

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

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 4, 2023 by Mark Richter on Zoom.

Present: Mark Richter – President, Katina Gionteris – Secretary, Courtney Rosenberg, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President, Stephen Palumbo Jr, Tina Burne, Matt Milano, Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Ellen Page, Dan Bullard, Robin Tierney

Absent: Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Amy Bloom, Brian Love – Treasurer

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Minutes: A motion was made by Harlan Fichtenholtz and seconded by Courtney Rosenberg to accept the minutes as written for the 3/7/2023 meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report

- Mark Richter read the treasurers report for the month. We began the month with \$25,890.51 cash on hand in the checking account. We received \$24,750.00 in tax revenue and paid bills in the amount of \$30.30 for the Association and ended the month of March with a total of \$50,640.21. Our 3 month certificate of deposit (CD) has \$10,091.69 and our 14 month CD has \$20,367.98 totaling \$30,459.67. We have total combined assets of \$81,069.88.
- A motion was made by Hanna Purdy and seconded Tina Burne to forward the treasurers report for audit. All were in favor.
- Mark Richter presented the bills report for this month totaling \$782.30 listed below:
 - \$30.30 to Quickbooks online
 - \$136.00 to Jake Greenvall for a flag
 - \$350.00 to Katina Gionteris for secretarial services
 - \$116.00 to CIRMA for the treasurer Bond
 - \$50.00 to WWML for flowers
 - \$100.00 to Flowers On The Green for flowers
- Tina Burne motioned to pay the bills and Courtney Rosenberg seconded. All were in favor.

Tax collector's report

- Mark Richter reported from Nick Fischer that there is nothing new to report except for the big deposit of \$24,750.00 in tax revenue.

Legal & Zoning

- Ellen Page reported that:
 - 240 Thimble Island Rd. is already under construction and has added some additional renovations.

- 125 Thimble Island Rd. received their building permit.
- The property at the end of Buena Vista has been sold.
- The owner of the large 29 acre parcel of land surrounding Firemen’s Field with an address on Bowhay Hill Rd would like a very friendly purchaser. The Land Trust has been looking into it. The maps are all wrong on the property and the owner is trying to get it straightened out.
- The Stony Creek Architectural Review Board has nothing on their schedule to review.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that the letter regarding the Stony Creek Fire Department parking lot was sent by Mark Richter to the first Selectman. March Richter also requested a meeting to discuss the parking lot.
- Harlan Fichtenholtz left a message with the lawyer regarding speed bumps but has not heard back.
- Steve Palumbo Jr. will ask Gary Zielinski about line painting being done. The area in front of the beach, crosswalk in front of the fire house and lining of the fire house driveway all need to be done. The crosswalk on School St. at Watrous also needs to be completed.
- A member of the public requested a mirror be put up near Watrous. Steve Palumbo Jr. made a motion to spend up to \$200 to purchase a traffic mirror at the intersection of School St. and Watrous. Hanna Purdy seconded. All were in favor.

Maintenance

- Courtney Rosenberg reported that the stones at the memorial triangle have been cleaned and look beautiful and the fibar has been placed at Bayview Park.
- Courtney Rosenberg reported the following list of requests of proposed renovations/capital improvements to be completed totaling \$8,700:
 - Memorial triangle:
 - Cleaning and repainting the chain at the Memorial triangle estimate of \$800-\$1200.
 - Raising the stones that are in the anchor pattern to dig them up and raise them \$3,000-\$3,600 estimate from Josh Brooks.
 - \$100 for soil and flowers to put geraniums in before the Memorial Day parade. We also request volunteers to plant those flowers.
 - We would like to do a Stony Creek Clean-up day on May 6th rain date May 7th and request \$150 in supplies.
 - Cutting back the ivy at the park \$150 and the three routine clean ups (pre-season, mid-season and end of season) for \$600 bringing the total to \$750 for Darren Collins to do this work..
 - Clean, wire brush and repaint benches at Madiera Park estimate of \$1500.
 - Bayview Park needs approximately 20 yards of additional fibar added for a total of \$1400.
- Street sweeping should be done hopefully in the next couple of weeks. This year they will be putting up a digital board (instead of paper signs) alerting people when it will be done.
- Garbage receptacles will be replaced by the town in 2024 and not this year.

