



The monthly meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday April 10, 2017, at the Union Church, 14 Pentecost Street, Short Beach, CT.

President Timothy Nicholas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present: Frances Clark, Christine Collins, Margaret Wheeler, Douglas Hanlon and Margaret Carpenter. Absent: Alinor Sterling, Amy Wilson, Robin Comey and the Zoning Enforcement Officer David Perkins.

Due to absence of Robin Comey, Margaret Wheeler recorded the meeting minutes.

1. Corrections to the previous minutes:

- March Minutes page 1 and 4 change Francis to Frances .
- Fran asked how will we know if changes were made incorrectly during the commenting and editing of the draft minutes on Google docs. Tim said that google docs stores the changes made over time so it is easy to review. He said that he will close down comments on the editing of the draft at a certain point close to the meeting.

Frances made a motion to approve minutes as corrected and Chris Collins seconded. All in favor.

2. Zoning Applications – None

3. Treasurer Report – balance in checking account as \$12,192.34 and \$81,131.69 in money market.

4. Unfinished business –

a. FEMA and AE Zones –

- Chris Collins and Doug Hanlon reported information from the Ct. Conference of Municipality representative who shared research stating that all but three towns (in the western coastline of CT) made no amendment nor special exception changes regarding local zoning regulation changes.
- David Perkins height survey of properties in zones affected by FEMA flood plain map was not reported upon due to his absence.
- Presenting data/info package to educate the public at the annual meeting was further discussed. Here we can weigh public commentaries and look at such options as whether

the public supports a special exception process or not.

- Frazier Bronson and Helen Wong submitted a memo about home elevations and reasons for special exception process (see attached) He also suggested that town engineer present the coastal resiliency plan to the community.
- How new heights will affect other homes views was also discussed.

Further action needed: To explore what other towns are doing more and explore suggestions from our attorney and town engineer.

Other Open Items/Old Business:

Title Search – no further discussion.

Valley Street

- Dave Perkins will provide the A2 survey of Valley Street and Margaret Wheeler will survey neighborhood during summer for interest in waterfront access.

5. Committee Reports:

Sanitation –

- Long Island Sound Signs have been placed on storm drains by Greg Carpenter and Clarice Begemann.
- Margaret Carpenter reported that many of the storm basins on Riverview and Clark Ave are full and that she will ask Greg Carpenter to contact public works. Chris Collins saw the pumping truck last week vacuuming out a few basins.

Parks & Beaches –

- Doug Hanlon fixed the fence in Pagano Park using zip ties and offered to help Fran fix fence in Pardee Park. Margaret Wheeler will clean up and tend flowers on bluff on Clark Ave. and in front of Pagano Park.
- A motion was made by Margaret Wheeler for \$400 to buy plants for the Pagano Park and the Bluff. Doug Hanlon seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Open Items/Parks and Beaches: the following was not discussed

- Frances Clark will get two quotes for trimming the trees in Pagano Park.
- Douglas Hanlon has not found anyone to clear up one corner of Pardee Park.
- Margaret Carpenter has a friend who may be interested in clearing the side and back fence in Pagano Park.

Roads and Sidewalks – .

- Doug Hanlon reported that the Town of Branford has sent nine letters to repeat offenders who do not remove snow on sidewalk within 24 hours.

6. New Business

- a) **Zoning Applications:** None

b) Feedback on Website:

- The subcommittee for website reform discussed the need to make materials from the ZBA and ZB easier to find. Tom Perretta said he has found a few good website options.
 - Concern on how to archive materials on the present site was addressed and will be considered along with the possibility of hiring someone to scan if necessary. Margaret Wheeler knows a local web designer who may be interested.
 - Margaret Carpenter asked if a flier on “Humane Yards” could be placed on the website. It was suggested that she scan/email and have placed on the Short Beach Facebook page.
- c) Sidewalks and curbs between Midwood and Taylor issue will be referred to committee.
- d) Pat Nielsen has agreed to write a dog clean-up letter to include with annual bill.

Annual dues and Application fee increase

- Tim Nicholas suggested we review to the Charter to make sure that a 10% increase in the annual dues is allowable and then we can bring this to vote next meeting if this applies.
- The ZBA raised the application fee from \$175 to \$250. It was suggested that the zoning application fees should be raised also. No decision was made.

New Business –

Annual Meeting: Friday June 2nd

- Members offered to help out in sending notices for annual meeting and will meet at Margaret Carpenter’s house on May 18th, 6pm.

Adjournment: Margaret Wheeler made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 and Doug Hanlon seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Wheeler