



A meeting of the Executive Board of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday, October 12, 2020, at **7:00 pm** at the Orchard House, 421 Shore Drive, Branford, Connecticut.

Present: ZEO, Dave Perkins, Francesca Bickel, Fran Clark, Chris Collins, Paula Wilmer, Douglas Hanlon.

Absent: John Graham, Darce DeCosta, Peg Carpenter

Community Members: Mark Flanders, Brenda Novack, Ken Engleman

On Zoom: Brian Funaro, Linda Erlanger, Adrienne Corry, Bob Ventresca

Doug Hanlon to order 7:09

1. Final review of the minutes of previous meetings. – September - Mastrangelo spelled correctly
Chris Collins motion to approve. Paula Wilmer Second. All in favor.
Did not review August.
2. Report of the Treasurer – Fran Clark reported.
Checking – \$36,338.07
Saving – \$51,630.16
3. Zoning Applications or actions taken by ZEO
Continuing the consideration of 269 shore – ZEO, Dave Perkins requested verification of numbers. He has been working with applicant. Final application came in today.
John Gable – engineer presenting. Anthony Thomas on Zoom- Architect.
Building lot coverage is the issue. Applicant presents numbers from engineer. Floor area coverage is at 48.5% where 50% is allowed. Took 2 feet off garage to meet requirement. Set backs are clarified and within requirements.
Board will accept application. Francesca Bickel motion to accept application. Chris Collins seconded. All in favor. 20-10-1 is application number.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Website & Google Docs-** Establish Communications Committee—update

Committee will continue to meet – looking to get a way to further engage community- Considering “Square Space”. “Wicks”. Look at objectives and purpose and then look at design. Suggestion was made to survey Short Beach residents to see what information they feel they need. Still working on strategy to get email addresses – create trees. Ongoing work.

- b. Wall of “thank you” on the website: suggestions for August/September?
None this month.
- c. Welcoming new neighbors to Short Beach –To be resumed when social contact is possible. ---- Suggested changes, more information – ongoing.
 - i. Send a card?
- d. Help needed in the business office: schedule dates (Put off until further notice)- due to Covid.
- e. Covid 19 in Short Beach, Phase change from Lamont update. – Phase 3 now.

5. ***Reports of the Committees:***

Fire & Police – Next Month.

Sanitation – All Clean.

Parks & Beaches

*Condition of the parks – Have Davey Trees/Care of Trees to fertilize and assess trees. Parks Committee should look at fence that was damaged and get estimate for repair.

*Town will plant two trees to replace the large tree that came down this summer in Pardee Park.

*Gate on Pardee Park to keep little ones in – Speak to Alex Paluzzi about possibility of gate there. Also ask Atlas and Guilford fence for estimate.

Roads & Sidewalks

Speed bump on Court St - Linda Erlanger – conversation with Gary Zelinsky. Flat Valve – Garry working with town engineer on that. Get Peter Hugret from traffic commission to look at Shore Drive and Court St.

Communication Committee

Website, including minutes and agendas – Minutes are up to date.

6. ***New Business:***

Valley Street, proposed path to the river-- committee gathering.

Committee went to see area. Met with neighbors on both sides. Looking to make small path and a bench under the Mulberry tree. Mostly about clearing brush. Idea is to get down to the shore and create a space with a map. 4’ path and a little wider at the tree and a bench in front of the tree. Dave will get estimate from Rich Czech and made a plan and will present next month.

Report on tax bill payments from Fran – Sending out second bill soon. Some people seem to not have gotten the bill some of the postcards may have stuck together in the mail. About 66% paid now. Discussion of people who owe many years – thousands.

Proposal for creation of a Calendar – Chris, Fran, and Peg are working on that.
Charter review CC and CB – Francesca and Chris will work on this.

Stipend for the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Application Fee Report – up to 200 sq feet - \$50. Over 200 sq feet - \$200. Zoning Compliance Letter - \$25. Swimming pools - \$50, and retaining walls, changes in grade, driveways - \$50. Pine Orchard is \$200 for all applications. Discussion of when to make change. Put a notice in the paper. Francesca made a motion that we will charge an application fee as outlined above as of 1/1/2021. Paula Wilmer seconded. All in favor.

YCYC--- desire to pave area where a tree has been removed – Short discussion ensued.

The history of traffic calming efforts in Short Beach – Brenda Novack. Stop and Shop funded the 1998 traffic study. Conservation study.

Traffic calming issues – Court St. and Alps Rd into Clark St. Working with Linda Erlanger on this. Painted crosswalks and signage in Stony Creek as example. Work with Robin after election. Chris can provide list of people who wanted to be involved in this project of traffic calming beautification linked to the historic designation.

Paine Property on Riverview – ZEO, Dave Perkins sent letter and is working with town to get the site cleaned up.

Francesca made motion to adjourn at 9:01. Paula seconded. All in favor.

Additional New business raised by the Executive Board and members of the community.
All Executive Board members and members of the public are invited to attend.

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