

APPROVED

General Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2009

Submitted by Patty Hopkins

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call: The Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association General Meeting for November 23, 2009 was called to order at 7:10 PM. Executive board members Brad Bender, Barbara Swislosky, Marianne Fitzgerald, Laura Smith, Tom Weber, Dawn Flanagan and Patty Hopkins were present. A quorum was declared.

Old Minutes: Old minutes from September 28 were read and a motion was made by Brad Bender to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Barbara Swislosky, all in favor. Old minutes from October 26 were read and a motion was made by Brad Bender to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Barbara Swislosky, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: As of October 31, 2009 there is a balance of \$7,630.72 in the savings and \$1,141.00 in the checking. Motion by Brad Bender to pay all regular bills, seconded by Barbara Swislosky, all in favor. Motion made by Brad Bender to pay \$1800.00 to Fisher Landscaping, seconded by Laura Smith, all in favor.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Holiday decorating of Route 24/105 corners will be on December 5th. Meet at the corner of 24 and 105 at 10 AM.
- Holiday Party will be on December 14th between 6 and 8 PM at the David Crohan Community Center. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The Pot Luck dinner will have some dishes supplied by FRNCA and all members are encouraged to bring a dish or dessert.
- FRNCA Winter Raffle tickets are now on sale. The drawing will be in February 2010. This raffle helps fund our Scholarship Program.
- Christmas caroling in conjunction with the Timothy Hill Ranch at Macleod's will be on December 19th at 6 PM.

Motion made by Brad Bender to waive normal order of business in favor of our guest speaker, Suffolk County Legislator, Jay Schneiderman, seconded by Barbara Swislosky, all in favor.

Legislator Schneiderman and his assistant Catherine Stark spoke about road run off and the Route 24 traffic circle and that the County was short on funds.

Possible future purchase of the Peconic Paddler and make it part of Grangebel Park. Maybe Southampton is willing to split price with county, and Riverhead will manage and beautify the property. Carl Iacone asked for a clean bill of property from the health department and that the current building would probably have to be torn down. 2010 has \$5,000 for Friends of Big Duck through Legislator Jay Schneiderman's office.

The Commissioner of Social Services and Legislator Schneiderman are working on getting rid of the trailer being used by homeless sex offenders. They are looking for a new site for the trailer. Present trailer may not be legal, ie no shower.

Regarding the RiverCatWalk Project: A large amount of the area is considered wetlands and that would cause possible sewer problems. Legislator Schneiderman said a possible sewer district would need to be established.

A question asked from the membership was is there anything about the Suffolk County Department of Public Works doing a study regarding redoing the roads around the traffic circle. Legislator Schneiderman will look into it. Another question asked was if a restaurant could come into the area. The answer was to get your Councilpersons to prepare legislation, get signed petitions and submit it into the town. A grocery store was suggested by the membership to fit in the old Raymond Buick building.

The company that did the Peconic Paddler's property cleanup will not issue a report until they are paid and Jim Dreeban, the owner of Peconic Paddler wants the report before he pays them. This is a stalemate.

Chris Sheldon asked for small green signs for Riverside entrance roads.

8:30 PM: Next speaker, Maureen Haven's Peconic Community Council, Peter Saros. How can we help. The Community Council brings not-for-profits together to see what the needs are. The old name was Suffolk Community Council. Services are needed on the East End but people didn't know where to go. The council identifies areas in need. Between Nov and Apr, the council picks up homeless individuals, not families, at the railroad station. Within the last two years, working people increased as homeless. The numbers are going up. There is an average of 40 people a night and it's not January yet. All this is in partnership with local churches and synagogues. Tell the homeless to go to Riverhead train station at 5:30pm.

Volunteers for tutoring for GEDs are needed (they will train), clothing, fundraising for them and a Big fundraiser is a cold water plunge at Veteran's Beach in Mattituck. 20% is government funding and the rest is private.

Brad will take a \$1,000.00 challenge from Mr. Saros to take the plunge. Pledges to Brad are needed.

8:55 PM: Motion by Brad Bender to return to normal order of business, seconded by Marianne Fitzgerald, all in favor.

New Business: Plantings at traffic circle to be done in two phases. Trees in circle and then flowers and shrubs. \$300.00 is on account at Verderber Nursery.

Motion by Brad Bender to solicit local businesses for donations to beautify the circle, seconded by Marianne Fitzgerald, all in favor.

Friends of the Big Duck have a new sign and will meet December 1st. Anna Throne Holst will be at their next meeting.

Brad Bender asked the membership present what they would like to have at future meetings or do we leave it the way it is going. Lonaway Muldare would like to be notified of happenings in a timely manner. They said to keep us informed about the Town, our community needs, and to better the environment in our area. Maybe use the radio for announcements or in the local papers.

New Membership Drive is on in February and we will host a meet and greet for candidates for councilperson.

50/50 Raffle: Was \$52.00. \$26.00 was won by Barbara Swislosky.

Closing: Motion by Brad Bender to adjourn, seconded by Laura Smith, all in favor. Meeting closed at 9:20PM.