

**Sippewissett Association
Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2008 (Approved)**

Board Present: Katie Abrams, Susan Cohan, Barbara Eck, Michael Eder, Peter Waasdorp, Kathleen Taylor, Carolyn Powers

Board Absent: Deborah Gove, Maureen Conte, Arthur Gaines, Margaret Goud Collins

Also in attendance: Mary Fran Buckley

The meeting was held at the home of Katie Abrams and was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Katie Abrams.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report - Review of SA Meeting Minutes May 15, 2008 – Sue Cohan

Carolyn moved to accept the minutes. Peter seconded. VOTED.

Treasurer's Report - Michael Eder

As of 09/09/08 Eastern MMF balance is \$9363.55, the Checking balance is \$789.01.

Membership Update – Barbara Eck

We had 147 members in 2008. Of these 112 renewed for 2009, 30 haven't renewed yet. We continue to have 5 complimentary members. Seven members were purged at the end of June. Eight memberships came in from the 'new resident' mailing. **Barbara** will be sending out 2nd notices this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Web Site Update – Sue Cohan

A running list of desired web site changes follows.

- Ongoing Activities – Woodneck Beach Study- **Sue** will update dates with those supplied by Betsy Gladfelter in her Summer Newsletter article.
- Ongoing Activities – Phragmites – **Sue** to call Nancy McDonald to arrange update on Phragmites for website.
- Ongoing Activities – SippOwisset – **Sue** to use Arthur's Newsletter article and Sept. letter to draft an update, then have it reviewed by Arthur. **Sue** to include a statement about the *SippOwisset/SA relationship, also to be checked by Arthur.
- Ongoing Activities – Beebe Woods – **Peter** will again request that the FINAL study be posted on the ConCom website
- Ongoing Activities – Cape Codder Condominium Wastewater Disposal System Assessment – add an item about this with link to the report – Not assigned
- Ongoing Activities – Coastal Access committee – add an item about this - Not assigned pending upcoming discussion about Coastal Access Committee
- History – 'Under construction' removed until we identify someone to provide the content.
- News – **Sue** to include Maggie's 'Bridges and Bike Paths Construction Update'
- News - **Sue** to include brief highlights of Mark Rasmussen's talk at the annual meeting (from annual meeting minutes)

* Michael pointed out that we need to make a statement about the relationship of the SippOwisset activities to SA on the website. Sue pointed out that this also applies to future newsletters.

Noise Committee – Peter Waasdorp and Katie Abrams

Police monitored noise levels in East Falmouth during the spring and issued 50 citations. Word is getting out that Falmouth is enforcing the state noise level ordinance. The police chief is very supportive. There will be 'Noise Free Community' signs posted at major entrances to town. The issue being addressed is not exclusively motorcycle noise but any noise exceeding the 80 decibel limit, such as contractor and landscaper noise.

Newsletter - Barbara Eck

Barbara updated the Board concerning the proposed transition of Newsletter responsibilities from Peter and Tinker Cavanaugh to Mary Fran Buckley, a new member who expressed an interest in helping out in this area. Barbara, Katie and Sue had an initial meeting with Mary Fran in August to share information about the newsletter task. Barbara and Katie spoke with Peter and Tinker to determine whether they would be interested in phasing out of this responsibility after handling it for so long; they were receptive.

Mary Fran attended tonight's meeting to review status and plans for assuming the publication and editing of the newsletter. Current newsletter process was also reviewed. The Board indicated support for her taking on this task. Tomorrow Mary Fran will meet with Tinker for a turnover.

Kathy suggested that when she puts together the 'new residents' list for membership purposes that list could also be published in the newsletter. The question of whether residents would want their names to appear was raised; nothing was decided.

Concerning the winter newsletter, everyone should be thinking of ideas for articles and bring them to the November meeting. Coalition for Buzzards Bay Oil Spill planning, Phragmites update, a Beach Management update, and thanks to Peter and Tinker were mentioned as likely topics. Katie will get information about the oil spill planning process.

Annual Meeting Review

There was agreement that the annual meeting was very successful this year. Katie received input that members like its informational aspect and wondered if we could provide something more than once a year. We discussed incorporating a talk into the socials; In fact, this was done last winter. The Winter Social was felt to be more conducive to this type of format than the Summer Social. No decisions were made.

Summer Social Review

It was suggested we change the time to 5 – 7 pm so people can enjoy the beach longer on a nice day. There was no apparent disagreement.

Schedule for future Board Meetings

Nov. 13 at Barbara's house, Jan. 8 at Sue's house. Katie will complete the schedule using 2nd Thursdays of the month and solicit volunteers to host the meetings

NEW BUSINESS

14 Maker Lane Issues

Debbie Gove was unable to attend tonight but sent an email to Katie outlining ongoing activities at 14 Maker Lane which she believes are in violation of town regulations. She believes the project has been operating outside the building permit.

This led to a discussion about whether SA should be working on individual problems or taking it up a level to address the more general problem, in this case lack of staffing to enforce the town's regulations. When someone raises an issue should we just advise on process, or should we be provide deeper support such as attending meetings with the concerned parties, speaking at those meetings, etc.? There seem to be increasing numbers of problem projects which could spread Board resources too thin. This should be a topic of discussion for the next meeting.

OTHER

Coastal Access should be a topic for the next meeting.

Barbara moved to adjourn meeting. Voted to adjourn at 9:03 PM.
The next meeting is November 13, 2008 at Barbara Eck's home.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association