



Civic Association of

# Short Beach

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The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Short Beach Union Church.

Present: Douglas Hanlon, Peg Carpenter, Fran Clark, Chris Collins, Dave Engler, Brian Funaro, ZEO Dave Perkins, Paula Wilmer

Absent: Darce DeCosta,

Doug Hanlon called the meeting to order at 7:04PM

Report on meeting-- Findings of the Water Quality Study of the East Shore Health Department.

- Doug Hanlon presented some garbage can solutions –
  - One is to put a water-tight top on the existing can
  - Get new barrel for dedicated dog waste container – with signage
  - Multi bins made for parks – garbage, recycling, dog waste separated – between 3 and 5,000 dollars
- Anne Davis suggested that she would be willing to put her garbage at her house for people to put their dog waste in.

Eagle Scout presentation of how he completed his project of building the library at Pardee Park and Doug Hanlon signed off on his project.

- Public comments regarding the water quality
  - The dog park by Orchard House is full of dog poop
  - Suggestion to immediately get water tight top and then make future plans
  - Separating might be helpful as the cans get so full in the summer with beach goers
  - Ali is here to volunteer to help with some theory based public health messaging – mailings etc.
  - Article in the Sound –
  - Create a ribbon cutting for new garbage cans – if that is the way we go.

- Push the town to be an active partner in this – there is a requirement for the town to do education around storm water/drainage – can we ask the town to put in at least half the cost since it will be a multi year campaign
- Put in a budget request around a known water pollution problem since our problem is bigger than other association
- Extend the campaign to Granite Bay at least
- Anne found dog, human, and avian in the inflow in Granite Bay with the pipe that goes under the road – show other communities how we’ve done this to get them on board
- The MST testing is quite expensive so really need to get grants etc
- The follow up testing could just test the coliform since we already know that dog is the big culprit so if that goes down then we could conclude that our intervention is working
- 319 storm water grant due February 6 – extensive grant process – don’t hear until the next October – can take 18 months to get implemented – think about that as something to help in 2-3 years
- Data has been presented to town and should enlist Mike and Sarah from East Shore Health should be included in getting local government involved
- Need to get a sense of what budget we might need for the education campaign, and continued monitoring.
- RTM members were invited to this meeting
- Would there be a consultant that could run a lot of this – someone to consult with the board and implement – manage the budgetary planning
- Separate the dog waste, get a water tight top, and put up signage
- Suggestion to implement the first two garbage ideas at the top of this – which will create some redundancy in mitigation.
- Francesca Bickel made a motion to buy the water tight lid and a separate bin for the dog poop and put a sign on the original garbage can for no dog poop. Brian Funaro seconded. All in favor.
  - Ali will meet with the sanitation committee about branding for the sign in the next two weeks.
- Chris Collins made a motion that we will form a committee to remediate water quality situation and to develop collaboration with East Shore Health and the Town of Branford. Francesca Bickel seconded. All in favor.
  - Chris Collins, Peg Carpenter, Dave Engler, Brian Funaro, Francesca Bickel, and community members Ali Beaulier, Steve Mentz, and Kurt Johnson.
  - Doug will coordinate and order the water tight tops.
  - Francesca Bickel will be the contact person for the committee.

- Storm drain art – paint can be donated – contact Mike
- Committee will meet at least once before the next CASB executive board meeting

1. Final review of the minutes of the November meeting –
  - a. Brian Funaro made a motion to approve the minutes. Peg Carpenter seconded. All in favor

2. Report of the Treasurer
  - 69,510.38 Checking
  - 51,647.26 Savings

3. Zoning Applications or actions taken by ZEO – no applications this month.

Gerald Mastrangelo’s attorneys have served the board relative to the denial by the ZBA. ZEO Dave Perkins has made a request to our attorneys to appear. 269 Shore Drive.

4. Unfinished Business:

The bench for the Justine Gillen memorial has been painted and the plaque is ready to be put on it. Doug and Brian will mount the plaque and will tell Connie that it’s done.

New bench on the bluff – same style – no side arms – large part of the cost is taking the old bench out and installing the new one.

Peg Carpenter made a motion to order the new bench for the bluff in green. Chris Collins seconded. All in favor.

Wall of “thank you” for October/November  
None for this month

Report on frying oil behind the restaurants, Dave Perkins

ZEO Dave Perkins talked to Genero’s owner and Tony the landlord – they indicated that it was only a problem on holiday weekends. Dave Engler states that it is a problem more often than that.

Dave Perkins will follow up and see if they should get a bigger dumpster?

Commissioners’ training, discuss schedule – January 12<sup>th</sup> at Peg’s house.

Place doggie bags on Shore Drive and other sites north of Shore Drive, Contact Trolley folks regarding doggie bags and trash bin on their property – continued and will be dealt with through the work of the committee formed above.

5. Reports of the Committees:

- a. Fire & Police – No report
- b. Sanitation – See Discussion above
- c. Parks & Beaches  
Shirley and Peg will deal with the cleaning up of planting areas
- d. Traffic, Roads & Sidewalks  
Update to Short Beach Traffic Calming – continue  
Beckett Ave.----Needs paving, Stu to call Public Works – continue  
Check valve on Beckett not working properly, CASB to send a letter to  
Town Engineer and First Selectman – continue
- e. Communication Committee, Website---  
Newsletter focus group  
  
Steve Mentz has volunteered to write up the water quality work.

6. New Business

Rockland Pond acquisition by BLT – We have stewardship there.

Fran Clark has 10 outstanding tax bills. She will put liens on 10 properties.

Francesca Bickel made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Brian Funaro seconded. All in favor.