

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 14, 2013 – Draft 2 with additions from Peter W. Approved 05-09-2013

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Mary Fran Buckley, Maureen Conte, Arthur Gaines, Nancy McDonald, Peter Waasdorp, Merle Mizell, Bob Skilton

Board Absent: Debbie Gove, Sue Cohan, 1 Vacancy

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 absent]

The minutes of the 12/4/12 meeting as provided by Sue Cohan were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes (Maureen Conte). Seconded (Karl Audenaerde) and **VOTED**. Unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$ 9,550.27 and a checking balance of \$1,354.59. Cost for rental of the West Falmouth Library for the winter social will be \$75 for 3 hours.

WEBSITE REPORT – [Sue Cohan absent]

Sue is working on a prototype/demo of a possible replacement of the existing site.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Karl

There are 136 paid members, up from 129 last year. Water quality donations were \$395 down from \$522 last year. Discussion focused on further targeting of specific neighborhoods under-represented in membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Newsletter

Mary Fran Buckley presented a galley of the winter newsletter, now complete in content. Articles include:

- Wood Neck management studies (tidal flushing) - **Karl and Arthur**
- Note on Oak tree die off – **Nancy**
- Sippewissett Coastal Geology – **Maureen Conte & Jude Wilbur**
- Banded Piping Plover – **Nancy**.

Arthur asked that release of the newsletter be held until irregularities in format of his article with Karl are worked out. Agreed.

Winter social

The date will be March 17th at the West Falmouth Library, 3-5 pm. Set-up and clean-up at 2:30 and 5:00 respectively. Speaker (15 minutes) at 4 pm. In response to insurance considerations and library concerns, no alcohol will be served. Instead there will be a punch and soft drinks, a selection of fine coffees and teas, and finger-foods.

Board responsibilities:

Peter – set-up, clean-up, teas, soft drinks, coffee makers

Maureen – tablecloths, flowers

Arthur – set-up, clean-up, popcorn

Nancy – cheese, punch

Bob – coffee, fresh rolls (Jo Anne)

Mary Fran – TBA?

Karl - fruit

Merle - cookies

Ideas for Speakers/Topics:

Sean Bercaw – Notes in bottles project (Arthur will ask him)

Peterson – The Cape Codder Hotel (Bob will ask him).

Since publication and mailing of the newsletter is delayed, the usual additional notice by post card will not be needed.

Update on Gunning Point Matters

Survey Update and possible contribution: There was no new information on the survey.

Negotiations and continuances: ZBA February 21. Michael Eder has advised that SPABSI and Attorney Ament are still in negotiations, so a continuance will be sought again.

Right of Way Committee

The Right of Way committee is being reactivated following the vote requesting this at the 2012 annual meeting. **Arthur** is willing to again chair the committee if its purpose can be limited and timetable adjusted to accommodate his increasing responsibilities elsewhere. He is also willing to step aside if faster progress is needed. The sentiment of board members was that he should retain the chairmanship.

He presented, once again, the PowerPoint presentation last given at the 2003 Annual Meeting describing the Coastal Access Committee's work up to that date (he will distribute that presentation on CD to the board). The 2003 presentation also included the formal statement of the Sippewissett Association policy on coastal access.

The hiatus following the 2003 presentation resulted from litigation regarding the Sweeney attempts to capture coastal access lands at SippOwisset. That dispute being now settled the Committee can proceed with its work. That work will consist in assessing the present status of access and setting priorities for further action.

The first step will be to survey the original committee for interest in serving once again. It was suggested a short notice in the upcoming newsletter could announce reactivation of the Committee and solicit new members to this working group.

Maureen pointed to coastal access work in Marblehead including their illustrated 2001 booklet ("Discovering Marblehead") mapping and describing in detail specific public access points.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE

The 2013 annual meeting will be held June 22, 2013 at the Cape Codder community building.

BOARD VACANCY

Judy Yost was invited to attend tonight's meeting but on short notice due to power and internet problems at Peter's house. She did not attend and is probably out of town at her winter address.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was entertained.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Sue Cohan's house.

The meeting was adjourned by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

Arthur Gaines for Susan Cohan, Secretary

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