

Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association

**Approved
General Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2008**

Submitted by Doris Schneider, corrected by Patty Hopkins

Call to Order, Pledge, Roll Call: The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for April 28, 2008 was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Michael Brewer. Executive Board members Michael Brewer, Michael Sacco, Doris Schneider, Brad Bender, Laura Smith, Barbara Swislosky and Eugene Rausch were present. A quorum was declared. President Michael Brewer asked Ronnie Fisher to act as Sgt. of Arms.

Old Minutes: The minutes from March 24, 2008 were read and a motion was made by Michael Brewer to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Eugene Rausch. Copies of our minutes are available only through a written request to the secretary. They can also be reviewed on our website.

Michael Brewer read the minutes from the Special Meeting, which was held on April 1, 2008. Michael Brewer made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Brad Bender, all were in favor.

The result of the Special Meeting was that all chairpersons are qualified and acceptable to run their committees.

President Michael Brewer than read a statement regarding our Bylaws concerning the General Meetings and quoted from Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The Constitution and Bylaws of FRNCA are the first set of laws, followed by Robert's Rules of Order. The Executive Board and membership have not been in full compliance with Robert's Rules of Order. He apologized for the March meeting being Out of Order, and explained the correct procedure for a meeting. Brad Bender also explained the Robert's Rules of Order in connection with our Association as compared to a much larger Executive Board, and how a smaller Association can have more flexibility in running a meeting.

Treasurers Report was made by Eugene Rausch: As of March 31, 2008 there is a balance \$12,841.86.

Bills pending are for LIPA, the membership mailing, toner for printer and printing of copies of the Bylaws.

Doris Schneider made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Brad Bender, all were in favor.

The treasurer's report is always available for viewing, please contact Eugene Rausch or Doris Schneider for a copy.

Announcements: Friends of the Big Duck will meet at Phillips Avenue School on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 6th. Raffle tickets are available, call Fran Cobb at 727-5342. Contact Chris Sheldon, Fran Cobb or Michael Brewer for more information. Membership is open to all of Suffolk County.

The permit has been received from Suffolk County Parks for the new Northampton sign.

Fliers are available regarding the purple advertisement packages that are thrown in driveways.

A discussion of the crime and problems occurring at McLeod's Mobile Home Park.

Michael Brewer made a motion to waive the normal order of business in order to conduct our nominations and election of Board members, seconded by Doris Schneider.

All posts were up for nominations.

Brad Bender nominated Michael Brewer for President, seconded by Fran Cobb, all were in favor.

David Brewer declined a nomination for vice-president.

Lona Muldrow nominated Chris Sheldon for vice-president, Mr. Sheldon declined.

Eugene Rausch nominated Brad Bender for vice-president, seconded by Michael Sacco, all were in favor.

Doris Schneider nominated Eugene Rausch for Treasurer, seconded by Lona Muldrow, all were in favor.

Brad Bender made a motion for Doris Schneider to remain as secretary in the interim until a new secretary is appointed, seconded by Eugene Rausch, all in favor.

Ellen Rausch nominated Barbara Swislosky for General Member, seconded by Brad Bender, all in favor.

Doris Schneider nominated Laura Smith for General Member, seconded by Brad Bender, all in favor.

Eugene Robinson was nominated for General Member, but declined.

David Brewer was nominated for General Member, seconded by Barbara Swislosky, all in favor.

Marianne Fitzgerald was nominated for General Member, seconded by Barbara

Swislosky, all in favor.

Ballots were handed out for voting.

Guest speaker Superintendent of Schools Diane Scricca addressed the membership in regard to the 2008-2009 school budget.

The tax levy increase will be 2.40%.

The proposed budget increase will be 2.94%.

If the budget doesn't pass, the contingency budget will actually be higher at 3.36%.

Ms. Scricca explained the proposed instructional enhancements, size of classes, and programs of enhancing student achievements.

There will be one extra period in the school schedule.

The school budget vote will take place on May 20th at the Riverhead High School from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The library budget will take place on Tuesday, April 29th.

The election results were announced:

Michael Brewer - President – 28 votes.

Brad Bender - Vice-President – 28 votes.

Eugene Rausch - Treasurer – 28 votes.

Laura Smith - General Member – 19 votes

David Brewer - General Member – 20 votes

Barbara Swislosky - General Member – 26 votes

Marianne Fitzgerald - General Member – 16 votes.

Five votes for Doris Schneider – Secretary (will remain until new secretary's appointment)

Four votes for Patty Hopkins – Secretary
(Patty Hopkins did not attend the meeting.)

Michael Brewer made a motion to return to the normal order of business at 8:45, seconded by Brad Bender, all were in favor.

The FRNCA scholarship award was discussed.

Laura Smith made a motion to extend the date for the application to May 15th, seconded by Lona Muldrow, all were in favor.

Correspondence:

The landlords Andrew Boico and Michael Wilcox, owners of property at 78 - 82 Old Quogue Road have been charged with violations amounting to 85 counts. The two defendants have been fined \$7500.00 and 50 hours of community service for many violations of codes, including dangerous living situations and illegal use of the property.

In regard to the cement mixing in the Core Pine Barrens Preservation Area, the defendant, Westhampton Mining Aggregates located on Old Country Road in Westhampton, was charged with illegal operation of a cement batching plant on the property. The defendant pled guilty, and was fined \$25,000.00 with a conditional discharge.

A letter was received from the Westhampton Chamber of Commerce.

The annual Flanders Fire Department Memorial Service will take place on Sunday, May 4th at the Flanders Memorial Park at 10 a.m.

There will be a public hearing of the Suffolk County Citizen Charter Revision on Thursday, May 15th at 2:30 p.m. at the William H. Rogers Memorial Building in Hauppauge.

A letter was received from Linda Kabot regarding the Down Town Revitalization Grant sponsored by Suffolk County.

Southampton Coalition meeting regarding the PPDs, zoning and pyramid law and small lot development.

Letter received in regard to the Riverside Revitalization Study.

Announcements: (continued)

Flanders Little League opening day was a success. Councilman Chris Nuzzi threw out the first ball and Phillips Avenue Principal Mr. Payton threw out the ball for the second game.

Since our next meeting will fall on Memorial Day, we need to change the date and also reserve the meeting place.

Motion made by Lona Muldrow to have the May meeting on May 19th, seconded by Brad Bender, all in favor.

Linda Kabot has a radio show every Tuesday morning on WRIV.

The abandoned trailer has been removed from the parking lot on Lake Avenue.

Committees:

Beautification: Brad Bender thanked everyone for helping with the Great East End

Clean Up which took place last weekend. The ambulance barn was open, and refreshments were served. See Brad for the beautification schedule and sign up sheets.

Education: No report at this time.

Government: Southampton Town going Green. New codes on pool equipment, pyramid law and building codes.

Membership: Laura Smith reported that we currently have over 200 FRNCA members including businesses.

Code Enforcement: Barbara Swislosky gave Chris Nuzzi a tour of the Suffolk Water Authority property on Oak Avenue, which is being used for a dumping ground.

There is a burned out house on Cypress Avenue.

An eyesore ½ of a house at 715 Flanders Road.

A cement building on Flanders Road that needs help.

Old Business: New legislation concerning the CPF. The money from PILOTS will be approximately \$1,000,000 less than last year. If the school receives \$1 million, it will come out of taxpayer. We will receive \$1.5 million from the State.

Members were encouraged to write to Board members Dan Russo, Chris Nuzzi and Anna Thorne-Holts concerning this matter.

50/50 Raffle: The 50-50 raffle was won by Eugene Rausch.

Closing: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Brewer, seconded by Brad Bender, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.