

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 – February 10, 2011 – Approved 04-20-2011

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Mary Fran Buckley, Susan Cohan, Margaret Goud Collins, Maureen Conte, Merle Mizell, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Arthur Gaines, Debbie Gove, Nancy McDonald, Bob Skilton,

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

AGENDA

Board vacancy

It was moved, seconded and voted to elect Merle Mizell for a term to end at the annual meeting in 2014 (in order to maintain a fairly even distribution of term expirations).

Board and Officers for 2010-2011 (updated 2/10/11)

Officers – (1 year term)

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

3 year term on the Board:

Susan Cohan (re-elected)	2010
Margaret Goud Collins (re-elected)	2010
Bob Skilton (elected Dec 2010)	2010
Merle Mizell (elected Feb. 2011)	2011

Continuing on the Board: Year elected

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

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

In Debbie Gove's absence final review of December 9, 2010 meeting minutes was deferred until the next Board meeting.

Questions were raised concerning whether the 12/09/2010 minutes concerning funding for Phragmites projects correctly align with the project currently proposed by the Coalition for Buzzards Bay and Dick Payne and whether they fully reflect the intent of the Board. Discussion centered on two points:

- What work are we funding? - Per an email from Dick Payne, CBB currently hopes to bundle mitigation work for Wood Neck, Gunning Point and Flume Ponds into an initial project to achieve economy of scale and for the purpose of applying for grant funding. We're trying to display support for CBB efforts. The 12-09-10 minutes state that the voted funds were specifically for Little Sippewissett (Wood Neck) and Gunning Point Ponds, excluding the likely Flume Pond component of the initial project.

- More detail will be needed before any checks will be written – Karl expressed concern that funds were voted without availability of specifics as to how the money will be spent.

There was a consensus of those in attendance that 12-09-10 minutes should be changed from '...Maggie proposed a pledge of \$2000 towards both projects....' to '...Maggie proposed a pledge of up to \$2000 for the group of phragmites projects in Sippewissett for which the CBB will try to obtain foundation funding. (As of this date Wood Neck, Gunning Point and Flume Pond are included). Specific payments will be voted as invoices are submitted to the Board.'

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$9,533.72 and a checking balance of \$ 995.68.

Membership Report – Karl and Peter for Bob Busby

We currently have 126 paid members. Reminder postcards have not been sent yet because of inconsistency between the two databases. This should be resolved shortly.

Both Sue and Peter are holding some New Member files; Peter will pass his to Sue.

Website Report – Sue Cohan

Corcoran house plans – **Sue** will ask Hartley again.
Meeting minutes since May 2007 are now on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter newsletter

Mary Fran has Eric Matzen's aquaculture article.
Arthur's article on the Wood Neck Beach study is expected tomorrow.

Sam sent notes to Mary Fran about Phragmites project status but no article.
Peter will send the email chain about this to Mary Fran. Nancy/Peter/Sue may be able to help Mary Fran put the article together.

On the subject of Phragmites, Karl expressed concern about whether we understand the possible impact of herbicide treatments. Maureen suggested he refer to the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (IPANE) which describes some of the currently used herbicides.

The newsletter needs to be delivered in time to announce the Winter Social.

Winter social

The winter social will be held March 20 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm. We'd like to have a speaker around 3:30 pm for 15-20 min. Roger Hamlin was suggested.

Peter reported that the Quarterdeck could work (no rental, cash bar, we can bring food in) but it's in the basement. The Nimrod would be too expensive. Peter will check Lee-side and Captain Kidd. Since we've provided beverages in the past we'll provide 1 or 2 drink tickets to attendees, number to be determined based on other costs of the event. Post-meeting Kathy Taylor suggested Falmouth Artist Guild.

Spillane property update

The ConCom hearing concerning maintenance of Spillane's riprap has been continued to March 23rd. Maureen thinks moving the riprap back further onto the property would be beneficial to the resource area.

Maureen will send Sue pictures from Mike Eder of the Sippewissett/Gunning Point coastline over the years which show pre-jetty and the post-jetty beach condition, to be posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual meeting

The meeting will be June 25 at the Cape Codder community room. 9:00 am setup, 9:30 am coffee, 10:00 am business meeting, 11:00 am speaker. The Board was interested in having a talk on phragmites; Dick Payne might be a good speaker. Roger Hamlin was also suggested as a speaker (not on phragmites).

Summer social

Geraldine Klein-Robenhaar has offered her home. Date will be set later.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be April 20, 2011 at Sue Cohan's house, 433 Sippewissett Rd.
The agenda is to include nominating committee, summer newsletter and annual meeting planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association