

*Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association*

**Approved  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2007  
Submitted by Doris Schneider**

**Call to Order:** Pledge, Roll Call: The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for September 24, 2007 was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Michael Brewer. Executive Board members Michael Brewer, Eugene Rausch, Doris Schneider, Laura Smith and Brad Bender were present. A quorum was declared.

**Old Minutes:** The July 23, 2007 minutes 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 \$14,355.22 as of August 31, 2007.

Two bills received from LIPA in the amounts of \$10.94 and \$19.69.

Bills for supplies and refreshments received.

Michael Brewer made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by Doris Schneider.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from the Department of the Treasury regarding 2008 filing requirements.

Receipt received from the US Postal Service in regard to our mailing.

**Announcements:**

Our annual picnic took place on August 12th at Red Creek Park. Thanks to Pat and Ralph Borrelli and all those who helped make it a success.

The Rental Law passed at the Southampton Town Meeting.

There are applications available for the housing lottery for condos in Southampton Town. Zip code 11968 will have priority.

STAR rebates must be applied for this year in order to get a refund. If you have Enhanced Star, you will automatically receive a rebate check.

The "Big Duck" will be returning to Flanders on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Flanders Road will be closed on that date from 11 pm until 5 am on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

There are t-shirts available for \$10.00. The proceeds will go toward a parade and carnival in 2008. Fran Cobb will be selling the t-shirts, which will be printed, "Something to Quack About".

Many thanks to Barbara Swislosky and Patty Hopkins and all those who worked on the blood drive this year to make it a success.

The Holiday Party will be at the Flanders Mens Club on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will again have a “Meet the Candidates” at our general meeting on October 22, 2007.

Motion made by Michael Brewer at 7:25 PM to waive the normal order of business, seconded by Brad Bender, all were in favor.

### **New Business:**

Michael Brewer spoke in regard to the new legislation from State Assemblyman Fred Thiele and Senator Ken LaValle on CPF, signed by Governor Spitzer. We were assured of relief from our school taxes for lands taken off the tax rolls in any district with more than 25% off the roles. We have 84% of our lands off the tax roles, which entitles us to a tax relief. Town residents voted for this in 2002. The new legislation removes the 25% safeguard and adds the words “average” and “high need” school districts to the legislation. A discussion followed.

### **Meet the Candidates:**

We had twelve candidates speak. Each one had three minutes to speak and then answer questions from the floor.

Edward Burke, Sr. and Andrea Schiavoni are running for Town Justice.

Bruce King and Theresa Kiernan are running for Receiver of Taxes.

Janet Beck, Bill Pell, Jon Semlear, Edward Warner, Jr., Fred Havemeyer, Eric Schultz and Brian Tymann are running for Town Trustee. (Mr. Tymann was not present at the meeting.)

Each candidate spoke and then answered questions from the floor.

Motion was made and seconded to return to the normal order of business.

Discussion on the new legislation regarding CPW and PILOTS.

All members were encouraged to attend the public hearing tomorrow night, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Southampton Town Hall in regard to this legislation.

### **Committees:**

There were no committee reports.

Gail Brewer won the 50/50 raffle.

**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 9:30 PM.