

SACHEMS HEAD ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY FEB 8, 2022

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:05 by President Peter Fitton. Present were Board members Joe Anastasio, Jeanmarie Cooper, Johan Eveland, Tory Gordon, Mary Alice Lee, Doug Rollins, Joe Weisberg, Corinne Wilson, and Matt Wilson.

President Fitton welcomed the Board, and the Board voted to approve the December and January minutes (the December minutes having been altered to reflect Matt Wilson's report of the upcoming raising of the house at 77 Chimney Corner Circle).

President's Report (Peter Fitton):

Peter noted that Phil Smythe was looking for guidance on parking for a wedding he is hosting on September 9th and 10th of 2022; the Board issued no objections to him using the tennis court lot for his parking. Peter also noted that DRS Seismic consultants was tracking down abutters to the planned blasting job at the 224(?) Falcon Road project. Peter asked the Board to reach out to anyone else who might be interested in contacting DRS.

VP's report (Doug Rollins): There was no report

Secretary's report (Linda Weber): There was no report. Linda was not in attendance tonight.

Treasurer's report (Jeanmarie Cooper):

Jeanmarie reported that all the financials are in order, and once we catch up with some back-pay to Sharon (the delay being due to Sharon having issues with the QB payroll module), the books will be normalized.

P&Z (Matt Wilson):

Matt has been in contact with our attorney about a few issues, most notably getting ahead of the curve on the future of the State of CT opting all municipalities into allowing "Granny Pod" accessory buildings. We were advised to consider opting OUT of this mandate so that we could approve these future issues on a case-by-case basis through our own ZBA.

Jeanmarie Cooper noted that surveyors are around the Fisher barn lately, as it is thought that the Songs might be considering raising their house.

Public Service (Joe Anastasio):

In response to American Carting's (AC) price increase effective 3/1/22, Joe Anastasio researched competitor pricing. Based on the strength of AC's service over the years, the fact that rates have not been raised in very many years, and the fact that AC is still the lowest cost provider, the Board agreed to continue with AC as the vendor for trash/recycling pick up. Further, the Board agreed to pre-pay for 12 months to take advantage of the one-month free option (8.5% discount). The discounted annual charge of approx. \$70K will hit the books in February.

Public Works (Joe Weisberg):

Joe is interested in reaching out to Guilford DPW regarding a road sign to better to direct deliveries and guests to Uncas Circle (formerly known as Shirley Ave?). Also, Joe hopes to have a blinking speed limit road sign installed on Colonial Road by the summer.

Tennis Courts (Corinne Wilson):

Corinne ordered 3 more tennis court benches that we will put on the job list for the spring work party for assembly. She managed to avoid a few hundred dollars in shipping fees. Well done, Corinne.

Kayaks (Johan Eveland):

Johan will contact the carpenter (for the construction of the new kayak racks at the Point) in March

Ongoing Business:

The Board first saw Sue Rollins' presentation of the three Large SHA signs (for the Cove, the Landing, and the Point), where it was agreed that white lettering on blue signs would be the most impactful and least prone to showing dirt. Those sign designs will be sent to a sign company by Sue and Doug for a more full-size mock-up/cost estimate to present at next month's meeting. The Board then had a comprehensive discussion regarding the instructions on the upcoming eight "smaller-signs" project, where the goal of these signs were summarized as:

- 1) Consistently and beautifully identifying the neighborhood (as tied into the larger signs),
- 2) Avoiding liability from action taken by folks who might do the wrong things in the wrong places (specifically non-residents), and
- 3) Peppering in some common sense, neighborly guidelines.

Corinne and Peter brought us very close to the finish line with a comprehensive list of instructions for each location. The Board then tidied up most of the wording to send on to Linda Weber for the final touches, at which point Sue will work on those for presentation next month.

New Business:

Corinne brought up the huge vines growing all over the trees in the meadow across from Smith's house. It was agreed that Joe A agreed to reach out to our landscaper for a cost estimate for the removal of these vines, and inform Jeanmarie of this estimate.

Given no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted (in the place of Secretary Linda Weber),

Doug Rollins, Vice President