

## Minutes from SHA board meeting 3/11/25

The meeting was held in person at in the Quonnipaug room at the Guilford Community Center and called to order at 6:00 pm by President Doug Miller. Present were board members: Doug Rollins, Chris McNulty, Tina Van Itallie, Ted Fisher, Matt Wilson and Corinne Wilson.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **President's Report**

#### General Issues

There had been some question at the previous meeting about the ownership of the pond behind the tennis courts; Doug Miller reported that the pond is in fact owned by the association. There was also a brief discussion about damaging tire tracks in the soft ground at Uncas Point pier, with the request that if anyone sees the gate left open, please close and secure it.

### **Vice President's Report**

In Mike Martocci's absence, Doug Miller reported that Mike had put locks on the tennis courts and that he will check with Stephanie Evers to see if a room had been reserved for the annual budget meeting.

#### Golf Carts

There was discussion about how to handle the information about the golf cart registration process, since it is relevant not only to those who are members of the Association, but also to non-members on Vineyard Point, up to 405 Colonial Road and people on Old Sachem's Head Road outside the association boundaries. Doug Rollins said he put the forms into the relevant mailboxes last year. It was agreed that we should make forms available on the SHA website as well. Tina Van Itallie said she would take that on. The golf cart registration will be Saturday, May 10, 8-10 AM.

#### Tweed House Update

New England Builders has agreed to do the repairs to the decking and stairs at Tweed house for approximately \$11,500. The contract should be sent shortly. There was a comment made that we should specify a completion date, preferably before the work party. Doug M. said we did get their insurance form that names us as an insured party, so we are just awaiting the contract.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chris McNulty reported that the basic financial situation is sound. We have paid for the replacement sign at Bloody Cove and we have in writing that Jet Fab will install it when we are ready, anytime within the next two years. We have received a bill for \$714.00 from Carmody for reviewing the audit box.

Chris reported that he is working with Webster bank to increase the limit for electronic deposits and echecks, but this is still in process.

There was a brief discussion on whether we should have a link on our website to allow members to pay using credit cards, but there was concern about possible loss of revenue due to processing fees.

Doug Rollins reviewed the payments for the engineering for the Uncas Point Pier project as the costs were higher than expected. However, the project as a whole came in at about the budgeted level, so no further action is planned.

### **Secretary's report**

#### **Website**

To facilitate editing and updating of the SHA website, Doug Miller asked for and received a login and password from Jo-Ann Fleischman to allow us to do the website updating as necessary. Tina agreed to add the golf cart information and forms to the website.

#### **Directory**

The directory information has been completed and sent to Stephanie to get ready for printing. Tina said she would follow up on that.

#### **Newsletter**

Doug Miller suggested to the several topics for the next newsletter. These included important dates, including bulk trash pickup and work party dates, the date for golf cart registration (5/10), the date for the Sunset Party at Uncas Point (Friday June 6) and the prohibition of dogs on the beach at Bloody Cove. This last information should also be in the directory.

### **Other Business**

#### **Traffic Report**

Doug Rollins reported we got new data from Rich Casey at the police department about outbound traffic on Colonial, and it's an average of five miles an hour less leaving the neighborhood than is coming in without speed bumps. We don't know yet when the stop signs at the intersection Uncas Point Rd. and Colonial Rd. will be installed. There is apparently little enthusiasm in the town about installing permanent speed bumps/tables on Colonial Rd.

#### **Public Works Report**

Bear Fisher reported on the Bloody Cove project. The owners of the immediately abutting properties must sign easements, but there was an error in the easement documents so they to be redrawn before they can be signed. After this, the project can go out to bid. This means we are unsure of the timeline.

#### **Tennis Courts**

Corinne Wilson reported that the tennis courts seem fine, but she will take a closer look at them in coming days.

#### Zoning Report

Matt Wilson reported that the rewriting of the zoning regulations is nearly completed.

He further reported that the dispute over flooding between a property owner on Grove Avenue and one on Colonial Road is apparently resolved.

There was discussion of minor issues related to easements and roadside plantings on Chimney Corner Circle and the need to move pool equipment to higher ground to avoid flooding.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.