

Sound View Commission
Meeting Minutes — Unapproved
4th April 2011
Old Lyme Town Hall, 7.30 pm

Present: David Kelsey, Harry Plaut, Frank Pappalardo (Chair), Joann Reis Lishing, Russ Carlo (Alternate), Joseph Camean (Alternate), Frank Maratta (Alternate)
Absent: Michaelle Pearson (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 7.40pm by Frank Pappalardo (Chair). In the absence of Michaelle Pearson, (Secretary), Mr. Pappalardo appointed Joann Reis Lishing to record the minutes. In addition, Mr. Pappalardo appointed alternate Russ Carlo to replace Ms. Pearson; and since David Kelsey would be arriving late, Mr. Pappalardo appointed alternate Frank Maratta until Mr. Kelsey's arrival (at 8pm).

Members were welcomed and introduced themselves to the group.
Meeting Minutes of February 28th 2011 were unanimously approved through a motion by Harry Plaut and seconded by Russ Carlo.

No public comments.

7:44 pm: Mr. Pappalardo reviewed the goals of the Commission and he presented the members with a 2 page list compiled from comments received from members regarding their thoughts and concerns as a place to begin the Commission's "work". Of the listed 18 items, the evening's discussion and review addressed the first 10 items. From discussion and brainstorming of these 10 items, the following actions resulted:

- Harry Plaut will address the issue of obtaining more trash cans for the beach.
- Dave Kelsey will contact Ann Brown re: parking lot enforcement.
- Frank Pappalardo will contact Public Works re: maintenance of the Alleys.

The following items were discussed:

Blight: Mr. Pappalardo explained to the members that there is no blight ordinance in the Town. It was also explained what plans are being discussed and going forward for some of the blighted property on Hartford Ave.

Alley Ways: Discussion regarding possible future uses, deeded rights of way, and the need for alleys to remain open and accessible at all times. It was agreed that Public Works would be contacted to ensure up to date maintenance and possibly new signage posted to prevent the alleys from being blocked.

Parking: Mr. Pappalardo reviewed some of the previous work the Committee had done over the last 2 years regarding safety and beach population/parking. In addition, public use of Miami Beach was discussed, including a history of Miami Beach open to the unorganized public. In addition, traffic issues and illegal parking lots need to be addressed. Mr. Maratta suggested that beach rules be handed out at the different parking lots.

Traffic and Parking: the Commission agreed that a letter from the Zoning Officer needs to be sent to illegal parking lot owners notifying them that the lot is in violation. It was also suggested that a police officer should deliver said letter. In addition, Mr. Pappalardo explained the traffic pattern that was implemented last summer and that this pattern was a success. The police will follow up with this same traffic plan and enforce it.

Cleanliness/Garbage: Harry Plaut informed the Commission that there is a contract in place and he detailed the process of cleaning the beach, etc., including a timeline of frequency between May and end of summer. It was agreed that more trash cans are needed at the end of Swan Ave and Hartford Ave.

Beach access via public roads/Miami Beach: this item was tabled.

Liquor/Drug Enforcement: this will be strictly enforced. Mr. Kelsey suggested the use of a Police Van/ DUI Van-type process to dissuade irresponsible drinking.

Businesses: there was positive discussion regarding bringing new businesses to the area as well as retaining and improving the present businesses that are in Sound View. Frank Maratta related some of the zoning road blocks that appear not to be business-friendly. The members brainstormed ideas on how the Commission can help in these instances.

Beach and Waterfront Issues: Mr. Pappalardo reviewed the Beach Rules with the members. Enforcement of no vehicles on the beach will be the focus this summer. Swim lines and public safety regarding personal watercraft, fueling, water taxi, etc were discussed in detail. Placement of swim lines and public safety were discussed.

9:28 pm: Mr. Pappalardo provided the members with new signage wording and specs for the beach and the 3 entrances to Sound View (Swan Ave, Hartford Ave, & Portland Ave). These were discussed with the police and selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder and approved.

9:33 pm: Mr. Pappalardo reminded the members that a letter will be going to all Sound View residents at the beginning of May announcing the newly appointed Commission. Members were asked to email ideas for the letter to Mr.

Pappalardo. He will prepare a letter for approval at the next Commission meeting.

9:34 pm: Motion to adjourn by Harry Plaut and seconded by Russ Carlo. Motion carried.

Next meeting: 25th April, 2011 at 7.30 pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Reis Lishing