



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, October 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Short Beach Union Church.

Present: Paula Wilmer, Doug Hanlon, Chris Collins, Peg Carpenter, Fran Clark, Francesca Bickel

Absent: Darce DeCosta, Dave Engler, Brian Funaro, ZEO David Perkins

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

1. Final review of the minutes of August meeting and September meeting.

a. *August Minutes*

b. "called the meeting to order at 7:05PM"

c. Under 4F – "that" to "the"

d. Under 6A – "are looking into moving CASB money into an interest-bearing account". "Connie Smith suggested adding her husband to assist with this."

Peg Carpenter made a motion to approve as corrected. Paula Wilmer seconded. All in favor.

*September Minutes*

▪ 60 Riverview "survey was signed and has a seal"

▪ "One has appealed to superior court"

▪ 5. Unfinished business

• "Steinman"

• "Try to put one of the new residential..."

Francesca Bickel made a motion to approve as corrected. Peg Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

2. Report of the Treasurer

• \$68,303.88 Checking end of September

• \$51,646.40 Savings end of September

## Zoning Applications

*88 Riverview, Louis Pane, 2nd floor addition* – tabled to next month

Chris Collins made a motion to table to next month. Paula Wilmer seconded. All in favor.

*Riverview, Schiffer, Car port*

- Cars being hammered by hickory nuts – wants to put up a car port to save the cars rather than cutting down the tree.
- Car port would be rectangle 12 by 18 – open sides
- Would not obstruct neighbor's view
- Line 5A requires 20' from road – it would be 1' foot from road
- Line 5F requires 10' from property line – it would be 9'
- A temporary structure for a few months to protect from nuts?

Chris Collins made a motion to deny on the basis of Schedule A line 5A&5F. Does not comply with regulations 7.4.1 and 7.4.1A. Francesca Bickel seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting in November there will be further discussion of temporary structures.

*Ann Davis and the ESHD water study:*

The CASB Sub- Committee, formed to work with the ESHD reported on planning.

- The meeting is postponed since the scientists need more time.
- The Sub Committee decided that the results should be shared at a community wide meeting in order to educate all community members about how each individual can help to keep the water clean.
- There was a discussion on different garbage set up by Johnsons Beach. Problem is how to get the town to deal with different garbage.
- Consider one of those ones that has different places to put garbage, recycling, and dog poop.
- Paula Wilmer mentioned that in Philly they had solar powered composting buckets.

*Unfinished Business:*

*Wall of "thank you" on the website:*

- Marlany – spelling needs to be corrected on the website
- Stenographer for public hearings
  - Andi Hallier is still investigating the cost so we will postpone until we have report from her.
- Report on Frying oil behind the restaurants, report
  - Dave Engler will report at the next meeting in November
- Plan for public information meeting regarding solar panels in SB

- Looks like last week of October or start of November due to people's availability.
- Hold meeting at Orchard House
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- Update on memorial plaque for Justine Gillen
  - Bench needs to be painted. Weekend weather has not allowed painting.
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- Place doggie bags on Shore Drive and other sites north of Shore Drive
  - Contact railroad folks if they would have garbage bin back there by entrance to tracks
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- Garbage Bins:
  - Folks having trouble moving the bins
  - Garbage bins being left on out on street
  - Not really within our purview – neighbors need to talk to each other

#### Reports of the Committees:

- Fire & Police
  - Public works was asked not to put flashing speed check in certain place
  - Now it is facing out of Short Beach
  - They are going to take down the speed sign and put the flashing sign there in a more permanent set up going to other way to slow cars coming into SB
  - Member of the public raised the issue of what can be done on a state road –
    - Discussion of how the grant is moving forward – the town and state engineers
    - Once it gets to the point of being implemented they will have a meeting with the community
    - The state is not going let us do whatever we want
- Sanitation
  - Committee to attend Solid Waste Management Commission regarding unsafe condition of the waters in Short Beach
  - Community member reported on the agenda of the Solid Waste Management Commission – all agendas are identical
  - They only meet via Zoom – all the Zoom info is posted.
  - They're meeting on October 11- Want to ask if they have tested the pipes for human waste leakage and want to know of any results they might have
  - Can the CASB make an inquiry through their agenda
- Parks & Beaches
  - ROW Weeding – got done.
  - *Stu Sokol's list of things to be fixed.*

- Pagano Park – a lot of growth – Maggie used to do. Stu and neighbor willing to do the clean-up. Doug Hanlon will pick up debris with his truck.
- Part of bench on the bluff has broken. Can it be repaired or put in a new slate? Can it be glued?
- At the little bluff the garden needs attention. Mowing has not been done. Fran will call the mower. It should be mowed each time Pagano is mowed. Shirley and Peg are planning to weed but won't be able to do that until November. Stu and neighbor will clean that area up as well.
- Peg and Shirley want to put in some low maintenance native plants in that area. Just dead heading and trimming will be done for now.
- On Pentacost – next to the trash can are large pieces of driftwood that have been placed there and broken pieces of drainage pipes. Stu will call Public Works or Doug Hanlon will take it away with his truck.
- Growing into the street in that same area are 3 to 5 feet weeds falling into the street. Weeds also along the sidewalk by Johnson's Beach.
- Dog waste bags. Both dispensers are empty. Stu will text Ralph.
- Beckett Ave. is falling apart and needs paving. The town has a schedule of paving. Stu will call Public Works. Contact Linda Erlanger to help get us on the paving list.
- Pagano Park gate is jammed open. Needs attention. Marty and Doug will go down and try to unstick it.
- Reminder sign to keep dogs on leash – There are signs and people know what they're supposed to be doing.
- Shirley already planted a memorial tree for Maggie
  - Grows wide rather than high
- Traffic, Roads & Sidewalks
  - Update to Short Beach Traffic Calming - see above discussion.
- Communication Committee, Website -
  - Newsletter focus group
  - Fix Zoning Application – PDF/and Google Forced Copy?
  - Zoning map needs to be fixed
  - One set of regs is correct and one is incorrect
  - Old and new charter
  - CASB rules should be moved up to meet ZBA area
  - Newsletter – mail first issue, publish electronically, sign on bulletin board by PO letting people know that it will be electronic from here on in
  - Draft of newsletter
  - Jane Bouley has pictures that we might use to update the website or use in the newsletter
- New Business
  - Vote on Agreement with the Branford Land trust regarding Rockland Pond
  - Land Trust made one word change – Land Trust will sign and we will sign.

- There will be another memorandum of understanding by the folks who are “Friends of the Park”.
- See memorandum attached.
- Chris Collins made a motion to accept the memorandum of understanding between the Branford Land Trust and CASB. Peg Carpenter seconded. All in favor.
- Land use commissioners (us) are required to take 4 hours of land use training. There are choices of when and what topic to take. We will do that.
- Eagle scout needs guidance on where to place the lending library. Doug Hanlon will call him.
- Ken Engelman wrote again and was directed to the minutes with the record of discussion regarding his concern.

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

- 79 Shore Drive – shared drive. Owner has sum pump system. Manhole cover that says “Branford” on it. Owner is very frustrated with trying to get the town to deal with the catch basins that seem to be clogged. She will go to the town engineer.
- The check valve on Beckett is not working properly. They have to be cleaned. Doug Hanlon has continued to send pictures to the town when Beckett floods at high tide to try to get the check valve fixed.
- CASB will send a letter to town engineer and the first selectman.

Francesca Bickel made a motion to adjourn at 9:30. Peg Carpenter seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Bickel