

Minutes from SHA board meeting 2/11/25

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: Mike Martocci, Chris McNulty, Tina Van Itallie, Jeanmarie Cooper, Jeff Weber and Matt Wilson. Doug Rollins attended by phone. Also attending was Stephanie Evers, Assistant to the board.

A suggestion was made to amend the minutes of the previous to generalize discussion of possible remedies to collect overdue property taxes. This was agreed upon, and a motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes from the previous meeting.

President's Report

Bill Paying and check deposits

The current system for depositing checks and bill payment process is inefficient. It was suggested that Chris pick up the mail and deposit incoming checks remotely and pay bills electronically. QuickBooks will be used for record-keeping, and Stephanie will ensure data entry. It was suggested that Chris check electronic deposit limits for Webster bank. If electronic deposit is cumbersome, he could photocopy checks in groups and deposit them manually, which may be easier when there are many incoming checks.

Meeting minutes

The secretary, Tina Van Itallie, will be responsible for taking minutes for the monthly meetings.

Kayak and Dinghy Fees

There was discussion on increasing kayak and dinghy fees slightly to \$35. The fee is intended to prevent misuse of the racks. The kayak and dingy applications will be sent out with the information for the annual budget meeting and updated directory; this mailing will be sent out the first week in May.

Annual Budget Meeting

The annual budget meeting will be the third Thursday in May, May 15, 2025; the meeting room is to be booked.

Vice President's Report

Work Party

The annual work party will be May 3rd; this will be announced in the next newsletter.

Golf Cart Registration

There was discussion on scheduling the golf cart registration, with a suggestion to have it from 8 to 10 AM on 5/17. This will be coordinated with Sgt. Rich Case of the Guilford PD. He should have a list of registered carts. This information should also be included in the next newsletter,

with a reminder that golf carts need to be registered annually. There was discussion about the need for a second date, but this is a topic to be covered with Sgt. Case.

Tweed House Repairs

Mike reported that Aiden from New England Builders assessed the Tweed House decking, and found that at least 30-40% of the boards are rotten and need replacement. He suggested replacing all the decking with either pressure-treated boards or composite material. There was considerable discussion about these alternatives; replacement with pressure treated lumber would cost approximately \$5000 but would require regular painting, while composite material would be more than twice that, about \$12,000, but would last much longer and would not require painting. A motion was made and seconded that if the total cost was estimated at \$12,000 or less, that we approve replacement of the deck and stairs with composite material. This extra expense means that the budget will need revision.

Sunset Party

The annual sunset party at Uncas point will be Friday, June 6.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Update

There was discussion about a set of bills that were considerably higher than the agreed upon amount from the engineer on the Uncas Point Pier project. Doug Rollins said that there was a lack of clarity about the billing process, and there was discussion about how best to share information between persons overseeing a project and the billing and payment process. There are relatively few large projects like this, but it was suggested that when we have a project of this type, that the treasurer and the admin both get copies of the proposal and then both can keep track of the relevant bills as they come in.

Audit Box

Chris stated that they were going to get together on the audit box the following day.

Property Taxes

All property taxes are now paid.

Bloody Cove Sign

Jet/Fab will print it and they have guaranteed to install it later (when the Bloody Cove project is finished or within two years).

Secretary's Report

Website

Most of the update have been sent to Jo-Ann Fleischman, the webmaster. It was suggested that we include contact email information for the officers; this will be added.

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 (5/17 or 5/24; Sgt Rich Casey of Guilford Police Department) and associated information, 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

Jeff stated that we were still 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 reported by email that there was a lacrosse net on the tennis courts. This should be removed and it was decided that the tennis courts should be locked in the off season. Mike volunteered to take care of this. There should be a note in the next newsletter that the tennis courts are ONLY for tennis and pickleball.

There was discussion about possible misuse of the land behind the tennis courts for motorized recreational vehicles; this is to be discouraged. There was also discussion about the use of the pond behind the tennis courts for skating; we should check with our insurance carrier about possible liability issues.

Zoning Report

Matt said that the rewrite of the zoning regulations should be finished shortly.

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 (by email) said that garbage pickup rates will be unchanged from last year and bulk trash pickup will be May 7.

Bloody Cove project

The owners of the immediately abutting properties must give written approval, but there was a error in the easement documents so they to be re-written before they can be signed. After this, the project can go out to bid.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07; the next meeting is scheduled for March 11 in the Guilford Community Center.