

Sippewissett Association

Mission (summarized):

- *protect and foster the interests of landowners of the Sippewissett region of the Town of Falmouth, Massachusetts*
- *promote and encourage cooperation among such landowners in order to ensure that the future development of the Sippewissett region shall be in keeping with its residential zoning restrictions*
- *protect and prevent the misuse of public and common areas in the Sippewissett region.*

Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2009 – draft2 (Approved 12/03/2009)

Board Present: Katie Abrams, Karl Audenaerde, Mary Fran Buckley, Susan Cohan, Maureen Conte, Arthur Gaines, Nancy McDonald, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Margaret Goud Collins, Debbie Gove, Carolyn Powers

The meeting was held at the home of President Peter Waasdorp and was called to order at 7:08 PM by him.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

Katie moved to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting – draft1. Nancy seconded. **VOTED.**

The Corporate Annual Report due November 1 will be mailed this week.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$8857.80 and a Checking balance of \$786.66. He expressed concern that the graph provided by Michael Eder at the Annual Meeting showed a downward trend in our low-point balance over the past several years. The desirability of maintaining a 'minimum balance' and/or 'war chest' and what this means ensued.

Katie moved that we maintain a minimum balance (warning level) of \$4000. Maureen seconded. **VOTED.**

Karl then moved that \$4K should be considered an absolute minimum (no more expenditures) and that \$8K should be the warning level. The Board wants to be clear about our basic operating expenses; development of a budget for 2010 will help. Pending this information, Karl WITHDREW his MOTION. **Karl** will prepare a budget proposal before the next meeting. **Mary Fran** will send him a budget for the newsletters based on keeping them under 1 oz. for postage. **Everyone** should provide Karl with information concerning budget requirements since he has checking account records for the past year only.

Review of Baywatcher bills/payments and commitments for next year

At the November 2008 meeting we voted to pay for the full 2007 and 2008 testing programs rather than the customary 50%. This was an additional \$380 for 2007 and a total of \$870 for 2008. These amounts have been paid. In July 2009 Tony Williams estimated that the 2009 full testing program (3 sites, 4 samples each, testing by MBL) will cost \$771.72. This amount has not been approved as yet and should be considered along with other donations/expenditures as we set our 2010 budget.

(Maureen explained that there has been a substantial lag between collection and actual testing of samples; consequently we don't receive the invoice for a summer's testing until the following fiscal year. This may change now that MBL is doing the testing.)

Membership Report – ?

We have 128 paid members according to Karl. Barbara used to send out a 2nd reminder. Karl will provide his listing of this year's paid members to Bob Busby, who should have the list of last year's membership. A reminder postcard should be sent to those who have not renewed as yet. **Peter** will follow up with Bob.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Social – Peter

About 50 people attended. **Peter** will send out suggested purchase amounts for future summer socials since we had too much this year.

Aquaculture

According to Peter and Arthur, not much has changed since the summer newsletter article was written. **Sue** will put an entry in Ongoing Activities on the website based on that content.

Woodneck Beach Management Report – Update

Arthur indicated that Betsy Gladfelter was planning to move this forward this month. All test results are available and she is motivated to complete the analysis and report soon.

SippOwisset Update – Arthur Gaines

COSH (Committee of SippOwisset Homeowners) is in the process of negotiating a settlement which, unfortunately, will include construction of a house on the property. COSH goals in negotiating the settlement include: 1. redefining the 'beach' such that deeded rights will be expanded to last in perpetuity, even as the location of the beach shifts over time; 2. placing approximately half the land outside the house under a conservation restriction. Maureen noted that previous actions have already minimized the impact of the structure with regard to positioning and its septic system.

Quiet Roads – Peter

Signs about motorcycle noise will be posted at the north entrance to Sippewissett and in Woods Hole on School St.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect board member to fill Barbara Eck's seat

Sue moved that Mary Fran Buckley fill Barbara's vacant seat. Katie seconded. **VOTED.** **Sue** should make sure Nancy and Mary Fran are part of the SA email group.

Ocean Management Plan

Peter has information about and links to the Ocean Management Plan if anyone is interested in reviewing and commenting on it.

Liability insurance for board members

We discussed whether we might need Directors and Officers liability insurance. Nancy indicated that the Sippewissett Place board carries it. Katie indicated the Racing Beach Association has liability insurance for the beach but not for the Directors and Officers. Peter suggested we should at least get per-day coverage when we have socials (and perhaps annual meeting?). **Peter** will check with his insurance agent. Nancy will give **Sue** the Sippewissett Place insurance policy + cost to review.

Archives

Peter feels the group needs an archivist so records can be readily located and reviewed when necessary. **Peter** is willing to begin collecting the information. Hartley, Katie, Maureen, Bob, Jack Pierce, Hartley, Al Gordon, and Sue are all known to hold some records. We'll need to identify someone to be the 'archivist'.

Meeting dates for this membership year

To be determined.

Next meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Sue Cohan's house, 433 Sippewissett Rd.

Katie moved to adjourn meeting at 8:45 P.M. Nancy seconded. **VOTED.**

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association