

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 24, 2013 – APPROVED 01/14/14

Board Present: Karl Audenaerde, Susan Cohan, Michael Eder, Arthur Gaines, Nancy McDonald, Merle Mizell, Bob Skilton, Peter Waasdorp

Board Absent: Maureen Conte, Debbie Gove, Judy Yost

The meeting was held at the home of Peter Waasdorp and was called to order by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 7:06 p.m.

AGENDA

Secretary's Report – Sue Cohan

The minutes of the 05/09/2013 meeting 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 \$870.86, the Money Market balance is \$10,053.33.

Karl reported we have received thank you notes from the organizations to which donations were sent.

Membership Report – Karl Audenaerde

Current membership is 119 which is a bit low for this time of year. A discussion ensued about the borders of Sippewissett and a recent membership solicitation by a new neighborhood association based in West Falmouth. **Karl** will do a rough count of the houses in Sippewissett so we understand our current coverage.

Peter noted that it is time for reminder cards to be sent.

Webmaster's Report – Sue Cohan

Sue has redeployed our website using a new tool from 1&1, the hosting company we have been using. It should prove better to work with and has the added feature of a tailored interface for mobile devices.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual meeting: review

The group thought the annual meeting had gone well. Hartley and Rosemary were thanked for funding the survey of the Gunning Point shoreline during the annual meeting but Arthur suggested looking for some way to further acknowledge them for their ongoing, long-term contributions to the neighborhood. As a first step, **Peter** will send a thank you letter from SA.

Kathy Taylor was also acknowledged during this evening's meeting for arranging the Cape Codd Community Room as our venue each year.

Summer newsletter: review

The Board was pleased with the summer newsletter. Maureen's interesting and timely article on hurricane season was noted. Arthur suggested placing certain articles in the

Falmouth Enterprise. Peter indicated he does send articles to the paper and also to the selectmen but gets no response.

Summer social: review

The social was a success. This event gives us an opportunity to interact with members who aren't year-rounders. Karl indicated the cost for the event was lower this year.

Phragmites update

Flume Pond and Gunning Pond have been treated and will be cut next month. Wood Neck Pond is not being treated due to objection about the use of herbicide from the Bells. Should they be approached by friends/neighbors about this? No conclusion was reached.

Update on Gunning Point Matters: Michael Eder

Easements

Easements were in place for a ROW across the top of the rip rap along the Spillane property. However, the state has reversed itself and is now allowing a ROW across the bottom of the rip rap, an area which frequently is impassable due to flooding. This does not make sense.

Chapter 91 matters

Planned work on the Billings lot is now before ConCom.

Cape Codder Rd. encroachment and ROW

The ROW in question is a private lot that is owned by SPABSI. It can be used today but it terminates on a bluff; there is no beach access.

Coastal Access Committee

The **CAC** will consider the Gunning Point Matters above and determine what actions is required, if any.

NEW BUSINESS

Cape Cod Commission Watershed stakeholder meeting tomorrow

8:30 am-12:30 pm at Town Hall

Peter may attend for a while.

Falmouth Drinking Water

This is a bad situation for the town and could be a good topic for the next newsletter.

New FEMA flood maps

Chatham is challenging the new maps. No one has heard anything about a challenge in Falmouth.

Bicycle needs survey

The Bikeways Committee is asking residents to take a survey about bike use in Falmouth. **Peter** will do a brief email to the membership including the link. **Sue** will place the link on the website.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Debbie Gove's house (if she can host)

Future dates to be determined (preferably on the 2nd Thursday of the month).

The meeting was adjourned by Pres. Peter Waasdorp at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:
Susan Cohan
Sippewissett Association