



The annual meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday, November 11, 2019, at the Orchard House 421 Shore Dr., Short Beach, CT.

Present: Darce DeCosta, Fran Clark, Chris Collins, John Graham, Doug Hanlon, Francesca Bickel, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Perkins (ZEO Officer), Brian Funaro, Darce DeCosta

Absent: Paula Wilmer,

Community members: Keith DeCosta, Officer Chris Romanello

Doug Hanlon called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

1. Final review of the minutes of the previous meeting. Chris Collins makes a motion to approve October minutes. Peggy Carpenter seconded. All in favor. September minutes tabled.
2. Report of the Treasurer: No report.
3. Zoning Applications:
 - a. Application number 19-11-1, Hackley Pool, 189 Shore Dr. Doug Hanlon made a motion to approve. John Graham seconded. All in favor.
 - b. 19-11-2: 173 Clark Ave. exp. June 2019, new application, Yian Ho and Henry Hsia, Peggy Carpenter made a motion to approve. Darce DeCosta seconded it. All in favor.
4. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Website & Google Docs- All the links were fixed from previous month. Up to date. Website does not appear to be mobile friendly. Access to minutes should not be done on a mobile device. A secondary link will be added to address this issue.
 - b. Wall of “thank you” on the website: Branford Police Department, special thanks to Officer Chris Romanello, Rosso Vino and Genaros for making efforts to work with Branford Police Department, Marty Halliard for assisting in taking out buoys at Johnson’s beach
 - c. Discuss rules for parks - Brian Funaro and Cessy Bickel will add the content and look in the bylaws.
 - d. Replace garbage cans (5 total) to be replaced John Graham made motion to replace all. Brian Funaro Cessyseconded. All in favor.
 - c. East Shore Health District update - no update. Continuing to work together.
 - d. Improve visual of Short Beach Historic District - Branford Arts Council interested in helping. We can design it. Contact local artists. Add to the bulletin board on Facebook. Meeting on Wednesday to get more specifics on the guidelines.
5. Reports of the Committees:

a. Fire & Police - Committee members will organize another town meeting for the spring and go to police commission to get an update. Community member Keith DeCosta indicated that 79 Beckett ave, vehicles parked, very tight to get the fire truck through, shrubs on north side of the road that are grown way out. If the bushes were cut back, it would help to get the fire truck through. John Graham will contact town of Branford to see if they can be cut back.

b. Sanitation - No update.

c. Parks & Beaches - See above.

d. Roads & Sidewalks - Hole in the sidewalk at Johnson's beach. Doug Hanlon called Eversource. Frontier needs to be contacted. Doug will do so. Community member Keith DeCosta discussed entrance to pump station near trolley, there is a metal post still there. Will be attempting to enforce the snow shoveling of sidewalks with the assistance of the BPD. Will send letter to all homeowners who have sidewalks. Will also add information on the Facebook page to reiterate this.

6. New Business:

- a. Repair of baseball fence at Pardee Park - Will get an estimate for replacing fence.
- b. Officer Romanello, general overview, since the middle of sept. 33 separate assignments (here for traffic) on different days in 65 days, visibility, there is an ongoing issue and dept. is willing to help solve it, numbers are really high, gave pictures of intersection of short beach and court street, legal term, stop sign offset, big hazard - making left onto court and not stopping, reached out to business owners and how to tweak parking issue, continue to educate and do town parking tags, in the spring will step up enforcement and eventually issue state citations which are more expensive and you have to go to court, he would suggest to continue to call the BFD if parking is still an issue, helps them help us with documentation
- Peggy Carpenter made suggestion and asked if having a sign that says if you are parked illegally, you're car will be towed
 - Officer said would be great to help enforce the "beautification of the valet service", suggest repainting that
 - Officer suggested getting sign that goes in the middle of the intersection
 - Community Member Keith DeCosta discussed problems with getting the fire engine down court street.
 - Office commented that Midwood Rd. public rd. no restrictions so long as not within 25 ft. of an intersection and not obstructing traffic or a walkway, can only take action if not registered and insured, if it's there for a long duration they can tag the vehicle if homeowners report it. If abandoned or something, can look into it. It is legal to park there.
- c. Improve the look of SB and slow traffic - Jane Bouey, Robin Comey both would like to be on the committee. Think of who else would be interested.
- d. Curbing still an issue - Darce DeCosta will call and email again.

Adjournment: Darce DeCosta made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. John Graham seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darce DeCosta

