

SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Approved April 4, 2011

Monday, March 28, 2011 at Gray Waddell's house

Chair: Kirk Exner Minutes: Gene Scanlan Guests: None

Board Members Present: Harold Fletcher, Gray Waddell, Gene Scanlan, Kirk Exner, Valerie Nash, Anne Hutchinson, Rupert Clark, Michael Hertz, Peter Harvey, Melanie Vallieres

Board Members Absent: Ivana Cappelletto

1. Call to order 7:13 PM
2. President's comments:
 - a. Kirk reviewed the purpose of the meeting is to focus entirely on the issue of the District Council's consideration of the rezoning of a small portion of Target Marine's property (from M-3 to M-3A), which would include processing of sturgeon and sturgeon roe under the revised definition of Fish Hatchery.
 - b. Our goal is to determine if the SHCA Board should respond to this issue, and, if so, what our response should be.
 - c. The majority of our Board has expressed for support for a position statement concerning this issue.
 - d. This meeting was called without sufficient notice to our Board.
 - e. Given the short notice, we are having this meeting with the understanding that a majority of our members (at least 6) must vote in favor of the proposition in order for it to be ratified.
 - f. This meeting is not being held in place of our regular meeting nor is it being held with limited notice to circumvent debate and discussion; rather, it is being held because time is of the essence.
 - g. Inter-Board communication leading up to this meeting has, at times, been disrespectful and unwarranted, and has impacted our Board's ability to function efficiently and effectively.
 - h. Tonight every member should, on our discussion and debate, demonstrate mutual respect and should give due consideration when presenting or responding to information.
 - i. In order to facilitate our conversation each member will be given up to eight minutes to present their information on the issue. Thereafter the other members will have two minutes to provide questions, concerns, or statements of support.
3. President's update on communication about the issue:
 - a. Kirk reported that Lynn Forrest had contacted him today and spoke to him at length; he also reminded members that this issue had already been discussed at the January and February SHCA Board meeting. She also sent

- Kirk summary documents that were distributed to the SHCA Board and acknowledged by a letter to her on February 1.
- b. He also pointed out that the Tuwanek Community Association has never contacted him re: SHCA's opinions or support for this issue.
 - c. He also said that issues related to our board@SHCA email address prevented him from receiving a letter sent by Lynn Forrest.
 - d. He said that he did speak with Linda Williams today and she indicated that this is Tuwanek's fight but SHCA support would be a plus for them.
 - e. Kirk also reported he had carried out a door-to-door survey on Sunday and had 26 responses (see the survey results attached).
4. Peter also presented a survey he carried out of residents in Tillicum Bay and Sandy Hook; this is attached to these minutes.
 5. Discussion by Board members of their points of view on the issue, additional information, and wording of a statement.
 6. The following were the major points of agreement by the Board:
 - a. It was moved by Gene and seconded by Rupert that the Board vote on taking a position on this issue. The Board voted 6 – 4 for of taking a position.
 - b. The Board voted 7 – 3 against directly opposing this specific rezoning.
 - c. The Board voted 8 – 2 to support the revised version of the position statement, which is:

“The Sandy Hook Community Association Board urges the District of Sechelt to take zoning changes and definitions affecting zoning and their effect on the residents very seriously. Such changes should never be made without full consultation with those affected.”
 7. It was agreed that Gray Waddell will present the Board's position to the public hearing on March 31.
 8. Kirk concluded the meeting by pointing out that considerable time was spent on this issue and this time could have been invested elsewhere. He also said that it proves it is very difficult to get 10 people to agree on any position statement.
 9. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Next regular meeting: Monday, April 4th at Melanie Vallieres' home 5922 Sandy Hook Road 7:00 PM

Sandy Hook – Community Survey

Target Marine & issues outside of the geographical boundaries of Sandy Hook.

Conducted by: Kirk Exner

Respondents: 26 (non-SHCA board members only)

1. Are you aware of the zoning controversy associated with Target marine and the District of Sechelt?

Yes 22

No 3

Not Sure 1

2. Are you aware that Target Marine is located in Tuwanek?

Yes 24

No 2

Target Marine wants to process sturgeon at their caviar facility (fish hatchery). In order to do this they have applied to the District of Sechelt for a zoning bylaw amendment/change.

3. Should the Sandy Hook Community Association concern itself with this matter when the matter lies outside of Sandy Hook? (Another example would be the Davies Bay road widening controversy).

Yes 14

No 10

Maybe 2 (it would have to directly impact our neighbourhood)

4. Are you, or have you ever been a member of the Sandy Hook Community Association?

Yes	19
No	7

Sandy Hook – Tillicum Bay Community Survey

Target Marine & issues outside of the geographical boundaries of Sandy Hook.

Conducted by: Peter Harvey

Respondents: 14

Street/Area	Approve	Disapprove	Neutra l	Comment
Naylor	5	2	1	
Inlet	0	2	0	
Tillicum	3	5	4	1 person not shown - had strong opinion but would not
	8	9	5	
Sandy Hook	5	5	3	

The question was simple - "Where do you stand on the Target Marine Proposal?" I did not ask for an explanation but some gave me one in any case and this turned out to be interesting (more at our SHCA meeting tonight). My conversations were mostly me listening - my opinion was dutifully left out. In my humble opinion, with this relatively small data-set, the raw numbers (as presented here) are more interesting than abstracted percentages.

Tillicum

I went to every door in Tillicum. I had a very high response rate with only about 5 full-time homes not available and perhaps as many as 10 seasonal. I am not sure how many homes there are in Tillicum but the number seems to be very small compared to Sandy Hook. I went to Ruperts but did not count his position as he is a Board member - but one could safely add his house to the 'Disapprove' column if one wish's. I stopped often to listen to the noise. Its worth noting that more than a few people in the disapprove column had been contact to let them know someone was coming. Its also worth noting that very few (I think one - a young girl who happens to work at the Hatchery and voted neutral) were unfamiliar with the issue.

Sandy Hook

I went to homes along Porpoise and Klahanie and one on Sandy Hook Rd as I made my way back to my house. It was dark before I quite made it so I stopped when I reached Sandy Hook Rd. I received a reasonable sample of 13 responses (more than a few were not home). Generally - I think the numbers reflect the community at-large - otherwise I

would have spent this afternoon out again. Its worth noting that there were about 3 households who were not familiar with the issue. I gave a very brief description pros/cons (something I avoided in Tillicum) and 1 vote went into each column as a result.

I spent about 4 hrs (between 3 and 7 on Sunday) walking up/down, often challenging, driveways but the weather was nice and the folks were mostly pleasant. Please take these numbers seriously.