

Sound View Commission
Meeting Minutes — Unapproved
25th April 2011
Old Lyme Town Hall, 7.30 pm

Present: Harry Plaut, Frank Pappalardo (Chair), Joann Reis Lishing, Michaelle Pearson (Secretary), Russ Carlo (Alternate), Frank Maratta (Alternate)
Absent: David Kelsey, Joseph Camean (Alternate),
Also present: Tom Heinszen, OLPD.

7.35p Meeting called to order at 7.40pm by Frank Pappalardo (Chair).

7.37 Russ Carlo appointed in place of David Kelsey.

Approval of minutes Russ Carlo, seconded Harry Plaut.

7.40 Chairman Pappalardo reviewed the goals of the Commission. Harry Plaut will address the issue of obtaining more trash cans for the beach. Dave Kelsey will contact Ann Brown re: parking lot enforcement. Frank Pappalardo will contact Public Works re: maintenance of the Alleys.

The following items were discussed:

Blight: Mr. Pappalardo explained to the members that there is no blight ordinance in the Town. It was also explained what plans are being discussed and going forward for some of the blighted property on Hartford Ave. Ms. Pearson stated that she had drafted a blight ordinance and had given it to the Selectmen for review last summer.

Alley Ways: Discussion regarding use, deeded rights of way, and the need for alleys to remain open and accessible at all times. It was agreed that Public Works would be contacted to ensure up to date maintenance and possibly new signage posted to prevent the alleys from being blocked.

Parking: Mr. Pappalardo reviewed some of the previous work the Committee had done over the last 2 years regarding safety and beach population/parking. In addition, public use of Miami Beach was discussed, including a history of Miami Beach open to the unorganized public. Traffic issues and illegal parking lots also need to be addressed. Mr. Maratta suggested that beach rules be posted and/or handed out at the different parking lots.

Traffic and Parking: the Commission agreed that a letter from the Zoning Officer needs to be sent to illegal parking lot owners notifying them that their lot is in violation. In addition, Mr. Pappalardo explained the traffic pattern that was implemented last summer and that this pattern was deemed a success by police

and residents. The police will follow up with this same traffic plan and enforce it this summer.

Cleanliness/Garbage: Harry Plaut informed the Commission that there is a contract in place and he detailed the process of cleaning the beach, etc., including a timeline of frequency between May and end of summer. It was agreed that more trash cans are needed at the end of Swan Ave and Hartford Ave. Some discussion of having trash cans on the sand.

Beach access via public roads/Miami Beach: this item was tabled.

Liquor/Drug Enforcement: this will be strictly enforced. Discussion of the use of a Police Van/ DUI Van-type process, random checks, etc.

Businesses: there was positive discussion regarding bringing new businesses to the area as well as retaining and improving the present businesses that are in Sound View. Frank Maratta related some of the zoning roadblocks that appear not to be business-friendly. There was discussion of possibly extending the SVDD to include the small C-10 area along Route 156. The members brainstormed ideas on how the Commission can encourage appropriate development and assist business owners.

Beach and Waterfront Issues: Mr. Pappalardo reviewed the Beach Rules. Enforcement of no vehicles on the beach will be the focus this summer. Swim lines and public safety regarding personal watercraft, fueling, water taxi, etc. were discussed in detail. Also placement of swim lines and public safety issues.

9:28 pm: Mr. Pappalardo provided the Commission with new signage wording and specs for the beach and the 3 entrances to Sound View (Swan Ave, Hartford Ave, & Portland Ave). He stated that these had been discussed with the police and Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder and approved.

9:33 pm: Mr. Pappalardo reminded the members that a letter will be going to all Sound View residents at the beginning of May announcing the newly appointed Commission, and explaining its mission and achievements to date. Members were asked to email ideas for the letter to Mr. Pappalardo. He will prepare a letter for approval at the next Commission meeting.

9:34 pm: Motion to adjourn by Harry Plaut and seconded by Russ Carlo. Motion carried.

Next meeting: 25th April, 2011 at 7.30 pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Pearson