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The annual meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Friday June 7, 2019, at the Orchard House 421 Shore Dr., Short Beach, CT.

Present: Darce DeCosta, Fran Clark, Peggy Carpenter, Chris Collins, Paula Wilmer, John Graham, Francesca Bickel, Brian Funaro, Doug Hanlon. 34 Community members were present.

Absent: Dave Perkins (ZEO Officer)

Doug Hanlon called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

1. Minutes: Correction to name on 2nd page to Tim Nicholas. Peggy Carpenter made a motion to approve minutes from 6/1/18. seconded. All in favor.
2. Election of Executive and Zoning Board of Appeals members.

CASB Executive Board

Positions Expired:

Brian Funaro, Paula Wilmer, Darce DeCosta

Fran Clark closed the nominations. Francesca Bickel seconded. All in favor. Fran Clark nominated Brian Funaro, Paula Wilmer, Darce, Brian Funaro for a 3 year term. John Graham seconded. All in favor.

ZBA Slate

Positions expired

Marty Halliard Sr., Dave Perkins Sr. Walter Kowicki

Fran Clark nominated the three. Marty Halliard Sr. seconded. All in favor. Frank Clark closed the nominations. Doug Hanlon seconded. All in favor. Vote was unanimous.

Joe Sapper, 44 Little Bay Ln. is interested in being involved. Closing on a mortgage. Will put his name on the list.

3. Presentation of a written statement of income and expenditures. Peggy Carpenter presented the Treasurer's report. Checking account balance is \$10,960.38 and savings is \$51,587.67. Frank Clark presented a statement of income and expenditures totaling All books were in audit and approved.

4. Budget Presentation. Fran Clark presented the 2019-2020 budget.

5. Assessment increase. Fran Clark presented the increase for association dues to \$65 for this coming year. Discussion on the ability to pay additional for donations or capital campaigns. CASB board members will look further into this.

6. Consideration of issues raised by members of the Association.

- Beverly Willis - Fellow of American Institute of Architects, POCD Plan of Conservation and Development report from the town, excellent document. Address next steps. Two main concerns - 1. increasingly high taxes, drop in property values and towns prediction of worsening fiscal conditions. Increase mill rate. Proposed that Short Beach community members work towards tackling this problem. Beverly is willing to lead a task force. Problems: taxes, economic development, character, design. Doug Hanlon proposed that members of the RTM to form a committee to address these concerns. Community members who are interested in the discussion should contact Beverly.
- Diana Wade, 39 Little Bay Lane, Bushes and stone wall. Tall bushes put up by a neighbor blocking the view of the water. Every time someone backs up they hit her stone wall. Another neighbor put up a tall fence. Found a bylaw that might address the fence. Would like Dave Perkins to review this fence. Diana will call Dave Perkins.
- Question about buoys with nets going down by Kelsey's Island. Asked if public notice was given. Recommended calling the harbormaster.
- Community member recommended putting a community board up somewhere up in the community to put information out. Recommendation to use the entrance to trolley tracks. Further discussion about this will take place at the next meeting. Also said there is a Facebook page called the Short Beach Bulletin, private, closed group.
- Issue of smoking on the beaches. Town of Branford adopted no smoking policy for all town beaches. Asked if Alex Paluzzi would put up a sign. Recommended to have a no smoking sign at both beaches in Short Beach. Possibly put it up on the Facebook page too. Further discussion about this will take place at our next meeting.
- Helen Wong - Jane Bouley and Helen will present June 29th at the Armory about the history of Short Beach as part of the town's 375th Anniversary. From 11am to 5pm. Looking for volunteers to help. The Armory has not been open to the public in 20 years. Several community members said they would help.
- Shirley - Maggie planted flowers that benefit wildlife at Pagano park that encourage growth of bees and pollinators. Anything we can do to help wildlife. Peggy Carpenter encouraged someone to put information on the Facebook page. Can look at planning a talk in the community as well. Natural resources page in Branford has information.
- Community member encouraged supporting the single-use plastic bags policy next Wednesday in Branford. Statewide ban passed to go into effect in 2 years.
- Robin Comey asked for an update on the water project. Peggy Carpenter indicated she tried to get an update, but wasn't able to get additional information. Does know they are working on it and will continue to try to get information. Robin will reach out to them as well.
- Chris Collins reported that part of Short Beach will be nominated as a historic district. Coming soon and would like community members to write letters in

support. Can attend the hearing in Hartford. Information will be posted on Facebook.

Adjournment: Fran Clark made a motion adjourn at 8:32 pm. Darce DeCosta seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darce DeCosta