

Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association

APPROVED
General Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2009
Submitted by Patty Hopkins

Call to Order, Pledge, Roll Call: The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for January 26, 2009 was called to order at 7:10 pm by Michael Brewer. Executive Board members Michael Brewer, Eugene Rausch, Barbara Swislosky, Laura Smith, and Patty Hopkins were present. Marianne Fitzgerald arrived later and Brad Bender was not present. A quorum was declared.

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

Treasurers Report: As of December 31, 2008 there is a balance of \$10,445.75. A motion made by Michael Brewer to pay all bills, seconded by Laura Smith, all in favor.

Announcements:

The ice skating rink in Hampton Bays is now open;
The next blood drive is on Tuesday, February 17th at the Flanders Fire House from 3 to 8:30 PM;
The holiday caroling at Macleod's was successful and a thank you to all who made it happen;
A thank you to Kenny Rausch and his crew for another successful holiday party at the Flanders Mens Club;
A \$1,000.00 Scholarship will be offered again this year to a graduating high school senior or a student presently in college;
There's a Code Enforcement meeting on Wednesday January 28th at 4 PM. Mike Brewer and other local civic leaders will go to the meeting being conducted by Code Enforcement;
A thank you to Brad Bender and all who helped put up and take down the holiday lighting and decorations on the 24/105 corners;
The Friends of the Big Duck have been approved for tax exempt status.

Correspondence:

Michael Brewer read a letter he sent to the Southampton Town Board asking them to keep Chris Nuzzi and Anna Thorne-Holst on Code Enforcement instead of Nancy Grabowski and Linda Kabot;
Town of Southampton correspondence consisted of Activity of Land Preservation on 0.9 acres on Temple Avenue in Flanders;
the water district has different rates due to size of service for sprinklers and fire hydrants; the structures on the Big Duck Ranch will be shored up;
possible affordable housing locations identified in the Flanders area;
debris at 223 Flanders Road has been removed;
contracts were extended for the Riverside Blight Study without explanation. Michael Brewer will investigate;
Edmunds Trucking Company was awarded the contract for demolition of 21 Private Road in Riverside.
The Flanders Little League is requesting sponsors for 2009. Possible team name would be "Flanders Ducks". FRNCA, FoBD, and BVPCA contributed \$100.00 toward the \$400.00 fee. We are waiting to see what Waters Edge will do. FRNCA will also pay \$100.00 for sign to go on ball field fence.

A letter from Carl Grossman of Suffolk County Police Department was read – Michael Brewer will follow up.

Committee Reports:

Audit: Was on December 23, 2008 at the Borrelli's.

Beautification: 2nd Northampton Sign will be installed in warmer weather. Grant money for the traffic circle is coming from Suffolk County.

Code Enforcement: Barbara Swislosky reported some graffiti cleaned up, she is still working on getting street lights replaced, illegal apartments reported, and a letter was drafted to the Police Department and to Brian Dwyer who is the code enforcer for our area, regarding drug activity.

Education: Marianne Fitzgerald reported that the Riverhead Board of Education wants the State to pay for the Riverhead Charter School. She also reported that there is a organization called REFIT which is to unite funding for areas that are not being treated fairly.

Government: Michael Brewer will keep an eye on small lots earmarked for affordable housing.

Membership: Laura Smith mailed out renewal applications which should be returned by March 1st. Raffle tickets and calendar magnets will be mailed back to those who renew.

Nominating: Members need to come forward.

Publicity: Laura Smith is updating web site.

Special Projects: Michael Brewer will report on homeless sex offenders.

The cost to hold the Holiday Party was \$557.00.

Old Business:

The revised By-Laws were adopted. We do not have to submit revised By-Laws to IRS or the Department of State.

Taxes will double next year due to the way the Community Preservation Fund has been changed. The State will make legislation. The town will not have a say.

Carl Iacone stated that development rights expire after 10 years. After that time, the land owner can sell to a developer. Agriculture and open space can be renewed to help slow down development.

DeeDee Gothelf is suing the Town of Southampton for not letting her develop her land.

There are two (2) buildings in the LI-40 Enterprise Zone.

Nothing is going on at the Riverside Traffic Circle. No bank, no restaurants, no other interest.

Nothing is going on at the Raymond Buick car dealership.

New Business:

Homeless sex offender forum had a good turnout. Nearly 300 people came to the high school. The end result is to have the trailers shared with other communities. The forum was filmed for channel 22. Michael Brewer will keep us updated.

Parkview Community reported that their Southampton Town Tax Bill doubled from \$16,000 to \$32,000 for the 1st half. This is an affordable housing park with seniors and low income residences. Michael Brewer will help set up a meeting.

The rest of Flanders, Riverside and Northampton tax increased approximately \$500.00.

Friends of the Big Duck meeting is next Tuesday at 7 PM. Planning will be for the Big Duck Spring Fling.

Census counters are needed. Pay is \$18.00 per hour. Contact the US Census Bureau.

50/50 Raffle: \$39.00 was won by Fran Spano who donated ½ back to FRNCA.

Closing: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Brewer, seconded by Marianne Fitzgerald. The meeting adjourned at 8:50.