

The annual meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Friday June 2, 2023, at Orchard House.

Present: Doug Hanlon, Chris Collins, Fran Clark, Francesca Bickel, Dave Engler, Paula Wilmer.

Community Members were present as well as David Perkins, Zoning Enforcement Officer

Absent: Peggy Carpenter, Brian Funero, Darce DeCosta

Doug Hanlon, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Election of Executive and Zoning Board of Appeals members

CASB Executive Board - Peggy Carpenter, Fran Clark, and Darce DeCosta.

Chris Collins nominated the slate and Francesca Bickel seconded and moved we close. All in favor.

ZBA Slate – Andi Hallier noted there are currently 4 regular members and 1 open position. There are also 2 alternate members.

(?) Up for re-election Andi Hallier and Carleen Davis. Chris Collins nominated the slate. Francesca Bickel seconded. All in favor.

Dave Steinman nominated Patricia Hammel to fill the seventh position and Catherine Hamel seconded. Open for discussion. Fran Clark moved to close. Chris Collins seconded. All in favor.

2. Budget Presentation: Fran Clark presented the 2022-2023 Budget. It was noted that Projected/Actual column headings should be correct to reflect 2022-2023 and Budget column to reflect 2023-24. Included in Projected/Actual expenses was \$8,500 donated to the Citizen Science project.

3. . Savings balance of \$54,xxxx and checking account balance is \$2x,xxx.

Joe Piscatelli made a motion to raise the annual dues to \$70. Adrian ? seconded. Shirley Girard made a motion to vote. Dave Steinman seconded. Nays have it.

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

- a. Joe Piscatelli recommended we get an Umbrella Policy.
- b. Robert Sullivan suggested we add a note on the Annual Dues postcard, soliciting donations.
- c. Barry Vener suggested we invest our savings and checking monies into an interest bearing account.
- d. Chris Collins listed beaches and parks owned by CASB to include Johnson and Beckett beaches, Pardee and Pagano parks where we maintain gardens and trees, and we own a piece at the end of Valley Street where we have a bench. It was pointed out that it is not a safe area to launch a kayak as access to the river wasn't possible due to the sharp drop off. Kayaks could be launched from Johnsons Beach and at the Beckett St beach.
- e. Robert Sullivan inquired on the status of the title search at the end of Clark Avenue.
- f. Ann Davis made a brief presentation on the Citizen Science project.
- g. Wanda ? thanked CASB for stepping up and writing 2 letter in support an Environmental Impact Study. Mention was given to Susan Bryson for her legal support and Maggie Wheeler as a force keeping on target w/environment concerns. Short Beach has showed up and we have the support of the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Friends of Farm River Estuary

- h. It was noted that ground traffic will be a problem if the plan to open 8 gates with 5,000 parking spaces at the end of Route 142 is approved. Contact your RTM, Jamie Cosgrove. Members were encouraged to attend meeting next Wednesday at Nathan Hale HS annual management of Tweed New Haven. Questions and concerns saveourshorlinect@gmail.com
 - Barry Vener – if airport goes through, people will park on our streets (from other areas) suggested a resident sticker
 - Doug pointed out that stickers must go through Town
 - Ken Engelman – Noise levels on Midwood, agrees we should plan ahead
 - Barry Vener asked if a committee be formed
 - i. Chris Colling advised that Robin Comey wrote a grant for \$750K for traffic calming as well as being instrumental in our designation as a Historic Village. She also thanked Shirley ? for Pioneering Research on the Powersmart compensation program through Branford. 30% off Battery thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act.
5. Minutes: Chris Collins made a motion to approve September 11, 2021 Minutes with revision that Dave Engler was not present. Doug Hanlon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fran made a motion to adjourn and Paula seconded. All in favor.