

Sound View Commission-Unapproved

February 28, 2022 (Postponed from February 27, due to weather)

7.30 pm - Town Hall

Present: Frank Pappalardo (Chair), Michaelle Pearson (Secretary), Harry Plaut, Joann Reis Lishing, Jackie Miano (Alternate), Frank Maratta, Paul Orzel (Alternate, on phone), Robert Carlson (Alternate)

Absent: Marisa Calvi Rogers (Alternate)

Also present:

7.36 pm Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Pappalardo.

Approval of November 28, 2022 minutes: Motion: Harry Plaut, 2d. Frank Maratta All in favor. Abstaining: Michaelle Pearson (absent)

Welcome new member Bob Carlson.

Motion to move item up the agenda: Harbor Management Commission representative Tom Kelo, guest.

Joann Lishing motioned to approve, Harry Plaut seconded. All in favor.

Boat Lane/ Water Patrol/ HMC Update: Tom Kelo spoke about the role of the Harbor Management Commission. Issues on the waterways, especially since Covid: reckless behaviors, etc. From the law enforcement side, it's a question of jurisdiction. Reached out to Coast Guard, DEEP and State Police marine unit. Old Lyme Police/ Fire Boat availability and staffing are issues preventing regular patrols. In terms of the State Police, reached out to the marine unit. The Harbor Management Commission would like a letter from SVC highlighting concerns. Will pass onto the selectmen, who can send a letter to State Police commissioner. Frank Pappalardo said the SVC has sent multiple letters over the years and would be happy to provide details.

Harry Plaut said he's really only concerned about the major weekends from Memorial Day to mid July, because it gets much quieter after that. Goal is to reach out to similar communities who are having the same issue.

Frank Pappalardo will collate copies of the letters SVC has sent in previous years. He had also spoken to Chris Staab of HMC about getting some signage about speed limits, no tying up to swim lines, etc.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Shoreline Gateway Committee:

Meetings are every third Thursday at 5pm. Have had several meetings and got results of the survey. Over 1100 responses. In the process of putting together an executive summary. Lots of good

ideas. The number one issue people had with the Gateway area was fixing the blight. A lot of the owners have stated that they won't do anything until the sewer issue is resolved one way or the other.

Harry Plaut said if a person has a blighted property, garbage, abandoned vehicles, etc., it should be reported to the health dept. Frank Pappalardo said there have been attempts to create a blight ordinance. If you establish one it has to apply to the whole town, agriculture, etc. At the last Gateway meeting, the town ZEO, Planning Chair, Zoning Chair and First Selectman were present. There are four zoning districts in the Gateway area R 10, C10, C30 & SVVD. Would like to have a single district, but SVVD has some rules that we wouldn't want, for example the zero setback rule. Talked about modifying the SVVD rules.

Second item on the survey was drunk and disorderly people. More police enforcement needed. Paul Orzel stated that zoning is not static. Second point regarding blight is that the town tried in 2018. The issue you'll always run into is that it's a subjective definition. There are some regulations on the books already.

2023 Summer Outlook: Updates for next meeting

Speed humps: Bob Carlson will work with Frank Pappalardo on this. Purchase one for each street. See how it goes, then possibly purchase 3 more on this year's budget before 6/30.

Concerts/ Events: Old Lyme Town Band in June, then every other Thursday starting 6/29.

Election of Officers:

Michaelle Pearson nominated Frank Pappalardo for chair. Joann Lishing seconded
Frank Pappalardo nominated Michaelle Pearson for Secretary, Harry Plaut Seconded.
All in favor

Other Business:

Portolets: Spoke to Royal Flush and United. Need to assess electricity and need for water service. If we need water, we can include a couple of showers, or at least a footwashing station. Also need 2 freestanding portolets for when the restroom trailers are locked at the end of the day. Revisiting the idea of restrooms in the parking lots. Martha Shoemaker suggested composting toilets. The estimated cost is \$101,750, which doesn't include the building. The building has to be raised 7-8 feet of basement space, and be ADA approved. Would take up a large part of the parking lot. Harry Plaut suggested we upgrade to renting a higher end trailer instead. Could buy it for \$60K, but then responsible for repairs, cleaning and storage in the off season. Currently we have 8-10 portolets, serviced 3 times a week, sometimes 4 times. Need to estimate how many people per day. Harry Plaut asked what happens if there's a major failure with the trailers? How long would it take to repair or replace? Other shoreline towns have used ARPA funding for restrooms at their beaches.

Town Report: Marisa Calvi Rogers will write up the SVC's article for the Town Report.

Motion To adjourn: Joann Lishing, Harry Plaut Seconded. All in favor.