

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 – December 3, 2009 – approved

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

Board Absent: Margaret Goud Collins, Debbie Gove

The meeting was held at the home of Susan Cohan and was called to order by Peter Waasdorp at 7:10 p.m.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

Carolyn moved to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting – draft2. Arthur seconded. **VOTED.**

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$8,861.50 and a Checking balance of \$567.88.

Karl and **Sue** will meet in January to develop a budget proposal for 2010. Karl has information about recurring expenses. However, **everyone** needs to send him input about projected extraordinary expenses. Arthur suggested defining budget amounts in terms of % of income rather than absolute amounts due to annual variance in income.

Donation amounts for 2010 will be decided when we review the budget.

Membership Report – Peter (for Bob)

We have 128 paid members.

Nancy will print the labels for previous year members who haven't renewed. **Peter** will try to get last year's reminder letter from Barbara, then will send out the follow-up mailing.

OLD BUSINESS

Archives

Maureen will get Duff Allen's files. **Peter** will get Katie's files. Hartley, Peter and Sue have additional files. **Sue** will put any documents of interest on the website. It was suggested that the archives be organized by Crisis (and administrative categories such as Minutes, Membership, etc.) and be cross-referenced/indexed by Town Decision so that information on those decisions can be readily found.

Physical location for the archives is to be determined. Arthur suggested using electronic storage.

Aquaculture Update

The Selectmen approved the 3 acre site off Flume Pond for bottom-based aquaculture with requirements similar to those of the already-operating Gansett project. An additional proposal for a 10 acre bottom-based project off Wood Neck is still under review.

Peter will get information and maps from ConCom to put on the website.

Wood Neck Beach Management Report Update

Betsy Gladfelter has requested that the report be finalized in the next month. Arthur provided a summary of the findings: 1. the marsh is flushing very well; 2. the coliform bacteria present is from wildlife, not from people; 3. there's no point to changing the inlet; 4. there may be recommendation to re-open water flow to the pond across the street.

Sippowisset Update – Arthur Gaines

A compromise has been negotiated which addresses goals described in the meeting minutes of 10/08/2009. Sweeney has 5 months in which to get a building permit. If he can't or if the compromise falls apart, then the case will be pursued in the Land Court.

Quiet Roads – Peter

New anti-noise signs have been posted since our last meeting. The police are distributing a leaflet to motorcycle shops.

Liability and D&O Insurance update – Peter and Sue

Sue summarized a document entitled 'Limiting Liability and Risk of Directors and Officers' from 'Massachusetts Nonprofit Organizations' by Frederic Marx, Esq. **Sue** will email this and another document to the Board as background information.

She also reviewed the Sippewissett Place policy as an instance of a Directors and Officers policy. It provides \$1 million coverage for \$821.

Peter reported on a discussion he had with Art Calfee of Arthur Calfee Insurance. Calfee's primary concern was our potential liability from socials where alcohol is served. We could get event insurance for approximately \$200 per event.

We discussed that concern and also the fact that the association as well as Board members as individuals can be sued, even for the primary purpose of intimidation. Even groundless suits can incur significant legal expenses.

Peter will contact a person at Paul Peters Agency thought to be familiar with insuring organizations similar to Sippewissett Association and review our situation.

Gunning Point Coastal Issues update

Arthur summarized the issue being pursued by Michael Eder concerning illegal placement and size of groins and their recent enlargement. Peter will draft a letter indicating that Sippewissett Association supports in principal efforts by the DEP to protect coastal access and enforce associated regulations. He will have the Board review it by email and will call an email vote if there is disagreement about the wording.

NEW BUSINESS

Contact List

Sue provided printed copies of the contact list and will email the list to the 'sippboard' mail group. (Email Sue with any corrections.)

Winter Newsletter Planning

Articles to include: Aquaculture(**Peter**), Wood Neck(**Arthur**), Quiet Roads(**Peter**), Piece on Katie(**Sue**, **Peter** will get picture), Piece on Duff(**Maureen**), SippOwisset(**Arthur**), Membership(**Maureen**), Phragmites(**Nancy**).

Articles are due to Mary Fran the 1st week of January.

Fill vacant director's position

Peter provided two names suggested by Tinker. Nancy will speak with one of those people when the occasion arises. In the meantime the position will be left vacant, possibly until Annual Meeting. (Note: our bylaws dictate that we return to an odd number of directors.)

Date for Annual Meeting

June 26, 2010. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m.-12 p.m. program. **Peter** will ask Kathy Taylor to reserve the Cape Codder community room.

Winter Social

March 14th, 7th, and 28th are possible dates. **Peter** will check with West Falmouth Library. Hilo Lyman (Falmouth Friendly landscaping, gardening, head of Spore Gardens) was suggested as a speaker.

Next meeting date and place

Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Carolyn Powers' house.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association