

# *Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association*

**APPROVED**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2009**  
**Submitted by Patty Hopkins**

**Call to Order, Pledge, Roll Call:** The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for March 23, 2009 was called to order at 7:05PM by Michael Brewer. Executive Board members Michael Brewer, Eugene Rausch, Barbara Swislosky, Brad Bender, Laura Smith, and Patty Hopkins were present. Marianne Fitzgerald arrived later. A quorum was declared.

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

**Treasurers Report:** As of February 28, 2009 there is a balance of \$11,273.33. A motion made by Michael Brewer to pay all bills, seconded by Laura Smith, all in favor.

**Correspondence:** Michael read a letter sent to the Town of Southampton regarding public access to Town Board meetings through an agreement with cablevision. A letter from the Riverhead School District stating the \$1,000.00 Scholarship from FRNCA will be awarded in June 4<sup>th</sup>, with the deadline being May 12<sup>th</sup>. Invitations to the grand reopening of the Crohan nutrition Center were received. A thank you card was received from the Makson family.

**Announcements:** Immigration forum coming up in Hampton Bays. An agreement has been reached between the Riverhead School and Southampton Town regarding the East End Rowing Program from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Kiwanis Club is selling teddy bears for \$3.00 each with the proceeds to help send kids to camp.

Jay Schneiderman went on record opposing the MTA tax.

The Southampton Town Police had a drug raid and made an arrest at 754 Flanders Road, Silverbrook Apartments. Contact Barbara Swislosky for any code violations you witness. Friends of the Big Duck meet here on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Motion made by Michael Brewer, seconded by Brad Bender to waive normal order of business in favor of our guest speaker, County Legislator Jay Schneiderman.

Mr. Schneiderman spoke about the shortage in tax revenues, the State MTA facing shortfalls, it will take three (3) weeks more to remove the broken flag pole at the traffic circle, bus service on Sunday will not happen and the bus fare may raise from \$1.50 to \$2.00, Senior bus fare to increase \$0.50 and students rate goes up \$0.75. Sex offenders cannot live within ¼ mile of a school or playground. There are 2 bills waiting to get passed that say no more than four (4) homeless sex offenders can be together and the five East End Towns can only take back their own offenders. Let the 5 Western Towns take their own back. These two bills are presently stag net. There is a regular Legislator Meeting scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Culinary Arts Building. A show of an appropriate level of outrage is needed. The Town of Riverhead started a lawsuit. The Town of Southampton needs to join in the lawsuit. Members should ask our elected officials if they will join the lawsuit.

Legislator Ed Romaine would like to include libraries, parks, playgrounds, and all schools in the sex offender bill.

Motion made by Michael Brewer to return to normal order of business, seconded by Brad Bender, all in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

*Beautification:* Brad Bender reports the Great East End Cleanup will be May 2 and 3. Garbage bags and pick sticks will be available. Sign up with Brad. Clean-up is for public owned property only, not your attic or basement. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Northampton sign will be installed next month and will be paid in full. Flower Bulb Fundraiser is coming up. More details next meeting.

*Membership:* Ongoing reminder phone calls to members to renew their membership.

*Nominating:* Call Patty with your nominations.

All other committee reports are waived.

**Old Business:**

Send thank you to Legislator Jay Schneiderman.

**New Business:**

Sign in front of Crohan Center still needs to be replaced as a double sided sign.

Brad Bender asked Southampton Town Highway Supervisor, Bill Masterson's office for a garbage can on Rt. 24 and was told it is a State Road. Councilpersons Sally Pope and Chris Nuzzi will follow up with Mr. Masterson's office.

**50/50 Raffle:** Was \$107.00. \$54.00 was won by Megan Brewer.

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