

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 – September 16, 2010 – Draft2 (APPROVED 12-10-2010)

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Mary Fran Buckley, Susan Cohan, Arthur Gaines, Debbie Gove, Nancy McDonald, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Margaret Goud Collins, Maureen Conte, Carolyn Powers

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

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

Minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting (draft2) were circulated. Nancy moved to accept as presented. Debbie seconded. VOTED.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$9,526.62 and a checking balance of \$920.12. He recently paid the 2009 BayWatcher water quality testing bill.

Concerning the Cape Codder escrow account, the attorney now states the escrowed amount was \$2500 (plus \$500 interest) rather than \$5,000 which is the figure we had been using. Karl has received a \$3000 check after much back-and-forth with the attorney. Arthur suggested **Karl** check with Maureen about the amount since she had originally reported it as \$5,000.

Membership Report – Karl Audenaerde for Bob Busby

We have 121 paid members which continues the downward trend. We need to increase the membership number. Sue mentioned that reminder postcards had been sent in previous years. **Peter** will coordinate with **Bob Busby**.

New resident letter: **Peter** will check with Kathy Taylor whether it was sent this summer (Kathy emailed on 10/11/10 that she had mailed out the letter during the summer).

Solicitation of new members: **Peter** will ask **Bob** to send an email listing members by area. This might help us identify folks who previously were members and could possibly be reenlisted or others who might join.

Website – Sue Cohan

Corcoran house plans – **Sue** will try to get files from Hartley and attempt to post them.

Sue will review website content for update.

Arthur will send an email to post concerning about boats on the beach.

The Board would like to post meeting notes on the website. **Sue** will decide where and begin to post them.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual meeting review

All present thought it went very well.

Summer social review

Everyone enjoyed it and thought it was one of the best.

SippOwisset Update

The Committee of SippOwisset Homeowners (COSH) is attempting to pay off its final legal bill. Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries (SPABSI) said they would consider the remaining legal expense as part of the cost of acquiring the land. The total bill was \$25K; SPABSI had about \$10K available leaving \$15K to be raised. Money has been trickling in; approximately \$8K is still needed. COSH is now approaching potential first-time contributors to raise these funds.

Archives

Rosemary Hoskins, Ann Piccolo and Ellie Shaver have offered to organize the archives in Hartley's possession. They requested guidelines for the project. As discussed at a previous meeting, it was agreed that documents, both paper and electronic, should be organized first by issue, then chronologically within issue. Other documents should be organized in chronological order. Arthur suggested we consider hiring someone to scan and convert paper documents to electronic form once everything has been organized. Karl reminded the Board we'll need to exercise fiscal restraint.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Appointment

Arthur moved that Milton 'Bob' Skilton be appointed to the Board with term starting in 2010. Debbie seconded. VOTED.

Peter will get email information for Bob and forward it to **Sue** who will add him to the sippboard group and update contact info spreadsheet for 2010-2011.

Karl reported that Merle Mizelle had expressed interest in joining the Board on the Membership renewal form. **Peter** will contact to let him know that he'll be considered for the next open Board seat.

Baywatchers test results

Arthur took the paper copy of the results that had been mailed to SA. **Arthur** will try to get an electronic form of the results to forward to the Board.

Insurance

Sue had earlier suggested that perhaps BYOB for the winter social would eliminate potential liability. **Peter** will check with an insurance agent.

Right of way between Cape Codder and Beccles Rd.

Town maps show a paper road exists between the Cape Codder and Beccles Rd. One of two current owners whose properties run to the midpoint of a significant stretch of this road is willing to clear his half which would provide a pass-through. However, a third owner's property spans both sides of another stretch of the road and he is blocking the right to pass through. Arthur feels the community may have the right to just open it, given that it's marked as a road on town maps. Someone in the community needs to 'carry the ball'. **Sylvia Vatuk should be asked** to identify who this will be.

Winter newsletter – preliminary ideas

Baywatcher test results. Little Sippewissett marsh test findings.

Next meeting

December 2, 2010 at Sue Cohan's house, 433 Sippewissett Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association