

SACHEM'S HEAD ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

The virtual meeting was called to order by President Peter Fitton at 7:35 p.m. Present were board members Joe Anastasio, Jeanmarie Cooper, Johan Eveland, Peter Fitton, Mary Alice Lee, Steve Vance, Linda Weber, Joe Weissberg, Corrine Wilson and Matt Wilson.

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

President's Report (Peter Fitton)

Peter welcomed everyone and introduced new board members, Johan Eveland, Steve Vance and Linda Weber. As President, Peter expressed his intention to focus on two goals during his term—enhance the quality of life of the Association and address some of the operational procedures by producing a Board handbook that would detail roles and responsibilities and clarify policies.

Vice President's Report (Mary Alice Lee)

Mary Alice gave an update on two outstanding issues impacting the neighborhood—the replacement of the footbridge and the town's Coastal Resilience Plan.

Footbridge: In summary, the Town and SHA will split the cost of the project to replace the footbridge with SHA contributing 50% of the projected budget of \$200,000, but no more than \$100,000. SHA will make 5 equal payments of \$20,000 per year to the Town for the next 5 years. The Town has solicited bids for the demolition and installation of the bridge (exclusive of bridge cost) and selected the lowest bidder at \$61,000. Work is scheduled to happen during a 4-week window in the spring of 2021, before May 1st. This deadline is due to the nesting season of the Purple Martin Colony to the north side of the bridge. The colony is protected by DEEP. If the May 1st deadline is missed, demo and installation will have to happen after July 31st.

Coastal Resilience Plan: The Town has been collecting tidal data along the coastal areas of Guilford, including SHA's areas of concern--Chimney Circle and Falcon Road, A Town meeting will be held to present the plan to the community for comment. The plan will include three alternative mitigation options; this meeting will be held October 29th at 7 p.m. The Board will make sure the date of this meeting is communicated in advance to SHA members.

Treasurer's Report (Jeanmarie Cooper)

Jeanmarie gave a brief overview of the FY July 1-June 30, 2021 budget, noting a change in the format which allows for notations on variances of actual to budget or comments. The biggest driver is the increase of the mill rate to accommodate the \$20,000 a year payment for the

footbridge for the next 5 years. All other revenues and expenses are as anticipated. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the budget.

Planning & Zoning Report (Matt Wilson)

Matt reported that Frank & Christine Keil will install a lap pool in their existing deck.

Public Service Report (Joe Anastasio)

Joe reported that the tennis courts will remain open for several more weeks as the nice weather dictates, but close down no later than November 1st. Corrine Wilson will communicate with Steve on the timing of closure and breakdown of nets and outdoor furniture. A contractor will be booked to remove the steps to the beach.

Public Works Report (Joe Weissberg)

Joe reported that the temporary parking spaces on Chimney Circle at the footbridge will be left for now.

Old Business:

The following motions were made, seconded and approved by the Executive Board:

1. The Executive Board authorizes Peter Fitton, as President, and Jeanmarie Cooper, as Treasurer, to enter into contracts on behalf of SHA.
2. The Executive Board appoints Jeanmarie Cooper as Tax Collector of SHA.
3. The Executive Board authorizes Peter Fitton, as President, and Jeanmarie Cooper, as Treasurer, to file reports on behalf of SHA with both the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management and with the Town of Guilford officials in accordance with requirements for taxing municipalities.

New Business:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Sachem's Head Harbor Commission and the Sachem's Head Yacht Club, the Executive Board approved the appointment of Eric Davidson to the volunteer position of Harbor Manager.
2. The following requests were discussed and will be addressed by Public Service-- request to address the torn and loose windscreens at the tennis courts and instruct landscaping crew at Uncas meadow to trim the overgrowth along the meadow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Weber, Clerk