

SACHEM'S HEAD ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Alice Lee at 7:35PM. Past President, Bob Davidson, Zoning Commission, Matt Wilson, Public Works, Joe Weissberg, Public Services, Joe Anastasio, Clerk, Jane Gresham were all in attendance. Vice President, Peter Fitton attended via computer. Upcoming Treasurer, Jeanmarie Cooper as well as association members, Mike and Kristin Song were also in attendance. Treasurer, Peter Dickinson and Member At Large, Corinne Wilson were absent.

President: Mary Alice Lee started the meeting off by reading some minutes from a 1984 board meeting. It seems some of the same issues the board faced back then, are still in the forefront today. Complaints and concerns about dogs off their leashes, dogs on the beach, untrimmed bushes impeding people walking on the sidewalks and parking issues.

She handed out an article on the bridge giving the board members a little history about its life and significance to association and the public in general. First named the Noble Bridge built in 1921, closed to vehicular traffic in 1968, closed to pedestrian traffic in 1981, then demolished. A prefabricated pedestrian bridge replaced the original vehicular bridge, which was deemed too costly to rebuild in 1983. It was also renamed at that time The Fisher Bridge after SHA member David Fisher.

Both, the President, Mary Alice Lee and the Public Works, Joe Weissberg went through The Sachem's Head Association archives as well as the town records to verify and confirm exactly how the new "Fisher Bridge" came to be. Even though there was town support to "replace" the vehicular bridge, it was deemed to be cost prohibitive. A new pedestrian bridge would replace it with a price tag of \$40,000.00. This was both agreed upon and approved by the town of Guilford and the Association. President, Mary Alice Lee and Mr. Weissberg found in the records that The Sachem's Head Association donated \$20,000.00 toward the total cost for the purchase and installation of the new bridge.

The board members agreed, it would be prudent to request a meeting with Mathew Hoey, the Guilford Town Selectman. This meeting would discern, not only, how the town has decided to approach the replacement and installation of a new foot bridge but, the time line it would take to complete the project. Other concerns would be addressed as well. Such as the tidal flooding that occurs daily making a parking issue. Flooding is not only caused by storms, it is a daily tidal issue. Parking and evacuation for both Chimney Corner Circle and/or Prospect Avenue members are paramount. The Sachem's Head Yacht Club has voiced their concerns to the Association as well with regard to accessibility and parking for their members. President, Mary Alice Lee, the Prior President, Bob Davidson and Public Works, Joe Weissberg will represent the Association at the scheduled meeting with the Town Selectman, Mathew Hoey on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Past President, Bob Davidson informed the board members, that the Association has bonding abilities if and when it is deemed necessary to absorb any costs that may be incurred with the new foot bridge.

It was voted on and approved that this special meeting would replace the November 12, 2019 board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon W. Thompson/acting as secretary