

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 – May 20, 2010 – draft2 approved 9/16/2010

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Susan Cohan, Margaret Goud Collins, Arthur Gaines, Debbie Gove, Nancy McDonald, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Mary Fran Buckley, Maureen Conte, Carolyn Powers

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

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

Minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting as taken by Carolyn Powers were circulated.

Corrections:

- spelling of 'McDonald'
- Arthur recommended several changes to the third paragraph of the 'Old Business' section. **Arthur** will send suggested replacement text to **Sue** who will incorporate and circulate an updated draft for Board approval.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$8,370.48 and a checking balance of \$375.36.

Karl spoke with Mark Roberts, the attorney responsible for Cape Coddier Settlement escrow account (\$5,000), who said he would alert the accountant to pass along the funds to S.A.

Concerning S.A. tax filing requirements, Karl believes S.A. owes no tax based on our income level and don't need to file, but he had trouble finding a definitive answer. He did learn that if we do not file at least biennially we may lose our tax id and have to reapply for a new one.

Membership Report – Peter (for Bob Busby)

One membership renewal was received since the last meeting.

Peter will determine whether Kathy Taylor will produce the list of new residents and do the new-resident mailing again this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Planning

The Annual Meeting will be June 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cape Coddier Community Room. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. Setup starts at 9:00 a.m.

The business portion of the meeting will include: Secretary's report, Treasurer's report, Membership report, votes on dues and donations, SippOwissett update, Aquaculture update, 'New thrusts'.

Setup will be based on expecting 50 attendees.

Tasks:

Speaker – **Arthur** will ask Julie Huber, **Peter** will ask Mitch, **Peter** will ask Betsy Gladfelter – in that order.

Copies of agenda - **Peter**

Copies of 2009 Annual Meeting minutes - **Sue**

Copies of Treasurer's report - **Karl**
 Coffee(2 Boxes o' Joe), donuts, tea bags + urn for water – **Sue**
 Sugar, cream, stirrers, napkins from Dunkin Donuts
 Extra cups, napkins, milk - **Sue**
 Chair rental (50 chairs) - **Peter**
 Tables for brochures – **Arthur**
Table for coffee etc. - Peter
 Bottled Water - **Peter**
 Literature - **Peter**
 Name tags and pens – **Sue**
 Traffic direction – **Peter** will ask Bruno

Proposed Board and Officers for 2010

Officers – (1 year term)

President – Peter Waasdorp, Vice President – Margaret Goud Collins,
 Treasurer - Karl Audenaerde Secretary – Susan Cohan

For 3 year term on the Board:

Susan Cohan (re-election) 2010
 Margaret Goud Collins (re-election) 2010
 Vacancy (new) 2010

Continuing on the Board: Year elected

Deborah Gove	2008
Carolyn Powers	2008
Peter Waasdorp	2008
Karl Audenaerde	2009
Mary Fran Buckley	2009
Maureen Conte	2009
Arthur Gaines	2009
Nancy McDonald	2009

These people will be contacted in order to determine their interest in filling the Board vacancy: 1. Milton Skilton or Joanne Muramoto (by **Maggie**), 2. Merle Mizell (by **Peter**), 3. Ann Piccolo (by **Peter**). Other names mentioned were Ken Foote and Betty Sturmer.

Mary Fran has agreed to continue doing the newsletter and will handle membership.

SippOwisset Update – Arthur Gaines

The Sweeney case has been settled. The beach and pond now belong to the Salt Pond Area Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. with beach access rights assured to the SippOwisset community. Sweeney will erect a house on part of the land along the East side of the Pond with access through Lot 71, which he acquired in 2004; construction is to be subject to the DEP order of conditions and Town of Falmouth building and public health code. According to the Land Court settlement, the house will include a denitrification system. Any violation of this Land Court settlement will place Mr. Sweeney in contempt of court.

S.A. may be asked to pay \$2,500 of the \$5,000 originally committed, depending on final details. Arthur will keep the Board informed.

Quiet Roads – Peter

Peter received a thank-you letter sent to S.A. for its donation toward paying for signs. The noise ordinance will be enforced but the police Chief cannot add extra noise-enforcement details due to budget constraints.

Liability and D&O Insurance

Peter will check on single-day alcohol coverage for the Summer Social.

The Board discussed dropping the Winter Social or changing its format. Attendance has been 20 – 40 people the past few years. With the addition of insurance it's an expensive event. No decision was made.

With the settlement of the Sweeney case the Board seems less concerned about a frivolous suit, at least for now. However, alcohol coverage remains an issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposals for the Annual Meeting

Dues for 2010 – Karl recommended a dues increase of 10%. The S.A. financial situation has deteriorated over the past several years. It has been many years since dues have changed. Karl moved that the Board propose setting 2010 dues at \$27.50. Seconded and **VOTED**.

Donations for 2010 - The Board reviewed the rationale for donations going forward. We want to support groups focused on conservation, particularly those whose work directly impacts Sippewissett. The Board VOTED to recommend the following levels of funding: Coalition for Buzzards Bay \$300, The 300 Committee \$200, F.A.C.E.S. \$200, Salt Pond Sanctuaries \$200, A.P.C.C. \$150.

The Board also **VOTED** to continue funding the Baywatchers water quality testing program. For 2010 Karl will track the extra funds that come in with membership checks earmarked for water quality testing. We may also consider using some of the funds from the Cape Codder Settlement to pay for the testing.

New resident mailing

Peter will contact Kathy Taylor about producing the list of new residents again this year and possibly doing the new-resident mailing.

Summer Newsletter Planning

Topics and assignments:

SippOwisset final update - Arthur

Thank you to Cleanup Week team – Nancy

Aquaculture - Eric (who spoke at the Winter Social)

Wetland regulations – include a 'did you know' box in each issue

Articles are due to Mary Fran by June 5th. Mailing is targeted for June 12 to allow a 2 week notice of the Annual Meeting.

Summer Social

Peter will ask the Klein-Robbenhaars if they will host the Social this year on August 1, 2010 at 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Next meeting

September 16, 2010 at Karl Audenaerde's house, 560 Ter Heun Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Cohan, Secretary

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