

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting December 6, 2023

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday December 6th, 2023 by Mark Richter at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library.

Present: Mark Richter – President, Dan Bullard, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President (Zoom), Matt Milano, Brian Love – Treasurer, Robin Tierney (Zoom), Stephen Palumbo Jr., Kate Waldron, Mark Gaynor, Amy Bloom

Absent: Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Katina Gionteris – Clerk, Courtney Rosenberg, Tina Burne

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January Meeting Date Change: Dan Bullard made a motion seconded by Steve Palumbo Jr. to push the January meeting off a week from January 2nd to January 9th.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Matt Milano and seconded by Harlan Fichtenholtz to accept the minutes as written for the 11/7/2023 meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report

- Brian Love presented the bills report for this month totaling \$507.03 listed below:
 - \$83.93 to Madison Altermatt reimbursement for Stony Creek Day
 - \$362.50 to Katina Gionteris for secretarial services
 - \$30.30 to Quickbooks online for November
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- Steve Palumbo Jr. made a motion to pay the bills and Mark Gaynor seconded. All were in favor.
- Brian Love read the treasurers report for the month. We began the month with \$25,213.63 cash on hand in the checking account. We paid bills and received \$3,560.00 in reimbursement from the Town of Branford for Jake Palluzzi's services for a net change of \$3,160.90 for the Association and ended the month of November with a total of \$28,350.90. Our 3 month certificate of deposit (CD) has \$10,169.30 and our 14 month CD has \$20,395.34. We have total combined assets of \$58,915.17
- A motion was made by Steve Palumbo Jr. and seconded by Kate Waldron to forward the treasurers report for audit. All were in favor.

Tax collector's report – No Report

Legal & Zoning

- Dan Bullard reported that the same two properties are on the agenda for the next Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting because the meeting was not held last month. The next meeting of the ZBA

will be held on Tuesday November 21st at 7:00 pm at the Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main St.

- 258 Thimble Island Rd requesting a variance to allow expansion of a non conforming structure and a variance to expand an existing non conforming structure in side setback to repair the old shed/garage and elevate roof peak to 14 from 12.6 feet.
- 10 Wallace Rd. to allow a structure to be 22.3 feet from a critical coastal resource where 25 feet is required for their removal and rebuild of the sunroom, increase half bath to full bath and build a new screen porch.
- A member of the public, Barbara Chesler, reported that the property at 4 Three Elms Rd. has been taken off the market and asked if the community would be interested in looking into the property. Dan Bullard will look into it.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that he has received information from several people about traffic and issues around town. He met with Peter Hentschel and they are in the process of marking all the issues on the map. Once complete, they will bring the information back to the SCA board to review. They will include the issues of sea walls and all issues around town. Anyone with traffic issues please report them to Steve Palumbo Jr. at stephenpalum@gmail.com to add to the list of issues. They will be added to the map as well. All the issues will be presented to the town (including police department, engineering department, etc.) as well as solutions to some of the issues.
- This committee will look into the option of hiring a police officer for traffic enforcement issues for the summer and present the information to the community. They will also discuss the current enforcement officers and their work with town officials including the first selectman and police commissioner.
- The committee will look into crosswalk signs in the winter on the side of the road.

Maintenance

- The sidewalks have been marked for the reparations/modifications to be done.
- Dan Bullard asked about Peter Kusterer's dumpster and it has not been removed. Dan Bullard will contact the owner of Thimbleberry's and ask them to remove the dumpster.

By-Law Revision Committee

- Harlan Fichtenholtz reported that most recent version of the By-Laws to be voted on were not sent out in time for this meeting. Therefore, the modifications to the By-Laws will be voted on at the January 9th meeting.

Nominating and election committee - No Report

Town Representative Report – No Report

Stony Creek Day committee – No report

Special Events Committee

- Thanks to everyone who came out and helped with both the Christmas trees. The lobster pot tree at Madeira park is really beautiful as well. Everyone did a great job including Santa!

Old Business

- Potential tidal surge effect on some properties in town. We will circulate a \$3,000 estimate quote with these minutes from Criscuolo Engineering to do title searches on the properties involved with connecting Three Elms road and Squawbrook Road. We are interested in clearing the way for an access road there in case of flooding so that people and emergency services can get through.

New Business

- Amy Bloom made a motion to make a donation to the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library in the amount of \$500. Dan Bullard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Amy Bloom motioned, and Dan Bullard seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Clerk