



Sound View Commission

Minutes – Regular Meeting

April 28, 2024, 7.30pm

Shoreline Community Center

Present: Michaelle Pearson (Secretary), Frank Pappalardo (Chair), Joann Lishing, Jackie Miano (Alternate), Paul Orzel, Frank Maratta

Absent: Paula Melillo (alternate),

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Pappalardo at 7.40 pm.

Alternates seated:

2. **Approval of February minutes:** Motion: Joann Lishing Second: Paula Melillo. All in Favor. Paul Orzel and Joann Lishing abstained due to absence. Motion Carried.

3. **Public Comment: None**

4. **Correspondence: None**

5. **Business:**

Shoreline Gateway Committee update - Michaelle Pearson: The SGC Updated the list of blight issues in the Gateway area. Fire Marshal David Roberge sent a notice to the owners of 47 Hartford Ave, and followed up to secure the property. Also reviewing a proposed blight ordinance. Work is ongoing. Drafted an RFP for consultants, posted on Town website 4/23/25. Frank Pappalardo stated that the town is in the midst of a zoning revision for the Gateway area so would like consultant to speak about possible changes to benefit the area. There are currently five different zones within the Gateway area.

Town of Old Lyme FOIA Training update: FP and Jackie attended.

Boards, Commissions and Committees - Annual Spring Into Action meeting update: End of March. FP attended. Felt that it was very productive to interact with other board and committee chairs.

6. **Ordinance Review:** Parking Lots, Swim Area/ Boat Lane, Golf Carts

Parking Lots: Discussed in our November meeting. The points we suggested were put into an ordinance by the Board of Selectmen and it is currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Swim Area/ Boat Lane: SVC received a copy of the Harbor Management Commission's suggested ordinance changes. There have been considerable issues with the swim area, jet skis, etc. Harbormaster Matt Lynch stated that the town has a Harbor Management plan, but town police officers are unable to enforce without an ordinance.



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Mr. Lynch reviewed the proposed provisions of the ordinance, and explained that DEEP is interpreting the stipulated agreement with Frank Maratta as allowing not just the Pavilion water taxi but also other vessels, under specified conditions. Frank Pappalardo said that DEEP's interpretation of the boat lane does not seem to be in keeping with the intention of the original agreement, and has the potential to create a safety issue. Who is going to manage that safety? Harbor Management Commission Chair Teri Lewis said pressure should be put on the town to purchase a police boat. SVC asked why the current police/fire boat wasn't being used.

Ms. Lewis asserted that SVC was not allowed to make changes to the ordinance presented by HMC because the wording had been approved by DEEP. SVC Commission members rejected that premise, citing several mistakes, missing or vague language, and typos that must be corrected before the ordinance is forwarded to the Selectmen. Frank Pappalardo agreed that an ordinance is needed, and he will send the SVC's comments and corrections to HM Lynch and HMC Chair Lewis to forward to DEEP. Mr. Pappalardo asked HM Lynch when the new gear would be placed in the water? SVC has signage funds if needed for markers. Must be used before 7/1. Mr. Lynch replied that the gear would go in between May 1st and May 15th.

Mr. Pappalardo also addressed the open area to the east of the boat lane, that was referenced in the stipulated agreement that granted Gary Gnazzo the ability to have a swim area at lot 201. The current land owner would like to apply to DEEP for a swim area in that section. There was general agreement that the SVC would support that application, as it would improve public safety. Mr. Maratta stated that he would not support the application.

Golf Carts:

Sound View Commission had a town ordinance Golf Cart permitting program in place that worked well, but the State recently determined that any town that doesn't have an ordinance has to allow golf carts on all roads with a speed limit under 25 mph. The town attorney is currently reviewing the golf cart ordinance.

7. *Budget update:*

Paint bocce courts. Opaque stain in blue or green. Trash can enclosures need to be re-stained. Need to find a painter who can do this. Paula Melillo will call painter. Operating budget was approved. Capital budget: speed humps, generator, footwash/ shower, restrooms, engineering, gazebo. Would like to give us 20k for preliminary engineering for the restroom area.

8. *2025 Planning:* Concerts: looking at Old Lyme Town Band and some others. Mostly booked. Bound for the Sound Race is on September 20th. Stephanie Livesey will approach local businesses to see if they are interested in staying open to support this event.

9. *Facilities/ Maintenance update:* No parking zone at top of Hartford avenue to be striped as a fire zone.



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10. *Sound View Property Class D Survey*: Sent final round of corrections. Paid half of the invoices. Will likely need a few more things addressed before it is final.

11. **Other Business: none**

8. MOTION to Adjourn:MP, Paul Orzel . All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at:9.08pm.