

*Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association*

**Approved  
General Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2007  
Submitted by Doris Schneider**

**Call to Order:** Pledge, Roll Call: The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for July 23, 2007 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Michael Brewer. Executive Board members Michael Brewer, Michael Sacco, Eugene Rausch, Doris Schneider, Barbara Swislosky, Laura Smith and Brad Bender were present. A quorum was declared.

**Old Minutes:** The minutes from June 25, 2007 were read and a motion was made by Michael Brewer to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Brad Bender. Copies of the minutes are available through the secretary at your request.

**Treasurers Report:** Eugene Rausch reported a balance of \$12,322.12 as of June 30, 2007.

LIPA bill for \$12.45

Received \$2000.00 from Suffolk County for the Northampton signs.

Motion to pay bills made by Michael Brewer, seconded by Doris Schneider, all in favor.

**Correspondence:**

A letter was received from the IRS. We are now officially exempt from income tax as a public charity pursuant to 501-C3.

We will receive a \$2000.00 check from the Omnibus Contract.

We received a thank you note from our scholarship winner Jasmine Aceituno.

A thank you note was received from Anna Thorne-Holst, who attended our meeting last month. She is running for the Southampton Town Council.

The 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing sent us an invitation for their Family Day Appreciation, which took place on July 14, 2007.

A letter was received from Southampton Town Supervisor Patrick Heaney regarding a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 1 PM regarding multi-family housing.

**Announcements:**

Michael Brewer read us the letter he sent to Southampton Town regarding the rental law and how it can assist us in having a better community. Some suggestions included sending a flier with the tax bills stating the regulations for renters so that everyone will be notified.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 6 PM at the Southampton Town Hall regarding the rental law. Some of the topics will be garbage disposal, number of renters in each unit, fines that could be imposed for violations and the responsibilities of the owners. Everyone was encouraged to attend the meeting.

There is a web site ([familywatchdog.com](http://familywatchdog.com)) to check out the whereabouts of local convicted sex offenders. There are addresses, descriptions, photographs and convictions posted.

Riverside Revitalization Committee: Pine Street to Old Quogue Road to be opened up to accommodate the property at LI 40.

The blood drive will be on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Flanders Fire House from 3 – 8:30 PM.

The North West Alliance meeting will take place on July 25, 2007.

**Committees:**

**Audit:** Patty Hopkins has taken on the job for the audit committee.

**Beautification:** On July 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a cleanup for the corners. Help is needed, please see Brad Bender if you wish to participate. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Michael Brewer at 7:40 PM to waive the normal order of business for our guest speaker Dede Gotthelf, seconded by Brad Bender, all were in favor.

Dede Gotthelf, along with CFO Dan Stein spoke about the River Catwalk project. Charts were displayed showing four different plans for the project, which has been at standstill for approximately six years. The next meeting with the DEC will be on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Brewer made a motion to return to the normal order of business at 8:35 PM, seconded by Doris Schneider, all were in favor.

Ellen Rausch was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her years of service to FRNCA from 2003 until 2007.

**Code Enforcement:** Code enforcement needs to be stepped up for the summer season, as we have an influx of visitors at this time.

**Education:** No report at this time.

**Government:** Southampton Town – price adjustment to leave large items at the land fill.

**Membership:** Welcome to our new member Art Bridenstine from Northampton.

**Old Business:**

There was a Big Duck-CEQ hearing in Hauppauge on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Buses were provided to attend the meeting, and there was a good turnout. Thanks to all who attended.

The Big Duck is scheduled to be returned to our area before the holiday lighting, sometime in November.

The annual picnic will be on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until 3 PM. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Fran Cobb and Brad Bender made a donation to be used for entertainment at the picnic. We agreed to have a popcorn and snow cone vendor and are looking into face painting.

See Ralph and Pat Borrelli to sign up to help at the picnic and what dish you are going to bring.

Kenny Rausch is making arrangements with the Flanders Mens Club for our annual Holiday Party, which will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Food choices need to be made, and an estimate of how many will be attending.

Senator LaValle informed us that the \$1.3 million PILOT cannot be given directly to the Town. Funds go from Albany to Suffolk County and then to the school district.

Rally/Coalition meeting was held on July 18th with special assistant to Steve Levy, Ben Zwirn, regarding the Sex Offender registration. Governor Spitzer vetoed the 24 hour registration bill. He claimed the Bill is flawed and he would like to work with the Legislature to improve it.

**New Business:** Michael Brewer had an informal meeting with Fred Thiele.

The 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$41.00 was won by Barbara Swislosky.

**Closing:** A motion was made by Michael Brewer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doris Schneider. All were in favor. The meeting was closed at 9:10 PM.