



Civic Association of  
**Short Beach**

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The monthly meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held virtually on Monday July 13, 2020.

Present: Darce DeCosta, Doug Hanlon ( arrived at 8:09pm) Peggy Carpenter, Brian Funaro, Frances Clark,, Chris Collins, John Graham (arrived at 7:44pm), Paula Wilmer, Francesca Bickel, Zoning Enforcement Officer David Perkins

Community Members: Dennis Masback, Deborah Rosen, Gale Zucker

Absent:

Chris Collins called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

1. Final review of the minutes of
  - a. March 9, 2020: Change McDermott to McCarthy, in B.correct Linda Erlanger's name, 5b. correct Linda Erlanger's name, Brian Funaro made a motion to approve, Fran Clark made a motion to seconded. All in favor.
  - b. May 10, 2020: 5b. correct Jamie from Jaime, Fran Clark made a motion to approve, Peggy Carpenter made a motion to seconded. All in favor.
  - c. June 8, 2020: 3b. correct Peggy Carpenter's name, 5d. Chris Collins indicated that "there" is gravel, 6e. change potion to motion. Fran Clark made a motion to approve, Peggy Carpenter made a motion to seconded. All in favor.
2. Report of the Treasurer - as reported by Peggy Carpenter as of June 30, 2020 \$23,207.03 in checking and as of June 28, 2020 in \$51,626.72 in savings (as of April Statement).
3. Zoning Applications or actions taken by ZEO
  - a. 71 Shore Drive, Carol Volono, sunroom with a "roofed" over deck, no zoning permit is required, Dave Perkins wrote a letter to the town hall saying they can do a building permit and copied the clerk.
  - b. 2020-07-01: 300 Clark Ave. Dennis Masback and Deborah Rosen - built a deck on the rock on Clark Ave., closer to the street, and could re-build 20 feet back from the street line. Dave Perkins gave a copy of their survey and responded with a deck that would conform along with an application. Darce DeCosta made a motion to approve. Fran Clark seconded. All in favor.
  - c. 2020-07-02: 145 Shore Drive, Timothy and Alison Nicholas, back right hand corner, add a shed. Peggy Carpenter made a motion to approve. Darce DeCosta seconded. All in favor.
4. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Website & Google Docs- Approved minutes will be added to the website. Dave Perkins

asked if we can attach instructions under FAQ so applicants get the application and the directions to complete the applications together. Brian Funaro and Cessy Bickel will work on this.

b. Wall of “thank you” on the website: suggestions for May/June?

c. Welcoming new neighbors to Short Beach –To be resumed when social contact is possible.

d. Help needed in the business office: schedule dates (Put off until further notice)

e. Covid 19 in Short Beach, update. Opening of the playground areas of the parks and loosening of restrictions. Parks are open, signs are up. Beach raking not going well as there is so much seaweed. Peggy Carpenter will help him bag what is there and give him how much he can put there. Seaweed hasn't been as bad lately. Fran Clark does not think Pentacost and Bristol are being raked. Stairs also need to be swept. Peggy Carpenter will talk to him again. Paula Wilmer will help bag the seaweed.

f. River St. - Dave Perkins discussed rocks/sand on the road that are still there. Dave Perkins will call the town engineer.

#### 5. Reports of the Committees:

a. Fire & Police: The garbage trucks are still going the wrong way on one way streets. John Graham emailed Jamie Cosgrove about it. Spoke to PJ O'Malley to look for motor bikes, scooters during patrol. Spoke to animal control officer about the dogs on Berger St. bothering the neighbors. There is no such thing as an anonymous report. Asked if we could submit a complaint on behalf of the CASB. Dave Perkins will speak with them as the zoning officer as a nuisance.

b. Sanitation: No update

c. Parks & Beaches: Brian Funaro reported that we still need to look at Pardee Park. They looked at the fencing at Pagano Park and were able to repair it. Chris Collins reported the swings may also need to be replaced as they are not in good shape.

d. Roads & Sidewalks: Chris Collins reported that Linda Erlanger will continue to try to make progress on the signs and sidewalks and speak to Zelinski.

#### 6. New Business:

a. Valley Street, proposed path to the river of the property we own. Peggy Carpenter suggested we clear the property, put some wood chips and put a bench. Friends of the Farm River Estuary (FFRE) group can help get a bench and dedicate it to FFRE. Committee created to meet with FFRE and discuss specifications: Peggy Carpenter, Chris Collins, Darce DeCosta, Cessy Bickel, Brian Funaro

b. Annual meeting-- Will be held in the park on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 11am. John Graham will update postcards. Also, will add to postcards that people need to wear masks, social distance, check the website for updates and bring their own chairs. Darce DeCosta will bring her 3 folding tables to use. Weather dependent.

c. Tax Bills from CASB will be sent out by August 15th, 2020 and due October 1, 2020. These dates will be added to the website.

d. Access to beaches being restricted by homeowners. Community member Gale Zucker discussed concerns and suggested putting a flyer in mailboxes with the regulations for beach access and the url with the detailed information for public trust access. Also recommended to add this to the

beach signs. Doug Hanlon recommended putting an insert into the billing and adding this to the website. Dave Perkins will create a draft notice and work with Chris Collins and Peggy Carpenter to get to Fran Clark for the mailing. It will be published on the Short Beach Days Buzz Facebook group.

- e. Light at Killiams Pt: Peggy Carpenter indicated that several people had concerns about the light, to the left of the caretakers house and between love's beach.
- f. Smoking on beach: Peggy Carpenter indicated that several people had concerns about smoking on the beach. We can add this to the notice being sent out and put online.
- g. Restaurant owner trash cans: Community members concerned about trash coming from the restaurants. Doug Hanlon will speak to them about garbage cans and placement.
- h. Strong message from CASB RE FACE MASKS: Community members concerned about people not wearing masks.
- i. Chris Collins recommended paying Dave Perkins for all of the work he does for CASB as the Zoning Officer. An appropriate rate will be reviewed.

**Adjournment:** John Graham made a motion to adjourn at 9:02pm and Darce DeCosta seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Darce DeCosta