

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 – April 20, 2011 – Approved 06-01-2011

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Susan Cohan, Margaret Goud Collins, Arthur Gaines, Merle Mizell, Nancy McDonald, Bob Skilton, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Debbie Gove, Mary Fran Buckley, Maureen Conte,

The meeting was held at the home of Susan Cohan and was called to order by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

Final review of December 9, 2010 meeting minutes

Arthur asked that an update be made indicating that the lawyer for the SippOwissett litigation has now been paid. He also asked for rewording of a sentence in the section 'Spillane and Morse Projects before ConCom'

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.'

Peter moved the minutes be approved after final look-over from Arthur. Seconded and VOTED.

February 10, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. Bob moved to approve them. Seconded and VOTED.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$ 9,536.03 and a checking balance of \$966.90.

Membership Report – Karl for Bob Busby

We currently have 127 paid members, per post-meeting re-check by Karl.

Website Report – Sue Cohan

The winter newsletter is on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter social

Attendance was 22, mostly board members. Attendees enjoyed the event. Next year we may consider holding it in someone's home. Karl checked with his insurance agent and was told that homeowner's liability covers \$500,000, umbrella policies kick in after \$1 million so there is a \$500K coverage gap. Anyone considering hosting may want to review their policies.

Survey of the seaward bound (mean low water) of the Sippowisset Gunning Point shoreline starting from the fixed back lotline

Hartley Hoskins suggests surveying the shoreline so there can be a clear visual representation of the land owned by Langley Keyes, the Langley brothers, and Phil Williams (maybe). Then the identified entity could potentially be transferred to SPABSI (Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries Inc.) for ownership. If even one owner were to give his interest in the land to SPABSI that would weaken the ability of the other owners to pursue any undesirable project. Arthur indicates Hartley is ready to do the survey and was checking to see if there was any objection by the SA Board. No one opposed the idea, although there was some discussion about whether the survey is necessary to moving ahead. Peter will speak with Hartley.

Spillane property update

Maureen sent Sue pictures from Mike Eder of the Sippewissett/Gunning Point coastline over the years which show pre-jetty and the post-jetty beach condition. She sent them as attachments on the sippboard Yahoo group. Board members have had trouble viewing them and also Yahoo prevents download. Peter will check with Maureen or Mike (see Annual Meeting planning below).

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for 2011-2012

Proposed Board and Officers for 2011-2012

Officers – (1 year term)

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

3 year term on the Board:

Deborah Gove (re-elected)	2011
Peter Waasdorp (re-elected)	2011

Continuing on the Board:	Year elected
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Karl Audenaerde	2009
Mary Fran Buckley	2009
Maureen Conte	2009
Arthur Gaines	2009
Nancy McDonald	2009
Susan Cohan	2010
Margaret Goud Collins	2010
Bob Skilton	2010
Merle Mizell (elected Feb. 2011)	2011

Annual meeting planning

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.

Speaker - Dick Payne on phragmites or Ron Zweig on Falmouth water

We need 60 chairs and possibly tables.

Blow up Michael's/Maureen's pictures of coast – Peter will speak to one of them

Assignments

Speaker – **Peter**

Copies of agenda - **Peter**

Copies of 2010 Annual Meeting minutes - **Sue**

Copies of Treasurer's report - **Karl**

Coffee (get 3 Boxes o' Joe), donuts, tea bags + urn for water – **Sue**

Sugar, cream, stirrers, napkins from Dunkin Donuts

Extra cups, napkins, milk - **Sue**

Chair rental (60 chairs) - **Peter**

Head table - **Nancy**
Tables for brochures – **Maggie**
Table for coffee etc. - **Peter**
Bottled Water - **Peter**
Literature - **Peter**
Name tags and pens – **Sue+Peter**
Traffic direction – **Peter** will ask Bruno

Summer newsletter

Possible topics - Phragmites projects (Sam Trotz+Dick Payne), Coastal Resources Working Group report on Buzzards Bay (Peter), Baywatcher test results (? who?), Herring Count (Joann Muramoto)

Phragmites Proposals update from Dick Payne

Three neighbors of Wood Neck have pledged enough money to start that project. In the meantime, Dick and Brendan have made further progress determining where to get grant funding. CBB now proposes to take the lead and treat the 3 Sippewissett ponds as a single project (Flume, Gunning Point, and Wood Neck).

Board members were concerned that this might delay the Wood Neck treatment by a year.

Property west of 73 Sippewissett

1 parcel sold, the larger parcel is still owned by the Eager family. Peter will make sure we're keeping on top of any activity relative to that property.

Summer social

Peter will check with Geraldine Klein-Robenhaar if she is still interested in hosting. 1st choice August 21, 2011. 2nd choice August 7, 2011.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be July 14, 2011 at Peter Waasdorp's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association