- Light pole and electrical panel needs to be replaced at Bayview Park. Manuel Gionteris needs to look into a couple more things before he can give a price. For now, he can point the lights at the basketball court down a little.
- The potty trailer is on schedule for being delivered on time before Memorial Day.
- Over the next month or so, the maintenance committee will send out an email to the community reminding them that spring is here and to please keep their yards clean.
- Courtney Rosenberg made a motion to request \$4900 to cover expenses at the Memorial Triangle for the chain, fix the stones, add soil and flowers for Memorial Day. The motion was seconded by Steve Palumbo Jr. All were in favor.
- Courtney Rosenberg made a motion to request \$1400 to add more yards of fibar at Bayview Park. The motion was seconded by Robin Tierney. All were in favor.
- Courtney Rosenberg made a motion to request \$750 to pay Darren Collins for spring, summer and fall clean up. The motion was seconded by Tina Burne. All were in favor.
- Courtney Rosenberg made a motion to request \$1500 to cover the painting of the concrete sides of the benches at the park. Steve Palumbo Jr. seconded and all were in favor. Avery Atkinson and Molly Martone will be doing the painting of the sides of the benches at Madeira Park.
- Hanna Purdy suggested to hold a Stony Creek clean-up day on Saturday May 6th in the morning with a rain date of May 7th in the afternoon. Hanna Purdy made a motion to request \$150 for cleaning supplies and treats for volunteers for Stony Creek clean-up day. Steve Palumbo Jr. seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Charter Revision Committee

- A tentative date April 24th is set for the next meeting of the Charter Revision committee.
- So far the committee has gotten about half way through reviewing the by-laws and will not work on the ordinances.

Nominating and election committee

- Dan Bullard will work with Mark Richter to plan for the elections and nominations.

Stony Creek Day committee

- Stony Creek Day 2023 will be held on Saturday September 9th. The Stony Creek Fife and Drum will be able to make it sometime in the afternoon since they have an event in the morning.
- A parade will be added this year. We would like members of the community to begin thinking about what they would like to do for the parade.
- Our next committee meeting will be held on April 27th. We would like to get as many members of the community involved as possible. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings and bring ideas.
- We will put up a save the date banner for Stony Creek Day in town.
- We will be sending out Stony Creek Day sponsorship forms soon.

Town Representative Report – No report

Special Events Committee

- Plan for the discussion of placement of the Christmas tree and whether we plant a real tree or get a cut tree.
 - Location options:
 - Memorial triangle (where it has been) – **Pros:** tradition, visibility, if it's not broke then don't fix it. **Cons:** takes away from the Memorials, small area, traffic and safety concerns since people need to be in the road, live tree will compete year round for space in the triangle.
 - Madeira Park – **Pros:** that it will free up space at Memorial triangle, it allows more space, safer for kids, more space for people to attend. **Cons:** the weather being right on the water could be difficult to maintain and harsher on the tree, less people would see it, change in tradition.
 - Discussion: move for safety purposes; should not be at Memorial triangle; like the tradition of it staying there; planted tree at Madeira may have trouble staying alive; can put a large cut tree at Madeira so it can be seen; wants it enjoyed by the most people; move it to Madeira park and if it does not work well then move it back; like it where it is; if temporary keep it where it is and if permanent want it at Madeira; have trees at both locations; not a board decision but it should be a citizen decision; have 2 trees decorated differently; opposition to having a live tree on the green; at Memorial more people will see it regularly; we could put it on the ballot during our election; put a lobster pot tree at Madeira.
 - Type of tree:
 - Live tree: blue spruce \$1500 or Norway spruce \$700 plus either tree would have a planting and fertilize fee for a year \$400-\$500. If we plant a live tree and do not like the tree and need to cut it down could be costly.
 - Cut tree – maybe get a cut tree and see how it goes before planting a real one.
 - Discussion – at Madeira it would survive but take up a big footprint and block the view of the water; blue spruce is very rough
 - There will be more discussion about the Christmas tree at the next meeting.

Old business – No Report

- Neighbors in need/Welcome committee – None
- The Coastal Vulnerability Working Group would like to come speak to our community. We may want to have them come before one of our regular meetings.

New Business

- We received Thank you letter from Sandy Fischer.
- The Stony Creek Congregational Church would like to have a shared calendar between everyone. Mark Richter looked into an association website that would allow us to incorporate a shared calendar between all organizations: drum corps, library, SCA and the church. The cost would be \$75 per month. We will discuss it at our next meeting.

- For Memorial Day, we need a big parade flag. Courtney Rosenberg may have access to one. The little flags to hand out usually come from the Cemetery Association.

Harlan Fichtenoltz motioned, and Courtney Rosenberg seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk