

## **APPROVED**

General Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2009

Submitted by Patty Hopkins

**Call to Order, Pledge, Roll Call:** The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for June 22, 2009 was called to order at 7:10 PM by Brad Bender. Executive Board members Brad Bender, Tom Weber, Barbara Swislosky, Marianne Fitzgerald, and Patty Hopkins were present. Laura Smith was not in attendance. A quorum was declared.

**Old Minutes:** The minutes from May 26, 2009 were read and a motion made by Brad Bender to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Barbara Swislosky, all in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** As of June 22, 2009 there is a balance of \$14,403.50. A motion made by Brad Bender to pay all bills, seconded by Barbara Swislosky, all in favor.

### **Announcements/Correspondence:**

- Councilwoman Nancy Grabowski introduced a possible change from election to appointment for the position of Town of Southampton Highway Superintendent.
- The Town of Southampton Department of Land Management began posting Planning Board applications on its website.
- Councilwoman Anna Throne Holst stated that The Findings Statement for the Riverside Urban Renewal Plan was completed and the approved plan was sent to Suffolk County Executive, Steve Levy.
- The Riverboat Diner property still allows for a restaurant with rezoning to "Office Business District".
- The FRNCA picnic will be on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wildwood Lake Park.
- Summer raffle tickets are being sold. Laura Smith will bring tickets to next meeting.
- Scholarship winner of \$1,000.00 was Jordan Lobiak. Jordan spoke about his volunteering with his church, The Calvary Baptist Church on Riverleigh Avenue in Riverside.
- Councilwoman, Anna Throne Holst and the Southampton Town Housing Authority had a power point presentation by Ross Baldwin of the Town of Southampton Graphics Department regarding the creation of affordable rental housing. The housing authority began in 2002 and currently has a small amount of rentals. Concerns from the membership followed regarding rentals versus home ownership. More information is needed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Beautification chairman, Brad Bender announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Northampton sign has been installed.

Code Enforcement chairwoman, Barbara Swislosky reported she is still working on getting the street lighting problem fixed.

Special Projects chairman, Michael Brewer reported Greg Blass is the new Commissioner of Department of Social Services. Michael has an upcoming meeting with Mr. Blass and Assistant Suffolk County Executive, Chris Kent.

No other reports at this time.

**Old Business:** Brad Bender has the results from the questionnaire from last month. There is still an open General Member position on the Executive Board. Please see Patty Hopkins if you are interested in the position.

**New Business:** Maintenance is needed for the 104/24 gardens. Sign up with Brad Bender to help out.

Suffolk County wanted to replant at the Route 24 traffic circle. Brad Bender asked them to hold off. Brad suggested for the Town and FRNCA to partnership in the maintenance of the traffic circle. The circle is considered a dangerous area by Suffolk County because of the traffic.

It was suggested to ask the local businesses around the traffic circle to help match grant money's or to donate maintenance money's in exchange for posting signage for their business.

Brad Bender suggested a partnership with the local churches for future coat drives and food drives.

Our Blood Drive is set for July 20<sup>th</sup> between 3 and 8:30 pm at the Flanders Fire House.

No updates on the Community Preservation Fund – CPF.

A Task Force was developed from the Town of Southampton to help the increased need of services in the community. There is a request for more volunteers.

Friends of the Big Duck will hold a flea market/craft fair on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Big Duck Ranch.

**The 50/50 Raffle:** was \$78.00. \$39.00 was won by Mary Ellen Sarno.

**Closing:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brad Bender, seconded by Patty Hopkins. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.