

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 – January 14, 2014 – APPROVED 04/10/2014

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Susan Cohan, Maureen Conte, Michael Eder, Arthur Gaines, Debbie Gove, Nancy McDonald, Bob Skilton, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Judy Yost

The meeting was held at the home of Debbie Gove and was called to order by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 7:12 p.m.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Position vacant.

The minutes of the 10/24/2013 meeting which were provided by Sue were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Seconded and **APPROVED**. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

The checking balance is \$1005.86, the Money Market balance is \$10,054.99.

Karl presented a preliminary budget for 2014. The addition of a few more members which is likely to result from an upcoming mailing of reminder cards will result in a balanced budget.

We received a voucher for a free roundtrip flight from Hyannis to Nantucket as a benefit of one of our donations. It was decided that it should be auctioned off at the upcoming winter social. (Face value about \$120)

Membership Report – Karl Audenaerde

SA current membership is 124.

Karl completed a count of residences in Sippewissett to help us understand our current membership coverage. There are approximately 663 residences in the Sippewissett area. Approximately 20% of these residences are members.

Reminder cards – **Peter** will send them out in the next couple of weeks.

Webmaster's Report – Sue Cohan

Sue will add a News item about the new FEMA maps and a link to the preliminary maps.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanking Hartley - Peter is trying to identify a method of thanking Hartley Hoskins for his exceptional contributions to the Sippewissett community that would please him – perhaps flowers or dinner out? Arthur suggested Hartley would appreciate 'kind words'.

Phragmites update – Cutting (at least partial) has been done at Gunning and Flume Ponds and looks good. The situation concerning Wood Neck Pond - that it was not included in the project following strenuous objection by the Bell family – was discussed. The Board would like to try to pursue this again which will entail getting 1. a reversal of the objection from the Bell family and 2. agreement by the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) to provide the funding and follow-up which they

had originally committed. **Debbie** will draft a letter to take to Millicent Bell. **Peter** will speak with Dick Payne to see if he thinks the BBC would be receptive to pursuing this again.

Update on Gunning Point Matters – There are a number of coastal concerns in the Gunning Point/Cape Codder areas which are listed below. Each was briefly discussed. However, it was agreed that the Coastal Access Committee (CAC) should convene and take them up offline. **Arthur** will determine the membership and get the committee started again.

Concerns:

- Easements
- Chapter 91 matters
 - Gunning Point sea wall and associated ROW
Maureen says the ROW is now passable which would satisfy Chapter 91.
 - Langley-Keyes
 - Cape Codder
- Cape Codder: ConCom 1-8-14
- Cape Codder Road encroachment and ROW
- Cape Codder Road – additions to new construction
- New suggestion - acquisition of lot on Sippewissett Rd. (at Dearborn) which could be a connector between Beebe Woods and the coast.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter newsletter article ideas for Mary Fran

- Removal of invasives and remediation to the coastal bank at the Cape Codder
Perhaps Judy Yost or the president of the Cape Codder could write this.
- A summary of concerns currently receiving attention by Board members
 - The Frank house on the Sweeney property has recently been taken down
 - Construction of the large house near the Cape Codder - is it compliant with town height restriction regulations?
 - Cape Codder ROW dispute
 - The Gunning Point ROW - is now open!
 - Other coastal access issues (see above - Update on Gunning Point Matters)
- Winter social
- Phragmites update (with pictures)
- Town's position on private roads (improved and unimproved)
..plowing? ...trash pickup? ...grading?other?
- Plover status. Has our plover been sighted in the Bahamas this winter?
Nancy will be checking.
- Wild turkeys around Sippewissett

Winter social

The winter social will be held Sunday afternoon, March 16, 2014 3-5 p.m. at the West Falmouth Library. (This date is confirmed.) Arthur will speak about the book, '*Atlantis Stories*' ... based on the memoirs of William B. Cooper who served on the crew of the Woods Hole Oceanographic's first research vessel, the steel ketch *Atlantis*'.

We should invite Judy Cooper and Doug Cooper to come and share their memories. We'll organize the social by email. This will be a non-alcoholic event.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting will be Saturday morning, June 21, 2014 at the Cape Codder. (This date is not yet confirmed.)

Stakeholder summit on area-wide water quality management

An invitation for this event came to the website mailbox. **Sue** will forward it to Maureen.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Sue Cohan's house (433 Sippewissett Rd – park on Racing Beach Ave.)

The meeting was adjourned by President Peter Waasdorp at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan
Sippewissett Association