



The monthly meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at the Union Church, 14 Pentecost Street, Short Beach, CT.

President Timothy Nicholas called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Also present: Margaret Carpenter, Frances Clark, Christine Collins, Robin Comey, Douglas Hanlon, and Margaret Wheeler. Absent: Alinor Sterling, Amy Wilson, and Zoning Enforcement Officer David Perkins.

There was a correction to change Peggy Collins to Peggy Carpenter on page 1. Douglas Hanlon made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Margaret Wheeler seconded. All in favor.

**Finance Report:** Margaret Carpenter reported that there is \$15,508.59 in the checking account and \$81,077.97 in the money market account.

Fran Clark stated that we have not increased our yearly assessments for many years. Since we have been receiving many bills from the attorney due to ZBA problems we should be increasing the rates every year.

Fran Clark suggested that we charge for our applications and that this may pay for a Zoning Enforcement Officer.

**Sanitation:** Trash can covers have been installed per Douglas Hanlon.

**Fire and Police:** No report.

**Parks and Beaches:** Douglas Hanlon received a request to repair one side of the fence in Pagano Park where the top has been pulled away from top bar. He will call Atlas Fence for a quote. Frances Clark added that he should also include the bottom of the baseball fencing in Pardee Park.

Robin Comey reported that kids often take off their coats at Pagano Park and that they have been found in the trash barrels. She will look into creating a lost and found area.

Margaret Carpenter has a friend who may be interested in clearing the side and back fence in Pagano Park.

Frances Clark completed and returned the document from Eversource requesting written permission to trim Pagano trees around their wires.

**Open items/Parks and Beaches:**

- # Frances Clark will get two quotes for trimming the trees in Pagano Park.
- # Margaret Wheeler will create a committee to add plants and a stone wall at the bluff and requested \$400.00. Frances Clark requested she write up a proposal.
- # Douglas Hanlon has not found any group to clean up one corner in Pardee Park. The fee will be \$50.00 for pizza.
- # Bob Boshea cannot clean the right of way on Beckett Avenue. David Perkins found someone else to do it. Frances Clark will call him and arrange it.

**Roads and Sidewalks:** The bench on Pentecost Street has been removed and will be stored for the winter.

**Open items/Roads and Sidewalks:**

- # The issue of the leaves on the sidewalk outside the Bryson/Nadel house on Clark Avenue - Christine Collins suggested a letter and Douglas Hanlon will contact Public Works to see what they do.
- # Greg Carpenter needs to paint signs on drains.

**FEMA:** Christine Collins reported that the group is still having meetings. Timothy Nicholas will put the item on the January agenda.

**New Business:** Margaret Wheeler brought up the Valley Street property again. In October it was decided that this item is no longer being investigated as it was decided that the Civic Association doesn't own the property after reports from Zoning Officer David Perkins. It was removed from open items. However, Margaret Wheeler spoke to Jim Storer about his title search.

Margaret Carpenter summed up the issues:

1. Do we want the property?
2. What do other owners think?
3. What do we want to do with the property?
4. What is the cost?
5. How to get a legal title?
6. Have to talk to the Land Use Committee.

It was decided to form a committee to investigate the issues on a motion made by Margaret Wheeler and seconded by Douglas Hanlon. All in favor with Frances Clark against.

**Old Business:**

**Open items/Old Business:**

- # We need a diary and a discussion of an hourly rate for payment for the ZEO.
- # Other messes for David Perkins to investigate - pieces of a car in the driveway on Court Street, the front of the Charlotte garage on Pentecost Street, and the Baniyas property next to the firehouse.
- # Possible zoning revision to include outdoor lighting.
- # We need to coordinate both of the applications, ours plus ZBA's. Christine Collins will confer with David Perkins regarding revisions of directions and application definitions. Alinor Sterling will be asked to assist.
- # There is a need to speed up the application/ZBA process.
- # ZBA training class – someone will contact Bruce Hyde to schedule a class for a minimum of fifteen people.

**Charter Rewrite:** There are still errors that need correcting.

**Zoning Applications:** There were no applications this month.

**Adjournment:** Frances Clark made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm and Douglas Hanlon seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frances R. Clark, Clerk