

Sandy Hook Community Association

MINUTES

December 6, 2020

Attending: Randy Knill, Ryan Chalke, Barb Muir, Jacqui Maxton, Peter Harvey, Bruce Woodburn, Josh Skinner

Regrets: John Stan, Susan Anthony-Anderson

Previous Business

	Discussion	Vote	Action
1	<p>Per previous minutes, letters have been sent/actions completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Annual request to DoS- Domain renewal- Annual Report to BC Societies- Street light renewal: DoS indicated unwillingness to remove street light citing safety concerns. Bruce has responded with a suggestion for installation of a light which is better shrouded or an "intelligent" light which reacts to movement only.		done done done Bruce
2	<p>Sandy Hook Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moving forward, a better piece of wood has been sourced and is available if we wait until January.- Much discussion re changing the font to a more pleasing one. Determined per the AGM resolution to keep the lettering substantially the same as the original. Larger spacing between letters may be required to maintain the integrity of the wood. Carver will determine.- The "fish" will be represented as accurately as possible noting the odd shape of it's frame will be difficult to reproduce.		Ryan
3	<p>Community Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Covid restrictions have kept the committee from meeting- Exploring funding options: Randy understands that i.e. the Community Forest is always looking for projects like this. Should we be able to put some "seed money" aside for a structure, funding organisations are far more likely to consider contributions. If we could show \$4,000 or \$5,000 in donations already, they would be more likely to support us.- It is noted we have over \$2,000 in our Association. We could decide to allocate it (on paper) to start the ball rolling.- Once the committee comes up with a plan (what & where) we need to go back to the community for their input.		Randy

- 4 **SHCA Facebook Page**
- Only “the owner” can delete the page. After some emails between past members we still do not know who that is. Jacqui will lightly monitor the page and remove any offensive posts (or will try to!) Jacqui
- 5 **Communications**
- A note from a resident informing the Board of an “anti-mask” notice they removed from a notice board. The SH Board does not “police” the notice boards and residents are free to remove notices they find offensive. Responded to Jacqui
 - A note asking how many people live in Sandy Hook. Our website indicates 640 permanent residents and 200 seasonal but this information is likely out of date. We do have # of residences in Sandy Hook and Tuwanek which is 380. Responded to Jacqui
 - As seen on Facebook: a resident has taken the broken notice board from the 5800 block of SH Road to repair it. Many thanks! Josh will offer him our financial assistance, Peter may have a good piece of wood he could use. Josh/Peter
6. **Response from DoS re: Road issues**
- They agree that site lines are bad where noted and will trim as needed.
 - They agree that roadside “ditches” made by runoff and causing the road to crumble at the sides (i.e. hill by Hidden Grove) need a) grading to direct runoff away from the road and b) filling these areas with compacted gravel. It is our recommendation that they should grade before filling the holes or the gravel will simply run out again next rainfall.
 - It is noted that DoS appreciated our presentation of these issues in that we made it easy for them to see the problem and deal with it. Thanks Bruce! Bruce
7. **STR Letter to DoS**
- The letter we were to send last month was not sent because we could not fully agree! We still feel a letter should be sent, just not on how detailed with respect to solutions we should be. After a great deal of good natured discussion it was determined to send a letter outlining our 3 major issues:
 - Noise – from large groups with no owner on site
 - Enforcement – not enough, licensing etc.
 - Large % of STR’s contribute to lack of community all Peter
- New Business**
1. **Neighbourhood Watch**
- An incident where a neighbor found someone looking in their windows at night prompted Ryan to look into some type of organized response to concerns.

- Lots of information available on-line.
- The official “Block Watch” does not appear to fit well with our community and is a formal process requiring training etc.
- Some form of signage indicating people are alert to trespass may be worthwhile
- Call list – a list for those who would like someone to call in case of emergency. Many of us already know our neighbours but many may not or may feel uncomfortable calling. A call list of willing “helpers” and those who may need help would overcome barriers. Ryan will explore further. all Ryan
- Walkabout – a group may wish to get together to “walkabout” in the evenings making sure all is safe. Danger of seeing problems where there aren’t any. In addition, although we have had a couple of incidents in the past year or two, generally we live in a very safe neighbourhood as we are a long walk from town!
- Knowing your neighbours is important, Halloween showed how nice it can be to get outside and socialize (safe distance of course!)
- Welcome wagon – Barb suggested this was a great way to integrate new folk into the community

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