

APPROVED

General Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2009
Submitted by Patty Hopkins

Call to Order, Pledge, Roll Call: The Flanders, Riverside, Northampton Community Association Meeting for May 26, 2009 was called to order at 7:10PM by Brad Bender. Executive Board members Brad Bender, Barbara Swislosky, Laura Smith, Marianne Fitzgerald, and Patty Hopkins were present. Tom Weber was not in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Old Minutes: The minutes from April 27, 2009 were read and a motion made by Brad Bender to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Laura Smith, all in favor.

Treasurers Report: As of April 30, 2009 there is a balance of \$14,170.31.
A motion made by Brad Bender to pay all bills, seconded by Laura Smith, all in favor.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- We received a copy of a letter that Legislator Edward Romaine sent to Janet DeMarzo, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services concerning the condition of the trailer used by current homeless sex offenders. The trailer does not have a certificate of occupancy from the Town of Southampton and does not meet NYS building codes.
- The Suffolk County Department of Public Works sent a letter concerning Urban Renewal Plan to realign County Road 104 from the traffic circle and realigning the roadbed to intersect with State Road 24.
- The Town of Southampton's Citizen Police Academy Training Program is looking for a candidate from our organization to participate in the 13 week course.
- Town of Southampton Councilman, Chris Nuzzi sent a thank you for participating in the Great East End Clean-up that was on the weekend of May 2 and 3.
- The FRNCA picnic will be on August 23, 2009. Location to be determined.

A motion to waive normal order of business was made by Brad Bender for our guest speaker, Gary Cobb of the new Flanders Village Historical Society, seconded by Patty Hopkins, all in favor.

Gary Cobb explained the Flanders Village Historical Society meets with its trustees every month and with the general public every other month beginning June 2009 at the Flanders Men's Club. A Charter was received by the New York State Board of Regents on May 18, 2009 for the Society. Questions from our membership followed.

A motion was made at 7:25PM to return to normal order of business by Brad Bender, seconded by Patty Hopkins, all in favor.

Committee Reports:

The following chairpersons for each committee were announced:

Audit/ Beautification - Brad Bender; Code Enforcement - Barbara Swislosky; Education - Marianne Fitzgerald; Government - Tom Weber; Membership/Publicity - Laura Smith; Nominating - Patty Hopkins; Special Projects - Mike Brewer.

Brad Bender reported that the 2nd Northampton Sign should be installed around the 1st week of June.

Mike Brewer reported that the recent Sex Offender Rally at the traffic circle had between 40 and 70 people on and off during the peaceful demonstration. The next rally will be during the Suffolk County Legislators meeting at the Suffolk County Culinary Arts Building on East Main Street in Riverhead at 9:30 AM, Tuesday June 23. Lawyer, Jim Malone, volunteered pro bono if anyone is arrested during the rally.

Old Business:

There is still an open General Member position on the Executive Board. Please see Patty Hopkins if interested.

A Motion to waive normal order of business by Brad Bender, seconded by Patty Hopkins, all in favor for our presentations to Eugene Rausch and Michael Brewer for their years of service.

Eugene received a certificate and a gift card and Michael received a proclamation from County Legislator Jay Schneiderman stating Suffolk Volunteer of the year and a watch. Cake and coffee followed.

A Motion to return to normal order of business by Brad Bender, seconded by Patty Hopkins, all in favor.

New Business:

Chris Sheldon announced the Friends of the Big Duck will meet next Tuesday. They are looking to hold a flea market/craft fair on August 1st at the Big Duck Ranch. The Friends are trying to raise money in order to receive a matching grant.

Blight in the community, quality of life issues and affordable housing in our area was discussed. Suffolk County gave the Town of Southampton certain lots for this purpose. One question asked was why not re-develop existing developed lots and leave the empty lots alone. Rules for Code Enforcement must be followed through. A discussion followed about re-furbishing existing homes in our area and giving the opportunity to own these homes to our local ambulance volunteers, volunteer firemen, and emergency service employees.

50/50 Raffle: Was \$90.00. \$45.00 was won by Laura Smith.

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