



Sound View Commission

Minutes – Regular Meeting

February 24, 2024, 7.30pm

Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: Michaelle Pearson (Secretary), Frank Pappalardo (Chair), Joann Lishing, Jackie Miano (Alternate), Paul Orzel (Alternate)

Absent: Paula Melillo (alternate), Frank Maratta, Bob Carlson

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Pappalardo at 7:37 pm.
Alternates seated: Jackie Miano and Paul Orzel
2. **Approval of November minutes:** Motion: Michaelle Pearson Second: Jackie Miano. All in Favor. Paul Orzel and Joann Lishing abstained due to absence. Motion Carried.
3. **Public Comment:** Lenny Corto commented that Chair Pappalardo should focus on this Commission and not form any subcommittees. Stated that he had filed a police complaint against Frank Pappalardo (Case number 250007114), but did not comment regarding the nature of the complaint. [Mr. Corto emailed SVC Secretary Ms. Pearson on 2/25/25 to state that the information he provided is incorrect, and asked that it be removed from the minutes.]
4. **Correspondence:**
From Katie Balocca regarding new door keys at Town Hall.
On March 8, meeting with Board & Commission chairs. Request for support from Selectman Jim Lamos regarding application for a Long Island Sound Resilience grant. Frank Pappalardo reviewed the application and submitted a letter of support as a private citizen.
5. **Business:**
Sound View Property Class D Survey: Received corrected version last week. Reviewing now. Will likely need a few more things addressed before it is final.
6. *Shoreline Gateway Committee Update:* Working with Zoning and Building officials on addressing blight in the Gateway area. Reviewing ordinances from other towns, and also looking for consultants to help us draft a plan.
7. *Budget review:* Sound View operating budget was approved by the Board of Selectmen, including a 50% increase in Portolet cost. Money for concerts and possibly and end of summer event. Capital budget: 15K speed humps, 7500K generator and trailer, traffic calming signs, footwash/ shower install in parking lot, escrow for permanent restroom facilities over a three year period. 30K for engineering and 300K for building will cover either flush toilets or composting toilets depending on the status of sewers. Will be heard at the March 4th Board of Finance meeting.
8. *Town of Old Lyme FOIA Training:* February 26, 2025. 7pm.



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9. *Shoreline Church Concert request.* Would like to host a concert on Sunday, June 8th at the Hartford Avenue flagpole in conjunction with a baptism event at the church. Discussion regarding traffic and safety concerns. This would take place in the middle of the day on a Sunday in June, when traffic is already an issue, and the OLPD and Rangers will be using that area for public safety. Also questions of sanctioning a religious event on town property. Joann Lishing motioned to allow the Shoreline Church to host a concert at the flagpole. Jackie Miano seconded. All opposed. Motion failed. Frank Pappalardo will send a letter explaining the decision.
10. *2025 Planning:* swim lines, hydrographic survey, buoys, etc. Harbormaster will make the request for this special allocation so we can have swim lines in place before Memorial Day. Concerts: looking at Old Lyme Town Band and some others. Bound for the Sound Race is on September 20th. Frank Pappalardo will coordinate with Stephanie Livesey to approach local businesses who might be interested in staying open to support this event.
11. *Election of officers:* Joann Lishing nominated Frank Pappalardo for Chair. Jackie Miano seconded. All in favor. Joann Lishing nominated Michaelle Pearson for Secretary. Jackie Miano seconded. All in favor.

Bob Carlson wrote to express his regrets that he is resigning from the Commission. Paul Orzel requested to be named a regular member but will recuse himself from any matters that would pose a conflict of interest regarding Zoning issues.

12. **Other Business: none**

8. MOTION to Adjourn: Paul Orzel . Seconded by Joann Lishing. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:16pm.