



A meeting of the Executive Board of the Civic Association of Short Beach will be held by Zoom technology as authorized by Executive Orders 7B on Monday, February 8, 2021.

Called to order by Doug at 7:11 pm. In attendance: Doug Hanlon, Brian Funaro, ZEO David Perkins, Chris Collins, Paula Wilmer, Fran Clark, John Graham. Officer Ramey of the Branford Police Department was also in attendance. Absent: Darce DeCosta and Peg Carpenter.

Final review of the minutes of previous meetings.

December Minutes: 6A Fire and Police "Erlanger"

7A- "free" should be Friends of the Farm River Estuary and they will contribute a memorial plaque.

Fran Clark made motion to approve minutes as corrected. Chris Collins seconded. All in favor.

January Minutes:

6F – Should read that "the road" is Little Bay Lane.

Chris Collins made motion to approve minutes as corrected. John Graham seconded.

Report of the Treasurer

Checking - \$43648.66 as of January 31st, 2021

Savings – \$51632.66

Zoning Applications or actions taken by ZEO

Application for an entrance way at 12 Beckett Avenue. ZEO, Dave Perkins has consulted with homeowner. Minor corrections will be made with homeowner and it is the ZEO's opinion that it meets all requirements under schedule A.

Paula Wilmer made motion to approve the application. Chris Collins seconded. All in favor.

Discussion of whether it would be possible to have the ZEO rather than the President sign off on the applications in order to streamline the process which has been more difficult due to virtual working.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Wall of “thank you” on the website: suggestions for December/January - None
- b. Welcoming new neighbors to Short Beach –To be resumed when social contact is possible. ---- Suggested changes, more information—Tabled.
- c. Help needed in the business office: schedule dates (Put off until further notice)

- d. Valley Street, proposed path to the river, -report on bench
A second bench has been donated. It will be put out in the Spring with the plaque donated by Friends of Farm River Estuary.

- e. Report on tax bill payments/liens from Fran - 96% paid. Fran will put 15 liens on. There are 375 households in the association. This is a higher number of liens than in past years despite the provision of extra time and multiple reminders.

5. Reports of the Committees:

- a. Fire & Police

Officer Ramey’s Report on Special Short Beach traffic meeting:

- 1. Bungalow - Officer Ramey will speak to sanitation company and work on better signage.
- 2. Police Commission will discuss repainting of Cross Walk on Shore Drive – This is complicated by the fact that this is a state road.
- 3. Re striping for no parking area in front of Post Office.
- 4. Put the speed trailer by the S curve rather than the straight away by Orchard House. Trying to get permanent speed trailer sign for that area.
- 5. No parking signs on Riverview.
- 6. Alps Road/Clark Ave junction - crosswalk or some kind of signage because folks come into that turn pretty fast. Great place for “Welcome to Short Beach” sign.
- 7. Clark Ave has 15 MPH signage. Discussion of whether 15 MPH speed limit is enforceable.
- 8. While signage is good, it was felt that police presence for enforcement is needed as well.

Suggestions for traffic calming on Shore Drive (graphics will be emailed)

Ken Engelman

- b. Sanitation
- c. Parks & Beaches

Consider a gate at Pardee Park – Doug spoke to Alex Paluzzi. He wasn’t too supportive of idea. Doesn’t have left over money in his budget. He would help us get favorable quote from Atlas and/or Guilford Fencing.

Discussion of whether we need to replace/repair baseball backstop. Are people still playing any kind of softball or baseball there anymore? Perhaps courts for Pickle Ball or another sport that more people are currently playing.
Tree care companies – Brian and Doug will get 2/3 quotes.

d. Roads & Sidewalks

Report on Trash Receptacles – Ordering lids.

Review of photos that were sent by Mr. Engleman.

All in agreement that especially the first picture is great, but it is unlikely that the state would let us do that or pay for it. Is there a scaled down model that could be workable?

The picture with the speed limit and the speed trailer which can be moved from one side to the other is close to approval.

The work to solicit artwork from community for “Welcome to Short Beach” sign, display, and have community choose has been on hold due to Pandemic. Chris Collins will re start that committee.

Definitely need portable CrossWalk sign for Shore Drive for the summer.

e. Communication Committee

Website--- Redesign, minutes and agendas—update

Paula Wilmer had meetings with a couple of people to investigate options for the website. We do not need to upgrade to paid site. Discussion of next steps.

6. New Business:

Charter review CC and CB – Chris has been working on it and then will pass it on to Francesca.

Consider stairs to the beach at Johnson’s Beach – a permanent staircase might be helpful to folks. Betty Peterson suggested the steps on Beckett as an example. Refer to Parks and Beaches to investigate and come back with suggestions.

Fran Clark made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. Paula Wilmer seconded. All in favor.