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The monthly meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday July 9, 2018, at the Union Church, 14 Pentecost Street, Short Beach, CT.

John Graham made a motion to vote Paula Wilmer as acting chairman. Darce DeCosta seconded and approved by all committee members. Paula Wilmer called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

Present: Paula Wilmer, John Graham, Fran Clark, Brian Funaro, Dave Perkins, Walter Williams 7:29pm Chris Collins arrived, 7:51 Doug Hanlon Arrived

Absent: Francesca Bickel

1. **May 2018 & June 2018 Minutes** – Members reviewed minutes from June meeting. Fran Clark asked that absent members be added. Absent from meeting were Peggy Carpenter, Susan Bryson, Shirley McCarthy and Chris Collins. Correction to ZOE to ZEO under Committee Reports. Fran Clark motioned to approve the meeting. John Graham seconded and all approved. Members reviewed May minutes. Chris Collins made a motion to accept minutes, Fran Clark approved and all in favor.

2. **Zoning Applications** -

Jennifer & Mike DeWallace wants to put a shed on 287 Clark Ave.; application number 2018-8 Reviewed coverage proposed changes and setbacks. Dave Perkins suggested that this is an approvable request. Shed is under 200 sq. feet. John Graham motioned to approve, Bryan Funaro seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Dormer on house in back on 2nd floor on 1 Farm River Rd. They are conforming, but application is not in order. Resident not in attendance of meeting. Motion to not accept application made by Fran Clark, seconded by John Graham and all in favor.

Application number 2018-9; 350 Clark Ave., Chris Bolick requesting a permit for a hot tub and a pool. Dave Perkins has reviewed the application and notes he is well within the limits. John Graham made motion to approve, Darce DeCosta seconded and approved unanimously.

3. **Report of the Treasurer** - Fran Clark reported balance in savings account \$78,388.39, and checking account \$4671.90 as of May 31 2018. Payments went negative in accounts, moved \$3,000 from savings to checking. Stop payment on \$700 check for Bocce Court, cost is \$35.

4. **Committee Reports** –

- a) **Fire & Police** - **Chris Collins**, John Graham, Peggy Carpenter
- b) **Sanitation** – **Francesca Bickel**, Brian Funaro, , Chris Collins
- c) **Parks & Beaches** - **Doug Hanlon**, Darce DeCosta, Brian Funaro
- d) **Roads & Sidewalks** –**Paula Wilmer**, Fran Clark, Darce DeCosta
- f) **Finance** - **Doug Hanlon**, Peggy Carpenter, Frank Clark
- g) **General** - **John Graham**, Francesca Bickel, Paula Wilmer
- e) **ZOE** -Walter Williams & Dave Perkins

5. **New Business -**

a) Shellfishing boat off the sound, 2015 boat appeared inside cove, noise, commercial shellfilling, person acquired lic. for shellfishing, retreat center and out, not inner cove. State involved and DEP involved, Bureau of Aquaculture. Lonnie Reed Kennedy involved. Reached understanding of operations, making too much noise, muddy bottom. Make effort to use a different boat, operate when winds are blowing other direction etc. Showed up in June, everyday and even on Saturdays. Concerned that flagging was in wrong place, and possibly coming inside cove. Contact AJ Salsa and if not worked out DEP will have another meeting. John Graham asked for copy of letter. Will be provided to CASB members. Company in Milford/Stratford. Recommending establish a mutually respectful relationship with company. Chris Collins has been involved as well and keep members posted.

b) Election of new officers. Frank Clark made a motion to appoint Doug Hanlon as president. Chris Collins made an offer that would enable committee help with auxiliary tasks. John Graham second motion. All in favor. Doug Hanlon made a motion for Chris Collins to be appointed vice president, all in favor. Frank Clark made a motion for Peggy Carpenter to be treasurer, John Graham seconded and all in favor. Chris Collins made a motion for Fran Clark to be clerk, John Graham seconded and all in favor.

6. **Unfinished Business**

a) ZBZ: Zoning board and executing board interpret zoning regulations differently. Walter and Dave will plan to mitigate the difference of interpretations by creating streamlined language. Walter discussed email thread, re: Veneer. Concern for being charged by Veneer being charged by council. Confirmed that CASB will not be charged for these communications.

Due to several cases of litigation, they cleaned up regulations and processes for people to rely on. Rewrote regulations so they are all in agreement to be in conformity.

Per judges rulings, it is important to review cases and give some leniency and reasonability to recoup living space as a result of FEMA. As a board, need to discuss and decide to modify regulations. Recommended if we rewrite any of our regulations that they should be done by a professional. Also recommended that modifying regulations could reduce risk of litigation and/or judges making more decisions than our legislative board. Per the ZBA, the concern is the uncertainty steps are not taken to reduce risk from the lens dealing with attorneys. Can create language that helps protect us. Doug Hanlon recommended forming a committee to review. Chris Collins recommended setting up a committee as an effect that FEMA is having on our regulations. Next month will decide on membership. Doug Hanlon will contact CCM.

b) Correspondence from Ellen Good, 10 Bristol St. asking what the funds support from the Short Beach community. Request will be forwarded to Peggy Carpenter.

c) Fran Clark mentioned weeds and issues with back fence. Doug Hanlon will look into it.

Adjournment: John Graham motion to adjourn at 9:32. Darce DeCosta seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darce DeCosta
19 Berger St.