

# **Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting**

April 1, 2025

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**Call to order:** A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday April 1st, 2025, at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library by Mark Richter.

**Present:** Mark Richter- President, Harlan Fichtenholtz-Vice President, Brain Love-Treasurer, Courtney Rosenberg, Randi O'Brien, Kate Waldron, Dan Bullard, Matt Milano, Amy Bloom, Mark Gaynor, Sara Richter, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Clara Pagliaro

**Absent:** Nick Fischer- Tax Collector

**Public:** 3

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## **Minutes:**

- Kate Waldron noted a correction to Peter Hentschel's name in the Town Representatives report.
- Courtney Rosenberg clarified that she did not speak to Jake Palluzzi prior to last month's meeting but since has discussed all relevant items with him.
- Courtney Rosenberg noted a correction to Jake Palluzzi's name in the Maintenance Report.
- Amy Bloom suggested adding an "Actions" section under each category in future minutes to Highlight tasks.
- Dan Bullard motions to approve the minutes with the above corrections.
- Amy Bloom seconded. All were in favor.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Brain Love presented the monthly bills (see attached).
- Kate Waldron motioned to pay the bills and Courtney Rosenberg seconded. All were in favor.
- Brain love read the treasurer's report, noting a current balance of \$47,543.95 in the checking account (see attached).
- Stephen Palumbo Jr. motioned to submit the Treasurer's Report to the auditor and Amy Bloom seconded. All were in favor.
- Stephen Palumbo Jr. motions to send the treasurer's report to the auditor, and Amy Bloom seconds. All were in favor.

## **Tax Collectors Report**

- Courtney Rosenberg read the tax collectors report.
- We have collected approximately 99% of the totally taxes due (see attached).

## **Legal and Zoning**

- Kate Waldron reported no new legal updates from the town but noted that two town employees had recently let go.

## **Police & Traffic**

- Randi O'Brien noted that the last two Traffic Commission meetings were cancelled.
- Randi O'Brien emailed the Chief of Police and reiterated the Association's traffic-related concerns.
- **ACTION:** Follow up with the Traffic Commission on April 14.
- Contacting Patty Austin was mentioned.
- If the upcoming Traffic Commission meeting is also cancelled, a sit-down meeting with Police Chief and Traffic Commission will be requested
- The Chief indicated that signs would be provided for all crosswalks, but the intersection by Three Elms and Thimbleberry did not receive one.
- Although the Association cannot drill into the road to place a sign, a sign may be mounted on a traffic cone for temporary placement and removed as needed.

## **Maintenance**

- Courtney Rosenberg confirmed that Jake Palluzzi would return this year for seasonal cleanup duties.
- He was advised to purchase a new garbage can, trash bags, a broom and a rake, which the Association will reimburse.
- Dale Izzo from Parks & Recreation confirmed placement of a handicap-accessible porta-potty at Bayview Park.
- **ACTION:** Contact Public Works to schedule street sweeping before Memorial Day.
- Courtney Rosenberg motioned to approve \$1,500 for summer landscaping. Amy Bloom and Kate Waldron seconded. All were in favor.
- **ACTION:** Provide a rake at the beach for use by both the public and Jake.
- Courtney Rosenberg motioned to allocate \$1,200 for triangle geranium plantings at Veterans Park and Bayview shrubs, and to have Sandy Fisher consult her landscapers. Stephen Palumbo Jr. seconded. All were in favor.
- **ACTION:** Confirm whether the purchase order (PO) for the fountain excavation has expired.
- **ACTION:** Mark Richter to follow up with Nick Fischer regarding the drainage at the fountain.
- **ACTION:** Clara Pagliaro recommended prioritizing native plantings.
- Courtney Rosenberg shared that an email was sent regarding the BHS Environmental Club's interest in a project at Bayview Park.
- Courtney Rosenberg motioned to approve the club's use of Bayview Park on April 27. Stephen Palumbo Jr. seconded. All were in favor.
- Stony Creek Cleanup Day:  
A motion was made to collaborate with BPH and revise the date of the spring cleanup. Kate Waldron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dan Bullard motioned not to place a rake at the beach. Amy Bloom seconded. Motion failed (3 in favor; majority opposed).
- Amy Bloom contacted the Branford Volunteer Coordinator to explore the possibility of recruiting beach monitors.
- **ACTION:** Amy Bloom to draft an email requesting volunteer beach monitors.
- **ACTION:** Clara Pagliaro to email Dale (Parks & Rec) and Andy (Volunteer Coordinator).
- Michele at Taken for Granite will create a Welcome to Stony Creek sign to replace the old one.

- Mark Gaynor motioned to use Amy Bloom and Matt Milano's "Stony Creek" sign design. Stephen Palumbo Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mark Richter noted that benches and chains at Maderia Park were last painted two years ago and suggested repainting if needed.
- **ACTION:** Repaint chains and evaluate benches at the gazebo for replacement.
- Stephen Palumbo Jr. motioned to spend up to \$1,000 on materials for bench repairs. Kate Waldron seconded. All were in favor.
- **ACTION:** Organize a work party for bench repair and painting.

### **Special Events Committee**

- The board proposed holding a town-wide tag sale on June 7.
- Clara Pagliaro motioned to hold the Stony Creek village wide Tag Sale on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Amy Bloom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mark Richter suggested producing 4x3 signs for promotion of the Farmers Market.
- **ACTION:** Clara Pagliaro will order a new Farmers Market sign.
- Stephen Palumbo Jr. noted that Al Altermatt is returning home following heart surgery. Members will gather at the firehouse at 12:30 PM for a drive-by near his home on Howd Avenue at 1:00 PM.

### **Stony Creek Day Committee**

- Courtney Rosenberg reports planning for Stony Creek Day is proceeding well. The lobster roll preorder dinner is confirmed.
  - Suggestions are welcome for adult-friendly activities to take place during the day to encourage our neighbors to stick around.

### **Old Business**

No report

### **New Business**

Dan Bullard reported we are looking for candidates to run for the Stony Creek Association.

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Dan Bullard motions to adjourn, and Clara Pagliaro seconds. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Richter