

Minutes of the Sound View Beach Commission Formation Committee
UNAPPROVED

Meeting held: March 22, 2010 at Town Hall, 7.30pm

Present:

Regular Members: Gail Fuller, Frank Pappalardo (Chairman), Michaelle Pearson (Secretary), David Griswold, Skip Sibley (ex officio), Harry Plaut, Joann Lishing (alternate).

Absent: Russell Carlo (alternate),

Call to Order: 7.47pm

Acceptance of Minutes: Tabled until arrival of David Griswold.

Public Comment: No members of the public in attendance.

7.49p Business

Frank Pappalardo reported on his meeting with Linda Krause of CREPA, stating that she confirmed that a municipality may grant to a commission whatever powers and authority they wish by enacting an ordinance. These granted powers and authority must be within the municipal powers and not conflict with any state-mandated commission. When asked about the potential of an SSD, Mr. Pappalardo reports that Ms. Krause felt a commission would have a better chance of passing, and could accomplish what we need to get done. She also said she would be available to answer any questions we might have.

Selectman Sibley asked if Linda Krause had been involved in any other similar efforts? Mr. Pappalardo responded that she had not, as most of Ms. Krause's work has dealt with the private beach communities. Ms. Krause further suggested that Frank speak with Jane Marsh, and Mr. Pappalardo reported that he had a good conversation with her, in which Ms. Marsh stated that she believed there needed to be some type of managing authority for Sound View, and that she would like to see something positive happen.

Harry Plaut brought up some magazine coverage of the Sound View area, which encouraged twentysomethings looking for a party to visit the beach. Mr. Plaut expressed his concern that we need to change the image of the area from rowdy and bar-oriented to emphasize its more family-friendly aspects. Mr. Plaut further stated that he feels that the Town and the Beaches currently

have the best relationship they have ever had, and that this positive interaction must be encouraged.

8.05 David Griswold present.

Mr. Pappalardo provided a recap of last month's extensive discussion of an SSD vs. a Commission. Further discussion followed, and it was decided to take a vote this evening on which direction to pursue.

8.36: Frank Pappalardo made a motion to establish a Sound View Beach Commission. Harry Plaut seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pappalardo presented a Commission outline:
Area of influence (physical locations)
Effect or influence desired
Powers and or authority needed to cause desired effect
Commission structure
Marketing strategy

Selectman Sibley said we need to work on the framework of the ordinance that will create this commission. He asked that Frank get in touch with Don Bugbee before the next meeting, as Don's area of focus is mainly the town parking lot and the beach. Selectman Sibley also suggested contacting First Selectman Griswold regarding a list of Town properties and services.

Homework: For the next meeting, we should be prepared to talk about the physical areas we want to affect, etc., and start to design a script to present these ideas.

Other business:
Formal statement to BOS re: parking lot.

Frank Pappalardo and David Griswold to set up a meeting with Selectmen, and State Trooper Scott O'Donnell.

Next meeting: April 26, 2010, 7.30 pm
Shoreline Community Center, 39 Hartford Avenue.

Mr. Plaut motioned to adjourn. Mr. Griswold seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 9.27 pm

