

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 – June 7, 2012 – APPROVED at 09-27-2012 meeting

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

Board Absent: Margaret Goud Collins, Debbie Gove, Nancy McDonald

The meeting was held at the home of Sue Cohan and was called to order by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 7:09 p.m.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

The minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded and VOTED.

Treasurer's Report – Karl Audenaerde

Karl reported a Money Market balance of \$10,547.15 and a checking balance of \$794.95.

Website Report – Sue Cohan

No change in status.

Membership Report – Karl

We have 129 paid members at the end of this membership year. Five new members have paid for next year so if the existing membership renews we will have 134 members.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual meeting – June 23rd at the Cape Codder clubhouse

The following topics were reviewed and Board votes taken in preparation for presenting proposals for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Speakers

Atty. Robert Mangiaratti will speak about the public's coastal access rights. SA should put an announcement of this talk in the Enterprise since the topic is of general interest. **Arthur** will provide information to **Mary Fran** and **Peter** about the speaker and topic. **Mary Fran** will plan to submit the article to appear the week before the annual meeting. Additionally, we should also have a simple notice of the annual meeting in the Enterprise the week of the meeting.

Nancy – update on the plovers at Wood Neck. Unfortunately the mother is no longer incubating the eggs and may have been the victim of a predator.

Maureen – Baywatcher update.

Someone from Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, Inc - short update about the organization, its impact in Sippewissett and its 50th anniversary. **Peter** will arrange this and indicate to them we're going to give them a check at the meeting.

Schedule

9:00 a.m. Setup
9:30 a.m. Coffee
10:00 a.m. Business meeting
11:00 a.m. Speaker
11:30 a.m. Q+A

Miscellaneous tasks

Peter will arrange logistics by email.

The chair order should be for 50 chairs, with seating for an additional 10 already available at the clubhouse.

Nominations

Maggie will not be available to serve on the Board or as VP next year.
Arthur was nominated for the position of VP. Seconded and VOTED.
Arthur will determine whether Bob Grosch is interested in serving on the Board.

Dues proposal

There was discussion about increasing dues to \$30. Since there is no pressing need to do so a motion was made to keep them at \$27.50. Seconded and VOTED.

Donation proposals

\$350-Coalition for Buzzards Bay
\$350-The 300 Committee
\$250-Salt Pond Bird Sanctuaries Inc.
\$250-Association to Preserve Cape Cod
\$200-F.A.C.E.S.
These total \$1400 – same as last year

\$1000-for SPBSI 50th anniversary

Continued full funding of Baywatcher testing program for 2012 – **Maureen** will try to get estimate from Tony at CBB before the meeting.

Above donations Moved, Seconded and VOTED to present at the annual meeting.

Summer newsletter status

Phragmites update – lead article – Dick Payne (short)
Coli form and flushing – Arthur

The newsletter may not make the June 9th deadline because material is still coming in. We may need a separate notice to the membership if it runs too late.

We may add an executive summary of Atty. Mangiaratti's report with a link to a PDF copy of the full report which would be made available on the website.

State of Wood Neck beach

Nourishment of Wood Neck beach is not on the town's beach nourishment list this year. **Peter** is speaking with Donald Hoffer.

Peter is also speaking with Donald Hoffer about placing an informational kiosk at Wood Neck beach.

There was nothing new to report about the plots dug in Little Sippewissett marsh.

Water levels at Wood Neck Pond – Karl

Arthur spoke to Nick Lowell at Onset Computer who directed him to Rob Reynolds; Rob has one of the desired measurement instruments. It appears we can get access to 2 – 3 of these instruments. Arthur anticipates the testing will occur sometime over the summer. In the meantime Karl has obtained a salinity test kit from CBB. **Arthur** and **Peter** will help **Karl** with the actual testing.

Update on Gunning Point matters – Arthur

Issues continue regarding coastal access at 35 Gunning Point (Spillane) and 43 Gunning Point (McCready).

Michael Eder continues to pursue these issues. Underlying the disputes is the fact that the building of rip rap proceeded without obtaining necessary permits from the town. However, the town seems uninterested in re-opening old compliance issues.

Beccles Rd/Cape Codder path

Sylvia Vatak, who is interested in this issue, has returned to Falmouth. Merle has been speaking with neighbors concerning reopening the right of way. He has found there is some concern that if the path is opened people will park on Cape Codder road and walk over to Wood Neck beach.

Cleaning of hidden and dirty road signs

Maureen suggested we investigate getting a few 'Bike trail/share the road' signs to hang on some of the road sign posts along Sippewissett Rd. She said signs are available for \$45 each and reflective signs for \$65.

Phragmites update

There will be an update at the annual meeting.

Eager property

There continues to be concern about the eventual disposition of this property at the corner of Sippewissett Rd. and Wood Neck Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Social location and preferred dates

Geraldine Klein-Robenhaar may be interested in hosting the social; **Peter** will check. The Road Race is Sunday, August 12 so we should hold the social on August 5th or 19th. Last year it was held on August 7th.

New resident letter

Peter will check whether Kathy Taylor is willing to do this mailing.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday September 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Karl's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan, Secretary
Sippewissett Association