

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 – December 9, 2010 – Draft2 plus A.G. changes (Approved 04-20-2011)

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Mary Fran Buckley, Margaret Goud Collins, Arthur Gaines, Deborah Gove, Nancy McDonald, Robert Skilton, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Susan Cohan, Maureen Conte

The meeting was held at the home of Nancy McDonald and was called to order by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 7:05 p.m. Debbie Gove offered to keep notes.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Peter Waasdorp

Minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting (draft2) were circulated. Nancy McDonald moved to accept as presented. Debbie Gove seconded. VOTED.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$9,531.29 and a checking balance of \$923.18. The total from the Cape Codder escrow account ended up being \$3,000, calculated by \$2500 original plus \$500 interest. There are no records or notes indicating the history of the amount originally put in escrow.

Membership Report – Karl Audenaerde

124 members paid to date. Bob Busby will work with Karl. They will get the names to Peter of those who have not paid, so that a membership renewal postcard can be mailed out.

Website Report – (from Sue Cohan in absentia)

Corcoran house plans – we are still waiting to get the Corcoran house plans from Hartley Hoskins.

Content review

SippOwissett situation should be part of current activities until the lawyer is paid off. (As of 04-20-2011 meeting the lawyer was paid off.)

Open space and beach access should stay current, as should phragmites.

Meeting minutes – yes, the older minutes should be on the web to give a complete record of what the Sippewissett Association does. Perhaps even scan older minutes from the archives.

Added a link to the Coastal Resources Working Group report on "The Future of Falmouth's Buzzard's Bay Shore."

Regarding the boats on the beach in SippOwissett – we decided it is best not to put anything on the web for now, and instead put a general article on the situation in the summer newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS – Peter Waasdorp

New Resident's letter

New Resident's letter has been mailed, but there are not many new residents. There is a sign saying sold on #54 Sippewissett Rd.

Archives Project

Any archive material should be gotten to Rosemary. Peter will go through the minutes and treasurer reports from Katie's files and get them to Sue and Karl respectively.

Membership follow-up postcards

See Membership item above – postcards will be sent out.

NEW BUSINESS – Peter Waasdorp**Board Vacancy (Carolyn Powers resignation)**

See if Merle Mizell (41 Cape Codder Rd.) is interested. Invite him to the next meeting to see if he wants to accept the nomination.

Winter newsletter**Possible topics:**

Wood Neck Beach – Arthur

Little SippOwisset marsh test findings (from last meeting)

Also, those involved in the Wood Neck Beach study will have a meeting early in 2011 to present the outcome of the study. All parts are now done. Arthur could do an article or a 2-part article.

Phragmites projects – Sam Trotz (with others)

Proposals are out for controlling phragmites in Wood Neck Beach pond and Gunning Point pond. Nancy is interested in a continuance of Sippewissett Place monitoring.

Birds or Waterfowl - general support for this idea. (Molly Cornell)

Shellfish Coop (Sippewissett Shellfish Cooperative) – Eric Matzen

Yes this would be a good follow-up from the summer (2010) annual meeting presentation.

Add a section for members to talk with their neighbors about joining SA. (Mary Fran)

Newsletter Deadlines

Articles – aim for submitting them by mid-January (but accept them until mid Feb.)

Coastal Resources Working Group's report on Buzzards Bay

Yes, an article would be good.

Baywatcher test results (from last meeting) – not discussed.

Phragmites proposals for Gunning Point and Little Sippewissett Pond – Sam Trotz

Two proposals have been developed to control phragmites in Gunning Point Pond (\$16,150) and Wood Neck Pond (\$27,350) using Polatin (same contractor who did the Sippewissett Place work). (Subsequent to the meeting Sue found out from Dick Payne that the intent is for Flume Pond to also be included in the initial project. An estimate was done for that work a while ago and needs to be updated).

Mark Rassmussen (Coalition for Buzzards Bay) met with Sam and Dick Payne and expressed an interest in the project. Sam received a follow-up email indicating the Coalition was very excited about being a part of the proposal. They might be interested in coordinating a more general Buzzards Bay approach to controlling phragmites.

The cost for the Gunning Point proposal could be quite a bit less expensive if the local residents cut up and dispose of the stalks.

Salt Ponds Area (SPASBY) owns the land immediately around the Wood Neck pond. They have no funds to contribute but will grant permission for the work. SippOwisset homeowners are probably not in a good position to offer money towards this project until the lawyer working on the Sweeney home is paid off. (By the 04-20-2011 meeting the lawyer had been paid off.)

From the discussion about the SA donating money, 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.. Karl Audenaerde seconded it. VOTED (A. Gaines abstained).

Spillane and Morse Projects before ConCom – Arthur Gaines and Peter Waasdorp

The issue on the proposed work on the Spillane property is whether the riprap would be constructed on land owned by Spillane. The SippOwissett development, where the Spillane property occurs, is unique in that original lots did not include the beach. The community holds right of access to this strip of land between the back lot line and Buzzards Bay but it is unclear who owns title to this land. A survey is needed to show where the lot line is for Spillane and whether the riprap is on his side of the lot line or not. ConCom will not issue a permit to people who don't own the property. (Ownership is clear and permit has been given to one of 3 owners). Arthur will keep following the issue at ConCom. The engineer representing Spillane before ConCom is Michael Borcelli.

The proposed riprap work on the Morse property is for a lot inside Quissett harbor owned entirely by Morse, so the issue is much more straightforward for ConCom.

Replacement noise ordinance sign – Peter Waasdorp

After some discussion, it was decided to wait and see if Quiet Roads would replace the sign.

CRWG report – Peter Waasdorp

The link is on the SA web site (see notes above on the web site). Possibly encourage an article on the report in the summer newsletter.

Winter Social – Peter Waasdorp

For discussion – a social with alcohol, a social without alcohol, or no party at all. Summary from 2010 – same 30-35 people attend. Cost was \$492 (\$230 was insurance). Having a party at a private home would save the insurance cost, but it is awkward to have a public function at a private home. A reasonable compromise might be to have the party at a location that serves liquor (e.g., Quarterdeck, Nimrod, Captain Kidd, Landfall, Leaside). Peter will check on these.

Next meeting

February 10, 2011 at Peter Waasdorp's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by:
Deborah Gove, for Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association