

Minutes from SHA board meeting 1/14/25

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 Douglas Miller. Present were board members: Mike Martocci, Chris McNulty, Tina Van Itallie, Jeanmarie Cooper, Bear Fisher and Matt and Corinne Wilson. Jeff Weber and Doug Rollins attended by phone. Also attending was Stephanie Evers, assistant to the board.

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

President's Report

Uncas Point Pier Update

Doug Miller and Doug Rollins gave an update on the Uncas Point Pier project; photographs were presented showing the reset upper seawall on the beach portion and the new armor stones on the point portion of Uncas Point. A low spot on the point that gets muddy and a hole in the meadow were backfilled with new dirt. While the work was being done, some of the rocks were moved from random spots in the meadow to better line the road. A special thanks to Josh Brooks of Brooks-Stone in Branford for his work on the project.

In addition, the latch on the gate at Uncas Point was replaced by GoodyFab, allowing the gate to be locked.

SHA Signage

One of the new SHA signs at the landing was damaged; Bear Fisher said that he would fix it. The SHA sign at the tennis court needs replacement; the check has been received and Chris has ordered a new sign from Jet Fab. There was discussion about where the new sign should be kept, given the proposed work on Falcon Road at Bloody Cove.

Re proposed Three-way Stop Signs at the intersection of Colonial Road and Uncas Point Road: no update.

Vice President's Report

Record Keeping

There was a general discussion of a need for consolidation of financial and zoning records and potentially moving the paper records from the present storage facility to a new facility less vulnerable to flooding. Mike Martocci said he would investigate this.

Secretary's Report

Website

Tina and Stephanie are almost ready to send changes to the webmaster and will finalize this before the next meeting.

Newsletter

Doug Miller suggested to the Secretary, Tina Van Itallie, several topics for the next newsletter. These included important dates, including bulk trash pickup and work party dates, the date for golf cart registration (5/17 or 5/24; Sgt Rich Casey of Guilford Police Department) and associated information Sunset Party at Uncas Point (Friday June 6). There was discussion of increasing the rate for kayak storage to \$35 for the summer and potentially upgrading the kayak racks. Traffic updates (new stop signs) and speeding reminders should be included. There was discussion about the number of dingies allowed at each of the docks at the landing and at Uncas Point. Someone was going to check this?

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris McNulty presented the monthly and FY25 YTD Income statement for the SHA compared with 2024 as well as the balance sheet. We have more cash on hand and end of the year reserve.

There was discussion about remedies for recovering late property tax payments.

Financial books should be readied for the auditor. Jeanmarie said she would be happy to go over what the process is with Chris McNulty.

Other Business

Tweed House

Tweed house will need some repairs before the summer season; there is a handyman that has been used by the SHA in the past.

Traffic Report

Jeff stated that we were waiting on data from the speed monitor that had been placed in the other direction on Colonial Road before any further actions were contemplated.

Tennis Courts

Corinne noted that all but one of the tennis courts nets has been removed for the winter.

Zoning Report

Matt noted that the dispute over flooding between a property owner on Grove Avenue and one on Colonial Road has been (mostly) resolved.

Public Works Report

Bear Fisher noted that he has talked with First Selectman Matt Hooey about the raising the road at Bloody Cove. The permits are in place and the money has been allocated. The next step is that the owners of the immediately abutting properties must give written approval. After this, the project can go out to bid. There is concern that it is a low priority project for the DOT; because of this, it is unlikely that the project would start before the fall of 2025.

Bear Fisher also noted that he is negotiating to cost of trash pickup. Bulk pickup is tentatively scheduled for May 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15; the next meeting is scheduled for February 11 in the Guilford Community Center.