

Seaside Park Improvement Association

General Meeting

June 2024 9:50 AM

Attendees:

80+ Neighborhood Members

7 Board Members

WELCOME: Charlie Cormay

Approval of the Minutes: a motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 2023 meeting: motion was seconded with unanimous approval

STOP SIGN UPDATE: Griffin Beaudoin from the Barnstable Town Engineers office discussed the reasoning behind the removal of some of the STOP signs on the Avenues. Currently there are STOP signs on the cross streets but not on the main avenues. He stated that STOP signs are a way to regulate right of way and not to regulate speed. However, many neighborhood members disagreed with this and feel that STOP signs do indeed decrease speed. There were numerous safety concerns brought up by the attendees regarding the number and frequency of cars/trucks/delivery vehicles speeding up and down the Avenues. Mr. Beaudoin stated that we could consider the placement of speed feedback signs and/or narrowing the roads to help with this. He stated his department does not install speed bumps on public roadways. The enforceable speed limit in our neighborhood is 30 mph. It was agreed to monitor for speeding issues over the summer and to revisit this issue at the August meeting. Mr. Beaudoin stated that some bushes/trees would be trimmed back to allow for better visibility and safety. He agreed to conduct another study regarding STOP sign placement given current safety concerns.

TREASURER'S REORT: Robin Leahy reviewed the budget. Currently we have approximately \$58,000 in reserve with an anticipated \$49,000 in revenue and a projected \$46,300 in operating expenses. Motion to approve the budget was made, seconded and approved. She stated 75% of our members are paying dues but this number has trended down over the past few years. She encouraged everyone to pay their dues in order for SPIA to maintain the quality of services provided including landscaping, beach/grounds/parking lot maintenance, 4th of July parade, August picnic, insurance, etc. She stated our cost for insurance did not go up this year. She applauded the wonderful job done by Jack Sweeney in the building of the Cape Cod style storage shed. Excellent craftsmanship!

PARKING ATTENDANTS: Denise Dandrea gave an update on the parking attendants. They are keeping track of the number of non-residents attempting entrance to the beach area. The attendants will be requesting those driving to the beach to stop and give their name and to display their parking placard on the car dashboard. They will be asking those walking to the beach for their street address. If someone is not from the neighborhood or renting in the neighborhood, they will be told it is a private area for residents/renters only. They will also remind those walking dogs that dogs are not allowed on the beach. Please cooperate with these requests and we hope there will be no confrontations. The parking attendants will be at their

station at the end of Fifth Avenue Monday and Tuesday from 3 – 5 pm and Wednesday thru Sunday from 10 am – 5 pm.

ACTIVITIES: Chris Sweeney gave an update on the 4th of July parade that starts at 10 am at the Post Office. She requested that those in cars decrease their speed so the children on bikes can keep up with the parade. Unfortunately, Cape Harmony will not be available to sing but there will be a sound system set up to play patriotic tunes. There will also be an ice cream truck at the end of the parade route

Susan Goode – the annual summer neighborhood picnic will be held on August 10th starting at 5:30 pm. We will be supplying hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer or a dessert to share along with their choice of beverage. There will be a DJ and some fun events for the kids to participate in.

LAND GIFT: Charlie Cormay discussed the McKeon Family land gift offer to SPIA of several acres along Hall's Creek behind Seventh Avenue. We had previously agreed to hire a lawyer to investigate this issue and the recommendation was to accept the land gift. There was discussion about the SPIA Board having authority over this area along with authority over 2 other land trusts. We will discuss this further at the August meeting,

HALL'S CREEK UPDATE: Jim Herrington – The Hyannisport Golf Club had proposed donating \$250,000 in 2024 and \$250,00 in 2025 to Hall's Creek dredging efforts. However, due to beach storm damage this winter by several storms in a 4-week period, several club board members questioned the current proposed dredging plan. The golf club board decided to have an independent study done and hired a firm from Woods Hole. It is not known how long the study will take so for now we are in a holding pattern. Questions from various attendees were addressed.

Jim Walsh – reviewed the pledge process for the Hall's Creek Project. It is a 501C deductible pledge

It was a cold and windy day and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM