

Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association

**Approved
General Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2008
Submitted by Doris Schneider**

Call to Order, Pledge, Roll Call: The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for March 24, 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 and Eugene Rausch were present. A quorum was declared.

Old Minutes: The minutes from February 25, 2008 were read and a motion was made by Michael Brewer to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Brad Bender. Michael Brewer informed the membership that copies of our minutes are available only through a written request to the secretary. They can also be reviewed on our website.

Treasurers Report was made by Eugene Rausch:

As of February 29, 2008, there is a balance of \$9110.38.

Bills received for printing, \$131.85, posters, \$42.83 and refreshments, \$8.59. We also receive two bills from LIPA for the corners, \$23.00 each totaling \$46.00. We now have two bank accounts, the additional account is with Suffolk Federal Credit Union.

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

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

Correspondence:

Southampton Town Assistant Youth Bureau Director Tracy Kolsin sent a letter concerning employment this summer. The Youth Bureau is seeking to partner with employers in giving more opportunities to local youth. See Mike Brewer for an application for employment.

A letter was received from the Town of Southampton Assessor's Office concerning Southampton Town's 2008 assessments, which includes re-assessment of commercial properties.

The process was slated to begin on February 28, 2008, when over 20,000 informational notices will be mailed to both residential and commercial property owners in the Town.

On Monday, March 3, 2008, a second mailing of over 20,000 pieces will complete the mailing to all taxpayers.

Grievances will take place at St. Rosalie's R.C. Church in Hampton Bays at 9 a.m. For information please call 1-888-549-1562.

A letter was received from the County of Suffolk regarding the Downtown Sewer Summit.

News 12 will hold a Town meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008 from 7 – 8:30 regarding Broadwater. There is a limit of 300 people to attend.

Announcements:

Friends of the Big Duck will meet at the Phillips Avenue School on April 3rd at 7 p.m. All residents of Suffolk County are eligible for membership in the "Friends of the Big Duck". Members of the Board, however, will be limited to residents of Flanders, Riverside and Northampton. Fran Cobb has the Big Duck T-shirts available for sale at \$10.00 each. She will also be at Wal-Baums in Riverhead this Saturday, March 29th selling T-shirts. Anyone interested in helping, please see Fran after the meeting.

The Coalition meeting will take place on Thursday, March 27th at 7 p.m.

The Great East End Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 19th and 20th.

Flanders Little League opening ceremonies will take place on April 12th, at 10 a.m. and again at 12 noon. The games will be at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m.

Committees:

Vice President Michael Sacco made a motion to postpone all committee reports due today, until the next scheduled meeting of FRNCA on April 28, 2008, so as to investigate and validate, by the FRNCA Executive Board, that all due diligence has been exercised as to the proper make up and qualifications of the committee persons of said committees, is in agreement with all FRNCA Bylaws and Constitution. This shall be done by closed ballot of the FRNCA Board present today.

Also to require the President to call for a Special Meeting of the FRNCA Board, requiring all FRNCA Board members who vote today on this issue, and all other BOARD members not being present today, within the next two weeks, so as the findings may be discussed and verified and prior the next scheduled meeting on April 28, 2008, so as the General Meeting of April 28th may be presented with the reported findings of the FRNCA BOARD. Seconded by Doris Schneider. Board members Eugene Rausch and Brad Bender agreed to the special meeting.

A debate on the motion followed, wherein Michael Sacco stated that in his opinion we did not follow the rules concerning parliamentary procedure and amending the Bylaws of

the Association, which he felt could have an adverse effect on our non profit status. He also mentioned that the members could be sued as they did not have insurance.

The meeting was out of order at this time.

A short recess was called by the President so that the Board could discuss the motion made by Michael Sacco. The Board reviewed the motion (which was in writing) and decided it actually had two parts. It was decided by two secret ballots to have the committee reports tonight and to call the Special Meeting to investigate the proper makeup and qualifications of said committees. All were in favor of having the Special Meeting within two weeks, and to have the committee reports at tonight's meeting.

The meeting was called back to order.

Beautification:

Brad Bender reported that on March 25th the new Northampton sign will be installed on County Road 51.

The Great East End Cleanup will start at 8:30 a.m. on April 19th and 20th. Anyone wishing to participate will meet at the ambulance barn to get supplies. See Brad after the meeting for details.

Education:

Michael Sacco reported that the Riverhead School Superintendent Diane Scricca has reported that students have been given one extra hour after classes are over for homework hour.

Michael Brewer reported that we will be awarding a \$1000.00 scholarship this year to an area student, either High School or College. We have the scholarship applications available.

If a High School student receives a scholarship, it will be awarded at the Riverhead High School's Award night.

Government:

Michael Brewer read some of the bills presented in the NYS Assembly sponsored by Assemblyman Fred Thiele.

Bill No. A10041 relates to authorizing certain state lands to taxation for school purposes in the County of Suffolk.

Bill No. A06107 authorizes a payment in lieu of taxes for property acquired for open park or recreational purposes in the Town of Southampton, County of Suffolk.

A contract regarding construction on the David W. Crohan Community Center was awarded to RJ Construction Services in the amount of \$62,000.

Membership:

Laura Smith reported that there are currently 164 members, including 25 new members and 10 paid business members.

Nominating Committee:

Barbara Swislosky was not present tonight. The election for Board members will take place at the next general meeting on April 28th by closed ballot. Only paid up FRNCA members will be eligible to vote. Nominations may be made from the floor.

The membership drive banner will be left at the corners of Rt. 105 and Flanders Rd. until after the elections.

Michael Brewer announced that Chris Sheldon is the chairperson for the Bylaws Committee. Doris Schneider, Patty Hopkins and Michael Sacco volunteered for the committee.

Michael Brewer also suggested Dave Brewer, Lonaway Muldrow and Tom Weber as potential members of that committee.

This will be discussed further at the Special Meeting on the Bylaws Committee.

Old Business:

Michael Brewer reported that Fred Thiele can't meet with us concerning the CPF until after the Assembly session is over, which will be in July.

Members of the community had picketed the Westhampton Beach Village Hall in February protesting the closed meeting concerning the CPF. Included in the meeting were the Southampton Town Board, Fred Thiele, Senator Lavallo as well as other politicians from our area.

New Business:

There will be an open Southampton Town Meeting tomorrow night, March 25th at 6 p.m. This is an important meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend concerning the PILOTS and CPF.

The Big Duck area needs adequate parking and landscaping. A wooden rail fence has been installed.

LI 40 has some large industrial buildings on the site. The west end of the site is slated for

low density senior housing and/or retail.

We have a letter concerning Dark Skies that must be edited and sent to Suffolk County. Night photos need to be taken to show the amount of lights left burning all night at the County Center Complex, the Jail and the College.

Vice President Michael Sacco again brought up his concerns regarding the legal trouble we may have due to our status as a 501-c non profit association if we did not follow the correct parliamentary procedures. This included improper method of nominating, the IRS auditing our records, appointments for chairpersons of a committee, failure to establish a quorum, improper calling of additional meetings, among other procedures. This resulted in an **out of order** debate with the Board and the membership, whereas a member resigned and left the meeting.

The meeting was then called back to order.

50/50 Raffle:

The 50-50 raffle was won by Fran Cobb.

Closing:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Brewer, seconded by Doris Schneider, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.