Rosenberg would like to get more information on what is included under the maintenance committee to be sure everything gets taken care of. If anyone has information on what needs to be done, please email sca06405@gmail.com.
- There may be some members of the public who are willing to help out the maintenance committee. Hanna Purdy mentioned that everyone on the board should be on the maintenance committee.
- Courtney Rosenberg spoke with Darren Collins about removing the ivy on the stone wall in Bayview Park. He said he will wait until the fall because he is concerned that it may damage the wall.
- Two members of the public complained about the noise in the fire house parking lot next to their home at 37 School St. They mentioned that has been a boat trailer and silver pickup truck there for a very long time and that a lot of garbage gets littered there. They also had someone urinate in their grass. Steve Palumbo Jr. recommended that the SCA write a letter to the board of selectmen with this information and hope that it will speed up the signage and lining of that parking lot.

Charter Review Committee

- Harlan Fichtenholtz reported that the revised Charter passed at the election and was supported by a large number of the votes.
- He reported that next we should review the by laws of the association.
- We should encourage people to come forward if they have any suggestions on the by laws.

Nominating and election committee:

- The SCA would like to give a big THANK YOU to all our election day workers!
- Hanna Purdy made a motion to raise the election workers pay from \$150 to \$175 and for the “leader” from \$175-\$200. The motion was seconded by Steve Palumbo Jr.. All were in favor.
- Officers
 - Ellen Page nominated Harlan Fichtenholtz as Vice-President. Hanna Purdy seconded the nomination. All were in favor.
 - Steve Palumbo Jr. nominated Hanna Purdy as Clerk. Amy Bloom seconded the nomination. All were in favor. Hanna Purdy, per her powers as Clerk, selected Katina Gionteris as the Secretary.
- Committee Members (including non Board members)
 - Legal and Zoning: Hanna Purdy, Ellen Page, Matt Milano, Linda Reed and Ted Ells.
 - Police and Traffic: Steve Palumbo Jr., Tina Burne and Amy Bloom

- Maintenance: Courtney Rosenberg, Hanna Purdy, Amy Bloom, Emma Barnes, Justin Fox and Tanya Greenvall
- Charter Review: The name of the committee will change to the By-Law Review committee: Harlan Fichtenholtz, Amy Bloom, Ted Ells, Linda Reed, Ellen Page
- Nominations and Elections: Dan Bullard and Harlan Fichtenholtz
- Courtney Rosenberg motioned and Hanna Purdy seconded to form a permanent committee for Stony Creek Day. All were in favor.

Stony Creek Day committee

- Ellen Page requested that we not use single use plastics for Stony Creek Day.

Old business

- Neighbors in need – no report.

New Business

- Unk Daros mentioned that there are 3 large industrial transformers on School Street that have no need to be there. Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that Second Selectman Ray Dunbar is working on getting them removed.
- We would like to remind people that for the Memorial Day parade, dogs are NOT allowed inside the cemetery.
- Unk Daros also mentioned that in previous years, when we wanted something done, we just did it and it did not need to be discussed by the board and we did not ask the town to do it.
- Ted Ells asked if we could consider having a hybrid meeting both in person and on Zoom. The board will look into it. We could also consider streaming it on our website.
- Mark Richter read a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) letter received from Ed Gagliardi. It is included with these minutes.
- Peter Henschel emailed a couple of letters that were not addressed in this meeting but are included in these minutes.

Amy Bloom motioned and Steve Palumbo Jr. seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk