

# Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting

June 3, 2025

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**Call to order:** A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:16 p.m. on Tuesday June 3, 2025, at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library by Mark Richter.

**Present:** Mark Richter- President    Harlan Fichtenholtz- Vice President  
Brain Love- Treasurer                Dan Bullard  
Amy Bloom                                 Mark Gaynor  
Sara Richter                                Randi O'Brien  
Mark Gaynor                                Matt Milano  
Courtney Rosenberg

**Absent:** Nick Fischer- Tax Collector, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Clara Pagliaro, Kate Waldron

**Public:** 8

## Minutes

Dan Bullard motioned to approve the previous meetings minutes.

Randi O'Brien seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jake Greenval (a member of the public) requested a copy of the minutes to be posted at the library.

**ACTION:** Mark Gaynor will post the approved minutes at the library, per a request from public member Jake Greenval

All were in favor.

## Treasurer's Report

- There will be a Special Meeting for the Mill Rate and Budget on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Brain Love read the bills from last month (see attached).

- Payments to Sandy Fisher, Sara Richter, Mark Richter, Dan Bullard, and Jake Palluzzi added to this month's bills.
- Blessing of the Fleets is July 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am.
- Matt Pinckney from the Thimble Islands asked if they could assist with the donation of \$75 for Blessing of the Fleets- Dan Bullard will request they send a bill to Matt Pinckney's secretary.
- Dan Bullard motioned to approve the bills. Randi O'Brien seconded. All were in favor.
- Brain Love read the Treasurer's Report (see attached).
- There are funds that need to be moved from the tax collector's account.
- The CD makes approximately \$0.42 for 3 months.
  - It's possible to roll the CD over into the main account, but it makes more sense for it to accrue something, if it's just sitting in our account.
- Harlan Fichtenholtz motioned to send the report to the auditors. Amy Bloom seconded. All were in favor.

### **Tax Collectors Report**

- Nick Fischer will be stepping down as the Tax Collector.
- Approximately 10 people have outstanding taxes.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The candidates for this year are:

- **President:** Dan Bullard
- **Tax Collector:** Mark Richter
- **Treasurer:** Brian Love
- **Auditors:** David Bailey, Charles Posidente

### **Executive Board**

- Tim Barry
- Amy Bloom
- Nancy Davidson
- Isa DeCossy
- Harlan Fichtenholtz

## Legal & Zoning

- A public meeting with the commissioner to address his assessment and plan for the town is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Community Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor).
- **ACTION:** Randi O'Brien to contact zoning enforcement regarding removing the new sign near the post office.

## Police & Traffic

- Dan Bullard stated the parking sign at the end of the Milano's driveway is to be relocated by Public Works.
- **ACTION:** Mark Gaynor will call Public Works and request they move the sign.
- Speed sign installation across from the McGuire's is in progress. There is a white marking where it will go.
- "Resident Parking Only" signs across from legacy, was approved by the police commission years ago, and Jake Greenval would like the signs removed.
- **ACTION:** Dan Bullard will request the "Residents Only" parking signs be removed from the telephone poles across from Legacy Theater.
- Mark Richter called public works and requested the sign be moved, per the request of Michelle at Taken for Granite.
- A member of the public stated there is a Dead-End sign on Squaw Brook Road that is taped up, in a poor position, and confuses drivers.
  - Can the sign be moved closer to where beginning of the street to deter traffic from turning around in their driveway?
  - Resident to call Public Works.
- Jake Greenval addressed the "loading and unloading" signs by the beach, people are getting tickets and then having them annulled.
- There was a Jet ski on the beach tonight. Residents are encouraged to ask the motorized vehicle to leave. If they refuse, contact the police.

## Maintenance

- Courtney Rosenberg stated the toilet trailer was installed but not yet open for use.
- **ACTION:** Courtney Rosenberg will call parks and rec tomorrow about opening the unit.
  - **The trailer is open now and ready for use- Noted 6/4/25 by Sara Richter.**
- Alex retired, so they're delegating tasks within the Parks and Rec.
- Peter Hentschel stated John Lust looked at the pier and said DEEP approval will be required, but it should be easy if we go through John Hofferly to get it listed as a town project.
- It would be a town project. They would have to create documentation for the work and then send it to DEEP for approval.
- Where is the funding coming from?
- **ACTION:** Peter Hentschel will follow up with the town to see if they are going to make it a project.
- Dan Bullard stated that the sea wall is eroded.
- Mark Richter made a comment that the town recently allocated \$800,000 to Stony Creek.
- **ACTION:** Peter Hentschel to clarify what the funds are earmarked for.
- Jake Greenval requested the trash cans be painted, repaired, and lifted off the ground to avoid rust.
- **ACTION:** Mark Richter to inspect the leaning trash can at Bayview Park.
- Because of the revitalization process, they are replacing all the trash cans in Branford. The town wants consistency but has been undecided on what to purchase.
- **ACTION:** Courtney Rosenberg will call about leaning trash can.
- Sandy Fisher previously called Public Works about three dead trees in Maderia Park.
- **ACTION:** Courtney Rosenberg will remind them about the trees when she calls.

## Town Rep Report

- The tide gauge was installed to monitor the tides, takes pictures of flooding, and use the sea level and weather to get a better understanding of what happens during certain weather patterns.
  - Town tide gauge will have a QR code to lead you to a website where you can find more information
- Mayor. Jamie Cosgrove and the town's Finance Director are not seeking re-election.
- Harbor Management Commission was approved last night by Rules & Ordinance.
  - Town attorneys looked at it. RTM next Thursday will be voted on.
  - Draft of ordinance will be attached to the RTM agenda.
- Short-Term Rentals- is reaching final stages. Peter Hentschel hopes in the meeting later this month, the language will be approved.
- If it approved, it won't be heard by RTM until September.
- Revision of Blight Ordinance- suggestion were made, amendments will be heard at this month's Rules & Ordinances meeting.
- Complaints can be submitted anonymously
- Blight complaints against landscaping- language is under review
- There is already an ordinance in place for the docks, having a 4 hour time limit.

### **Special events**

- Tag Sale this Saturday from 8 AM to 1 PM.
- Strawberry Festival this Saturday from 11 AM to 3 PM.
- Stony Creek Day- September 6th
- Farmer's Market- Every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM at Bayview Park
  - We have been getting great feedback from the community and vendors about the thriving Farmers Market.
- We encourage the public to share their feedback about all the events in Stony Creek.

### **Stony Creek Day Committee**

- Muddy Rudders will be joining us this year!

## **Old Business**

- Who is responsible for putting up the map sign next to the post office?
- “Right of First Refusal” does not apply to the post office.
- Jake Greenval requested a printed booklet of the new by-laws.
- 3 Elms discussion continued.

## **New Business**

No report.

Amy Bloom motioned to adjourn. Randi O'Brien seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Richter