

Minutes of the Sound View Beach Commission Formation Committee
UNAPPROVED

Meeting held: October 26, 2009 at Shoreline Community Center, 7.30pm

Present: Regular Members: Gail Fuller, Frank Pappalardo (Chairman),
Michaëlle Pearson (Secretary), David Griswold (late arrival).

Alternate: Joann Lishing

Also Present: Bonnie Reemsnyder (Ex-officio)

Absent: Harry Plaut, Russell Carlo

Public Comment:

None.

Call to Order: 7.45pm

Minutes

Joann Lishing made a motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes with corrections as follows: Change "Authority" to "Commission", include date of Mr. Pappalardo's list presented to the BOS (July 6th), and several spelling errors.

Gail Fuller seconded. Minutes accepted with changes.

7.55 Mr. Pappalardo asked for public comment. There was none.

7.56 pm Commission Development—Review of other towns. Branford.

Gail Fuller stated that in Branford, each major parkland area has a separate commission. Frank Pappalardo referenced Branford's Pine Orchard Commission, which was formed by edict of that Town's Board of Selectmen, and asked if it was possible to do that here. Selectwoman Reemsnyder said that in Old Lyme a Commission must be voted on by a Town Meeting.

8.01 Selectman Sibley joined meeting.

Gail Fuller mentioned the Stonington commission: they report to selectmen. Both towns gave the commissions authority to act. Beach areas in other

towns were mostly administered by Parks and Rec or another existing administrative body in town.

8.05 pm: Municipal special service districts.

Discussion and review of research materials and memos from various towns which have adopted these districts.

Selectman Sibley asked if there was help available for negotiating the process. He suggested that the Planning Commission (Harold Thompson, Chair) might be a good place to start. Possibly the Economic Development Commission as well. Vision in 5 years is to have another Main Street here.

8.55 David Griswold joined the meeting, and mentioned that the Economic Development Commission (of which he is a member) spoke favorably of the Haverland Report, and that this Committee might wish to discuss revisiting some of these issues with them.

9.08 Committee agrees to review SSD materials. Assignment for next meeting: Draft a list of possible objections, which might be raised to a SSD. Also a list of positives, such as economic development, which would encourage Old Lyme residents to use the area here.

9.25 Frank Pappalardo stated that he may submit a paragraph to the BOS regarding this Committee for possible submission to the Town Report.

9.30 Michaelle Pearson spoke about researching and drafting a proposed blight ordinance.

9.40 pm The date and time of the next meeting were discussed. The next meeting of this Commission will be at 7.30 pm, Monday, Nov 23, 2009 at the Shoreline Community Center.

There will be no meeting in December. The January meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 11th at Town Hall.

David Griswold reminded everyone to vote on Election Day..

Meeting adjourned at 9.35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Pearson, Secretary