



Civic Association of

# Short Beach

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

*Pre-Amble to hear from East Shore Water:*

Mike - Director ESHD

Ann Davis, resident

Amy - Deputy Director

Sarah - PhD student

Map of sites being sampled – sampled 9 times – 7 after significant rain count and 2 after dry weather which is two days without rain

Counts get higher as summer progresses – dry weather samples are much lower

Preliminary finding – a lot of dog feces especially Clark Ave beaches – especially where garbage pails are. Consider ways to remediate that and then see if the samples get better.

Many pieces of the puzzle still need to be put in place – need to drill down in some of the sampling. For example, species identification found some Avian and some human.

First to fix – dog waste. Amount of contamination is really significant. Getting folks to pick up properly after their dogs.

Consideration of using better barrel.

Form small committee to work with ESHD to work on solutions to dog feces contamination.

Figure out a way to get the message out to the community – Short Beach Bulletin Board?

Present: Doug Hanlon, Peg Carpenter, Fran Clark, David Engler, Francesca Bickel, Brian Funaro, Chris Collins, Dave Perkins, ZEO

Absent: Darce DeCosta, Paula Wilmer

Meeting called to order by President Doug Hanlon at 7:34pm

1. Final review of the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - a. Tabled to next meeting – July and August
    - i. Brian Funaro made a motion. Doug Hanlon seconded. All in favor.

2. Report of the Treasurer
  - a. Checking – Through end of August \$68,688.26
  - b. Savings – End of August \$51,645.98

3. Zoning Applications or actions taken by ZEO

*86-88 Riverview Avenue*

Impervious/Pervious ground on parcel

Presenting Survey – 2% over 75% requirement

Removed material in two places making it %73.3 coverage

Signed and has a sealed

This takes care of the issue of impervious lot coverage.

Dave Perkins will review the info and we will vote on this next month.

*Resolution Driveway 180-186 Clark (letter attached)*

Was not just a re paving – raised 12 to 16 inches in flood plain

Very complicated with easements, sewer lines,

It will be ripped up and re done.

*Report on ZBA from David Perkins*

Did not uphold the CASB decision – 14 Rockland Park

One neighbor has been appealed to Superior Court

Andi Hallier will contact counsel – she will turn over audio file and complaint

Andi suggests we hire a stenographer for public meetings – propose to start with members of our own community who may have these skills –

Andi will investigate costs and availability and report back

Post on FB Bulletin Board for available stenographer from neighborhood – Doug Hanlon will post

*Shirley McCarthy – Solar*

Has a number of campaigns for energy efficiency and solar

Could bring in a couple of companies to educate on solar,

Mid October for a Thursday or Friday night for a special meeting to educate public

4. Garbage Bins, Civic members 'request for help  
Garbage Cans being left out and not returned to yard  
Using them to hold parking spots

*Action steps:*

Discuss with town – is there an ordinance? What is the town policy? Are other neighborhoods having this issue?

Include in newsletter – friendly neighborly reminder?

Frying oil behind the restaurants –

Restaurants have big cans filled with old fryer oil

Dave Perkins will follow up about fryer oil and closing the dumpsters

5. Unfinished Business:

*Wall of "thank you" on the website for July/August*

Short Beach Days volunteers

David Steiman for his contribution as acting secretary for ZBA

Fred Bortolan for weeding the sidewalk by Johnson's Beach

Liam Watson for raking the beach all summer

John and Connie Smith for donating the plaque for the bench

*Update on memorial plaque for Justine Gillen*

Plaque is made – Greg Carpenter prepared the bench. Doug Hanlon and Brian Funaro will finish bench in black.

*Place doggie bags on Shore Drive and other sites north of Shore Drive, Report, update*

Front of trolley tracks – most is the railroad's property – will they empty?

Given information on dog feces pollution – this will need to be considered at length with the committee and ESHD

Try to put the one of the new residential cans by the beach so that the dog poop doesn't get in the water – Who would empty them?

*Sub Committee* – Peg Carpenter, Brian Funaro, Doug Hanlon, Dave Engler, Chris Collins

6. Reports of the Committees:

- a. Fire & Police – All good.

- b. Sanitation-

Committee to attend Solid Waste Management Commission regarding unsafe condition of the waters in Short Beach Report – Continued

c. Parks & Beaches

Right of way on Beckett – Fran Clark will talk to mower folks who will weed whack the area

Ramp at Johnson’s Beach--- Dave Perkins – No new news. Have to eliminate extension to do anything else. Tabled to spring time.

Reminder sign to keep dogs on leash – tabled we have signs.

Maintenance at Valley Street—report on work and future plans for maintenance

It’s been cleaned up. Can reevaluate at the end of September

d. Traffic, Roads & Sidewalks

Update to Short Beach Traffic Calming – Linda Erlanger sent summary of meeting with Doug Hanlon. There will be two speed signs. See Addendum.

e. Communication Committee, Website---

Newsletter focus group.

6. New Business

Info from Jen Walker, concerning transferring the CASB money into an interest-bearing acct through the Branford Community Foundation – Tabled to next month.

Ralph Murray has been paying for doggie bags. Much cheaper on Amazon. Ralph will submit a bill to Fran Clark.

Peg Carpenter will set up a CASB tax exempt account for us on Amazon.

106 Shore Drive – built a patio. Dave has spoken to the owner and no plan to do more.

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.

Peg Carpenter made a motion to adjourn. Brian Funaro seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Bickel