

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 – October 13, 2011 Draft1 (APPROVED 12-06-11)

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Mary Fran Buckley, Susan Cohan, Margaret Goud Collins, Arthur Gaines, Debbie Gove, Merle Mizell, Bob Skilton, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Nancy McDonald, Maureen Conte

The meeting was held at the home of Karl Audenaerde and was called to order by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 7:16 p.m.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

June 1, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. A change was recommended to the 'Eager property' item. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the recommended change, seconded and VOTED.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$10,542.54 and a checking balance of \$484.32.

He indicated we still don't know the exact amount of the 2010 Baywatchers water quality testing bill. However, we are assuming the Horizon Foundation (as arranged by the Coalition for Buzzards Bay) will be paying it.

Karl will provide actual figures for the differences in cost between the 2010 and 2011 annual meeting and summer social at the next meeting. He mentioned that the tent for the summer social cost us \$250 and the oysters \$100.

Membership Report – Karl for Bob Busby

We currently have 106 paid members; this is comparable to the number in October of 2010.

Website Report – Sue Cohan

Sue reported that 1&1 has implemented a small price increase for our hosting service.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Social

In spite of the heavy rain the attendance was similar to that of previous years and everyone seemed to enjoy the party.

Quiet Roads – Sippewissett Rd. police detail

We have still not received any official results about the police detail on Sippewissett Rd. which we sponsored. A member of the Quiet Roads committee has offered to cover the cost of the detail. There does not currently seem to be much more we can do other than take pictures of the license plates of noise violators if possible, and then provide them to the police who will mail a warning letter. Additionally, we could hire police details in the future.

Sweeney property

Concerns were expressed about reports that Sweeney may be building a spec house on the property. Also, concerns about recent clearing of trees on his property were

discussed. **Arthur** will mention the cutting to Betsy Gladfelder; it will be up to ConCom to determine whether there has been a violation of the wetlands bylaws.

Cape Codder Rd.-to-Beccles walking path

Bob Busby, Sylvia Vatuk, Maureen Conte and Kathy Taylor walked the path and took GPS readings. The walkway coincides with the paper road which appears on the town GIS map.

Merle provided some history of the right of way. He would like to be involved in further activities of this community group as it works to protect the right of way.

Steps to increase membership

We could do a targeted mailing to a specific community. Bob suggested the Racing Beach area. **Peter** will check with Kathy about her availability. **Sue** offered to work with Kathy.

Survey of the seaward bound (mean low water) of the SippOwissett Gunning Point shoreline starting from the fixed back lot line

There has been no update from Hartley.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership reminder cards

Peter and **Karl** will put together a list for the reminder mailing.

Winter newsletter

Initial ideas for topics:

- Plovers –Nancy
- Phragmites projects status – Dick Payne
- President’s Corner – what SA is doing and how it relates to resident association activities
- Sewer disks from New Hampshire found on Sippewissett beaches – what does this tell us?

Road safety

The speed limit signs are overgrown. We’ll get some volunteers together to clear the speed signs (Who will **coordinate** this?)

Gunning Point Association

Some SippOwissett residents are discussing setting up an association to manage the beach. Arthur pointed out that the beach is owned by SPABSI and the 300 Committee and the residents would have to work with those organizations to proceed.

Request for a railing at Gunning Beach

This was a request made by an attendee at the Annual Meeting. At that time **Peter** indicated he would pass the request on to C.O.S.H. (Committee of SippOwissett Homeowners).

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 (subsequently changed to Tuesday, December 6, 2011) at Sue Cohan’s house (433 Sippewissett Rd. – park on Racing Beach Ave.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association