



Civic Association of

Short Beach

PO Box 2012, Short Beach, CT 06405

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Short Beach Union Church.

www.shortbeach.org

Present: Present: Peggy Carpenter, Brian Funaro, Chris Collins, Doug Hanlon, Dave Engler, Francesca Bickel, Fran Clark, Zoning Enforcement Officer David Perkins

Absent: Darce DeCosta

Chris Collins called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

Final review of the minutes of the previous meeting – 5C should read: “Pardee Park: Report on towing possibility, Dave Engler reported he spoke to RJ Shore. Towing would be \$120 plus tax. The first day would be no storage fee. Days 2 through 5 would be \$26/day and for each day after the cost would be \$31/day. CASB would need to contract with them and Shore Auto will need to know who will be the contact person. We need information from the police department. There was a discussion of putting warning signs on cars parked in the lot prior to any additional action such as towing. Dave Perkins will assist with speaking to residents who park frequently in the lot”

Peg Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections above. Brian Funaro seconded.

Report of the Treasurer

Checking - \$62458.25

Savings - \$51643.38

Ann Davis – Water Quality at the Beach

- She is a Dr of Vet and Immunology/ Ran lab at Bayer
- Engaged with East Shore Health in 2019 as citizen scientist – high coliform counts in water at Johnson’s Beach
- Coliforms are coming from the storm sewers –
- Want to do another study to get information to force town and East Shore to look at our sewage systems and needs more evidence to do that
- Study DNA of coliform in order to clarify origin - specifically human
- East Shore’s lab in Rocky Hill will prep the DNA and can store it before sending it to more expensive lab for molecular testing – \$20,000 would get us 65 tests

- Need to send the samples out for expensive tests so need money – they can tell whether it’s human or what other species
- Ann will sample from the storm drains and the outflows –
- Arguments from Ann for CASB giving \$5,000 for the molecular testing
 - Good PR
 - Get a cleaner beach
- Project would be under East Shore Health and Save the Sound and citizen scientists represented by Ann

Outcomes:

- Board will ask Mike from East Shore Health to come to meeting for more information in order to be completely clear on process and possible outcomes -
- Sanitation Committee to talk to sewer authority to get any studies they have
- Contact state dept of health?

Zoning Applications or actions taken by ZEO

- Pane Family Trust, 88 and 86 Riverview
 - Want to add second floor to house on the river
 - The owner of the structure needs to appear at the board meeting to present the plan in order for the board to consider the application.
 - Tabled until next month
 - Francesca Bickel made a motion to table the application until next month. Paula Wilmer seconded. All in favor.
- Members of the public are concerned about the fire structure built on this property. ZEO, Dave Perkins will talk to the fire marshal about required space around the fire place. Also concerned about the amount of the property covered in pavers. ZEO, Dave Perkins will follow up and inspect the paving.

Unfinished Business:

- Wall of “thank you” on the website: suggestions for January/February
 - None this month
 - Public information regarding solar panels in SB
 - Doug spoke to a knowledgeable party who would be willing to speak at public meeting about solar panels
 - Will investigate other experts to come speak
 - Will have public informational meeting

Reports of the Committees:

- a. Fire & Police – Nothing
- b. Sanitation – has a new charge
- c. Parks & Beaches

Meeting with DEEP re ramp at Johnson’s Beach---No new news.

Report Parking at Pardee Park – Will not move forward with towing
 Maintenance at Valley Street – Clearly hasn’t been maintained – weeding for pathway and clearing view to river. Members will set a date to do maintenance.

d. Traffic, Roads & Sidewalks

Update to Short Beach Traffic Calming (traffic control sign) Traffic Calming and Historic District report on brief conversation with Robin – committee does not want to meet with CASB. We will give materials to Robin to present. Robin will come here with the engineers after the meeting.

e. Communication Committee, Website--- Newsletter focus group.

Paula will re circulate original email. Will try to get the first one out this summer.

Francesca Bickel made a motion to adjourn. Brian Funaro seconded. All in favor. 8:36 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Francesca Bickel

1. New Business

Brief talk about the water sampling project -- Ann Davis

Additional New business raised by the Executive Board and members of the community.

All Executive Board members and members of the public are invited to attend.