

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting September 5, 2023

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 5th, 2023 by Mark Richter at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

Present: Mark Richter – President, Dan Bullard, Brian Love – Treasurer, Katina Gionteris – Clerk, Courtney Rosenberg, Amy Bloom, Kate Waldron, Matt Milano, Tina Burne, Mark Gaynor

Absent: Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President, Stephen Palumbo Jr, Robin Tierney

Public: 6

Minutes: A motion was made by Amy Bloom and seconded by Tina Burne to accept the minutes as written for the 8/1/2023 meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report

- Brian Love presented the bills report for this month totaling \$6248.32 listed below:
 - \$525 to Steven G. Mednick for legal fees
 - \$30.30 to Quickbooks
 - \$870.00 to Tangible Planet for supplies and materials
 - \$1200.42 to Tyco for 3 separate printing jobs
 - \$2,100.00 to CIRMA for liability insurance
 - \$1172.60 to Campus Customs for Stony Creek Day merchandise to sell
 - \$350.00 to Katina Gionteris for secretarial services for June, July and August
- Matt Milano made a motion to pay the bills and Dan Bullard seconded. All were in favor.
- Brian Love read the treasurers report for the month. We began the month with \$39,239.46 cash on hand in the checking account. We paid bills in the amount of \$4,488.89 for the Association and ended the month of August with a total of \$33,161.14. Our 3 month certificate of deposit (CD) has \$10,168.01 and our 14 month CD has \$20,385.06. We have total combined assets of \$63,714.21.
- We received \$1,250 in donations towards Stony Creek Day.
- A motion was made by Amy Bloom and seconded by Dan Bullard to forward the treasurers report for audit. All were in favor.

Tax collector's report - No report

Legal & Zoning

- Dan Bullard reported that there were no items from the Planning and Zoning or the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) this month that are located in Stony Creek.

Police and traffic

- Tina Burne reported that the Crosswalk on School St. at Watrous Ave. was painted and the no parking area in front of the fire house doors was also painted.
- Steve Palumbo Jr. will try to put up the mirror on the corner of School St. and Watrous Ave. soon.
- Jerry Shaw sent email to the Branford Police Department (included with these minutes) about traffic issues like speeding and parking in the crosswalk. The Police Commissioner's traffic meeting on 9/11 will be held at 4:30 PM and they will discuss traffic issues in Stony Creek.
 - There was a lot of discuss about whether or not speed bumps could work in Stony Creek. Speed bumps are called traffic calming and they are not recommended.
 - There were comments about the value of having a representative from the SCA attend the Police Commissiонер's meetings. They have almost never been approved in the Town of Branford and can damage vehicles.
 - About 15 years ago the SCA together with the town came up with a dynamic plan for Stony Creek including parking to make it better for residents and those that come visit Stony Creek. The SCA needs to find this plan.
 - There is currently no enforcement of parking in Stony Creek despite the fact that we have enforcement officers. We may also need more signage.
- The SCA will send representatives to the Police Commissioner's traffic meeting at 4:30 pm and the main meeting at 6:00 pm on 9/11 to ask how we can get better enforcement of the speeding and parking rules in Stony Creek.

Maintenance

- Courtney Rosenberg reported that the toilet trailer will be removed 10/3 and the porta potties will be staying thru Columbus Day weekend. We will keep Jake Palluzzi employed through Columbus Day weekend.
- Darren Collins cleaned up the strip at the bottom of Bowhay Hill Rd. to under the railroad bridge as well as the memorial triangle.
- The drinking water at the fountain is in working condition but the other side of fountain will not be working until there is a better solution determined for it.
- Courtney Rosenberg will contact our town representative about the beach, the pier near the gazebo and the boat launch repairs.
- Darren cut back the brush on the corner of Howd Ave. and Leetes Island Rd. Also the strip from School St. to Howd Ave. on Leetes Island Road has been cut back.
- At the bottom of Bowhay Hill Rd., the shrubs have been cut back a little but needs more trimming. Dan Bullard will ask the owner if they would like help trimming the tree that hangs over the sidewalk.
- There was discussion about sandwich board signs and other signs being put up around town in violation of town ordinance.
- There was discussion about the dumpster on the property on the corner of Three Elms Rd. and Thimble Island Rd. The SCA will ask the owner of Thimbleberry to remove the dumpster at the end of their season.

By-Law Revision Committee

- The next By-Laws Committee meeting will be held on Tues. 9/12 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.
- The SCA Board asked about whether there are regulations about campers parked in the road included or should that be included in the By-Laws.

Nominating and election committee - No Report

Stony Creek Day committee

- BIG DAY on Saturday September 9th!!
- The stage is being put up. We have a videographer and sound system and bands in the parade. For now we are borrowing the old town stage and will see if we can keep it since it will be discarded. It has been stored at Fireman's field. We can use it for other events as well.
- The schedule for Stony Creek Day has been posted around town, mailed to people's homes and will be emailed out to everyone.
- The road will be closed for the parade from 1:15 pm until 2:00 pm.

Town Representative Report – No report

Special Events Committee

- No report

Old business – No Report

- Madera park has been approved by the town as a location for a Farmer's Market. The town has given the SCA approval to use the park on Sundays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM from June through September. The SCA is a sponsor of this event and will provide insurance. Clara Pagliaro will coordinate and has spoken to vendors to have booths. There is concern about parking.

New Business

- An email was sent by Steve Weinstein regarding a potential kayak launch near the trolley bridge. The email is included in these minutes and includes a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Matt Milano motioned, and Amy Bloom seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Clerk