

**The Sachem's Head Association
Annual Meeting
September 29, 2016**

Present:

Andrew Fisher, President
Bob Davidson, Vice President
Joe Anastasio
Andrew Eder
Jack Linville
Peter Fitton
Mary Alice Lee

Absent:

Peter Dickinson, Treasurer
Carolyn Matthes
Bill Wallner
James Lai

The Sachem's Head Association held its Annual Meeting on Friday, September 29, 2016 at the Guilford Community Center at 7::30 p.m.

President Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. There were 68 proxies received prior to the meeting (72 in total). The meeting was certified by Robin Sogge. The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were mailed to all SHA members, prior to the meeting, along with the meeting notice and proxy forms.

There was a moment of silence for Phyllis Lynch. Andrew welcomed new SHA resident Lisa McCullough (who was in attendance) and Paul Sanders. Other new members are as follows: Robert Becher and Daniela Hochreiter, Antonius and Karen Bentlage, Ronald and Sharon Bergamo, Paul Fry and Brigitte Peucker, Mariko Masuoka and William Goetzmann, John and Debra Muro and Douglas and Susan Rollins

President's Report –

Andrew thanked the entire board which is comprised of all volunteers. He told the membership to let any board member know if they have an interest in joining. Andrew spoke about how volunteering in the community makes the Sachem's Head Association a special place to live.

Vice President's Report –

Bob Davidson thanked Andrew for being the President of the SHA board for the last two years. Bob also reported that the two annual SHA picnics were a great success.

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Treasurer's Report –

In Peter Dickinson's absence, his report was presented to those in attendance. Andrew Fisher reported that the annual audit has been completed. Copies were available at the meeting, can be requested by emailing the SHA Treasurer or can be viewed at Guilford Town Hall. Joe Anastasio made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, this was seconded by Peter Fitton and all were in favor.

Public Works –

Andrew Eder reported that the Annual Clean Up Day, held on May 7th, was successful. There were 26 volunteers and he thanked those that came out to help. The areas that were addressed were the tennis court, the footbridge and Uncas Pier. He said they could use more volunteers next year. The bulk pick up day on May 11th also went well. Andrew Fisher also stated that the kayak and dinghy racks were full and as of now there are no plans to build additional racks for the kayaks.

Public Service –

Joe Anastasio reported on his management of the tennis courts and the summer staff. The Tweed House is manned Memorial Day through Labor Day and this year he hired 3 attendants and the staff hours were 8:30 to 5:30. The staff patrols for parking violations, verifies membership and maintains the tennis court and beach area. Joe informed everyone that one net will remain up at least through October. The two other nets have been taken down.

Traffic –

Peter Fitton reported that the summer was incident free. Some new signs were added and he reported that the town did some repairs on Uncas Point Road. Carol Schaller inquired about the town raising the elevation of Uncas Point Road and Peter stated that he had addressed this with the town but that currently there were no plans for this. Peter also reported that the speed bumps will be coming up soon and that the town is considering installing a permanent traffic calmer on Prospect Avenue. Matt Wilson advised of two sink holes and Peter reported that he knew the town was aware of one of them.

Tony Cooper stated that he feels that the speed bumps are getting excessive and he would like them in and out in a timelier manner. He stated that he would like to be on a committee regarding the permanent speed calmer and Peter Fitton stated that further comments are always welcome in the future. Mary Alice Lee stated that she is glad that the speed bumps are in from the beginning to the end of the landscaping season and not just for the SHYC season.

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Zoning –

Jack Linville reported that the SHA Zoning Commission met 8 times since last year. He urged the membership to get in touch with SHA zoning before getting too deep into a project. The SHA zoning regulations are complicated and talking to someone in zoning could be very helpful. He also reminded the membership that no contractor signs are allowed in SHA. Finally he addressed the possibility of amending the SHA zoning ordinances in the future due to the new FEMA height regulations for certain waterfront properties

ZBA – Andrew Fisher reported that one appeal came before the ZBA this year and it was denied.

Harbor –

Bob Davidson stated that if there is a waiting list for mornings, it is posted. He also explained how the breakwall has some holes and needs to be repaired. The breakwall is what gives SHA a harbor. He hopes for the work to be done in the spring and the cost would be split 3 ways between the SHYC, SHA and the Harbormaster.

Nominating Committee –

The nominating committee, comprised of Barbara Henningson, KJ Lee and Carolyn Matthes presented the names of nominees proposed to serve on the Sachem's Head Association Board effective October 1, 2016. The slate was presented as follows.

Joseph Anastasio
Bob Davidson
Peter Dickinson
Andrew Eder
Andrew Fisher
Peter Fitton
Jane Gresham
James Lai
Mary Alice Lee
Jack Linville
Bill Wallner
Joe Weissberg

The slate was approved unanimously and there were no nominations from the floor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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The new board met directly after the Annual Meeting. This meeting was called to order at 8:21 p.m. to elect officers. The following were nominated:

President – Bob Davidson
Vice President – Mary Alice Lee
Treasurer – Peter Dickinson
Clerk – Andy Eder

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1st at Jane Gresham's house.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin D. Sogge

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