



The monthly meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday October 9th, 2017, at the Union Church, 14 Pentecost Street, Short Beach, CT.

Tim Nicholas called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Also present: Francesca Bickel, Margaret Carpenter, Frances Clark, Christine Collins, and Robin Comey. Absent were Douglas Hanlon, Alinor Sterling and Amy Wilson. Zoning Enforcement Officer David Perkins also attended. Members of the public that attended were Charlotte Abdon, Grace Elgee and Walter Kawicki.

1) September Minutes – Minutes were presented and Margaret Carpenter made a motion to approve minutes and Frances Clark seconded. All in favor as presented.

2) Zoning Applications

Application 2017-3 John and Grace Elgee at 295 Clark Ave. was re-submitted to the board as a dormer addition. Ms. Elgee was in attendance. Application complied with regulations and questions that the board had were clarified. Frances Clark made a motion to approve and Francesca Bickel seconded the motion. All in favor. Application approved.

Application 2017-4 Applicants Walter Kawicki and Charlotte Abdon submitted application to raise and connect two decks. Application complied with regulations. Frances Clark made a motion to approve and Margaret Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor. Application approved.

At this point the board paused to welcome our new member, Francesca Bickel.

3) Report of the Treasurer – Margaret Carpenter reported balance in checking account as \$19,742.15 and \$81,213.08 in money market savings. Frances Clark reported that the 5 homeowners in the association with outstanding dues would have liens placed on the properties if not paid by Wednesday October 11th, 2017. The board agreed to place a Lis Pendens on Hackley property who has not paid dues since 2008.

4) Unfinished business –

a. Title Search – Valley Street – The board has aware of a contract on the home. Christine Collins would call Anderson Krause insurance to insure property.

b. Zoning Application Instructions – Walter Kawicki, Chair of ZBA was in attendance and David Perkins and he will schedule a time to meet in the near future.

- c. **Digitizing Records** – Frances Clark requested that before digitizing is done, she would like sort through some of the records. Frances and David Perkins will meet at Orchard House office on the following Monday.

5) **Committee Reports**

- a.) **Fire & Police** – Douglas Hanlon was absent and Police Commission have not resumed.
- b.) **Sanitation** – Margaret Carpenter reported that she called public works and they came and cleaned the sewer by YCYC and the situation has improved.
- c.) **Parks & Beaches** – The leftover items from Short Beach Days were removed by Douglas Hanlon and returned to Mike Kelly. Robin Comey would write a thank you note to Alex Palluzzi for his help in the park and basketball court. Unfortunately the basketball hoop is broken and we may need to hire someone. It was suggested that we have a volunteer sub committee for neighborhood parks projects. Robin Comey read email correspondence she received from Keith DeCosta (attachment 1).

Concerns were as follows:

1. *Pardee Park: Fabric under playscape is exposed. More sand is needed.*
2. *Pagano Park: Bouncing piece is rusted and dangerous*
3. *Pardee Park: Overall equipment updates*
4. *Resident wants to be able to help in some way.*

CASB Board member Robin Comey responded as follows:

1. *Ongoing issue for past decade. Will check with Parks and Rec. and let Keith DeCosta know.*
2. *Agreed and she has called Public Works multiple times. Will continue to follow up.*
3. *Explained cost and the plan to include money for upgrades in town budget FY'18*
4. *Offered different examples of ways he could help such as minor cleanup at his convenience and fundraising for park project.*

OPEN ITEMS – Parks & Beaches -

- Pond near the Yale Boathouse is owned by Yale and Christine Collins will take to the neighborhood group involved with Yale issues.
- Pardee Park Overnight Parking –Parks & Beaches committee has not discussed further.
- Farm River Pollution – Robin Comey will talk to Michael Pascucilla from ESDHD to see results of water tests.
- Bocce Court –Douglas Hanlon was not in attendance. No report.

d.) Roads & Sidewalks –

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- i. Sidewalks and curbs between Midwood and Taylor issue will be referred to Doug Hanlon's committee and it was noted that it is a State Road.
- ii. Post Office building – Open electric panel. David Perkins talked to the building owner, reported that several calls were made to him regarding this and CASB discussed whether this a building code violation. The owner of the building did not seem too concerned about the issue. David Perkins will continue to monitor the issue.
- iii. Bristol Street – Robin Comey reported that several of the roads are torn up and need repaving, for example, Bristol Street.

e.) Website-

Robin Comey is maintaining and item is removed from future agendas.

6) New Business

- a) Board requested that David Perkins look into a possible new deck at the Marino property that had not come before the board.

Adjournment: Margaret Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm and Christine Collins seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin E. Comey