

**MINUTES**  
**General Meeting of the SPIA**  
**August 18, 2018**

The meeting commenced at 9:42 on August 18, 2018. Quorum confirmed, despite a light turnout. Charlie Cormay called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes – motion made and seconded to approve minutes from the June meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**1. Opening Remarks**

Dan Serpico would be making a presentation regarding Hall's Creek. The foul weather may be a problem for the evening picnic.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Dan's presentation involved 2 parts. For (Part 1) the "set up" he distributed 2 documents:

- 1) detailing our current financial position
- 2) detailing our historical cash flow

Revenue at 38,135. Expenses – 18,561 HCPF Donation – 25,000. This resulted in a cash balance of 73,493.

Dues participation improved.

74% of residents paid dues

The contribution percentages by avenue and streets breaks down as follows:

- 1 – Third Ave – 96%
- 2 – Second Ave – 83%
- 3 – Cross Streets – 80%
- 4 – Seventh Ave – 74%
- 5 – First, Fifth & Sixth Ave – 68%
- 6 – Fourth Ave – 63%

**3. Security**

No discussion.

#### 4. **Infrastructure**

Mike Carey provided a brief status report:

- The dedication plaque for the flag pole is a work in progress and should be installed on the rock by the pole by next spring.
- The parking lot gate will be installed either during the winter or next spring.
- Water quality testing at the creek this season has all been good.
- The spring work on the gravel part of Fifth Avenue and parking lot has held up very well. We used a different contractor this year.
- Thanks to Scott Condinho for his donated electrical installation work.
- Our resident ospreys seem to be very happy with their relocated aerie. Their unobstructed views and unfettered water access are 1<sup>st</sup> rate.

Charlie added that though our proposal for installing a fresh water well has been approved by the Conservation Commission, the irrigation system for the watering of the lawn was not. How badly does the community want irrigation? Do we want to appeal the decision? Charlie feels a compelling argument could be made in favor of irrigation. After some discussion, it was suggested that we table that for now while we focus on the jetty repair and Hall's Creek dredging situation.

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report (Part 2)** *SPIA Fixes the Jetty*

Dan presented his proposal for the jetty/Hall's Creek, in which the community prioritizes the jetty repair. Dan proposed that by taking on that major first step ourselves, thus streamlining the process, will help generate the crucial support of our abutters for the larger Hall's Creek rejuvenation.

With an estimated cost of approximately \$150,000, it is the least expensive part of the overall project. Core idea: *we need to start 1<sup>st</sup>!*

We have some money, and we could self finance this project. We could consider raising dues \$25 per household, which would result in ~ 4,500 in additional annual revenue. We could establish a simple loan instrument, offering a 4% interest return on \$10,000 loans from within the community. We would use some of our cash - and self-finance the balance of the estimated \$150,000 – to get the jetty repaired. Dan estimated we could accomplish this and leave ourselves with ~ \$24,000 in reserve.

##### Action Steps

- Community approves plan
- Work with HCPF on permitting and legal issues
- Raise money when the project is ready to proceed
- Complete project
- PR with abutters
- Pay back loans

## **6. Jim Harrington's HCPF Report**

Has hired a new firm (Keegan-Worrel?) Some of the previous engineering information is in some measure of dispute, either ownership of the info or whether it has become outdated. Working to settle these points. Clarified that the jetty is failing in 2 ways:

- 1) Rocks are loosening, and even some are falling into the channel
- 2) Continued erosion on the west side

Fund raising has been going well, with generous matching funds helping. Permitting is expected to cost approximately \$11,000.

Some discussion ensued regarding jetties in general, and the ownership of structures beyond the mean low water mark. Legal ramifications? Liability?

Charlie summed up and called for a vote to allow us to continue moving Dan's plan forward. This was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

## **7. Activities**

Marcia discussed moving the annual picnic for next year to earlier in the summer. August 3<sup>rd</sup> was suggested.

Charlie added moving the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as well.

Due to impending inclement weather, and a general lack of pre-registered participation, should tonight's picnic be cancelled? Those in attendance agreed.

## **8. Other Business**

Members of the community have shown interest in SPIA branded merchandise. Attendees were asked to suggest ideas of what we should look to get. The following ideas were suggested:

- Koozies
- Hats
- Decals/magnets
- Hoodies/fleeces
- Polo shirts/tees/tanks
- Coffee cups
- Totes

Board members Andy McCann and Susan Goode are looking into this for next season.

The vacancy on the Hughes Trust was discussed. Before we can have a vote to designate a new trustee, all homeowners need to be informed of the planned vote and any candidates involved. Rather than the registered mail that the trust currently calls for, the board is going to look at using email to comply with this requirement.

Move to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion made, unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy McCann