



TOWN OF OLD LYME

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Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 26, 2023, 7.30pm

Shoreline

Present: Frank Pappalardo (Chair), Michaelle Pearson (Secretary), Robert Carlson (Alternate), Frank Maratta, Harry Plaut, Joann Reis Lishing

Absent: Paul Orzel, Jackie Miano (Alternate)

Guests: Paula Melillo, Angelo Grasso, Joyce Grasso, Tom Larsen, Carolyn Miranda, Kathleen Tracy, Keith Henson, Rita Henson

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Frank Pappalardo at 7:33 pm.
2. Alternate Robert Carlson appointed for Joann Lishing.
3. **Approval of May, 2023 minutes. MOTION** to approve: Frank Maratta. Bob Carlson seconded. All in favor.
4. **Public Comment:** Tom Larson said the Ranger vehicle has continued to be operated in an unsafe manner, and was driving in the water on Memorial Day. Bob Carlson said he and Frank Pappalardo had discussed the complaints about the vehicle with Trooper Weber, who said he was aware of the complaints. Tom Larson said he will bring this up at the next Selectman's meeting. Frank Pappalardo stated that he charge of the Sound View Commission (SVC) is as advisor to the Board of Selectmen. The SVC does not control the police, nor the manner in which they provide services. Kathleen Tracy said she had also complained about this. Frank Pappalardo said if people feel they aren't being heard, they should send their comments to the Board of Selectmen, and CC the SVC. Angelo Grasso asked what the Selectmen's response was. Frank Pappalardo said the SVC had not received a response.
5. **Correspondence:** Invoices received: Traffic safety store, \$6190; Seton, \$328.22; landscaper Yards & More \$375. Received email from Lenny Corto on June 8 asking for information. Referred to Selectmen and town attorney.



6. **Old Business:** *Shoreline Gateway Committee:* At the June meeting, the Gateway Committee weighed in against the proposed Kokomo's parking, but their concerns were apparently not considered by the Zoning Commission.

6. New Business:

Public Works: The Speed humps have been installed on Portland Avenue today. Swan and Hartford avenues will be done next week. Signage is on order. The humps will be removed for the winter season so will not interfere with snowplows. If they are effective, funding for more will be requested.

The new welcome sign has been installed at the top of Hartford Avenue. Swim lines are in. Tom Larson stated that the Jet-ski buoy is against the Sound View side, not in the middle where it belongs.

The swim lines seem to be of lighter grade material this year. Harry Plaut stated that the swim buoys need to be upgraded, but the floats were fine. He gave the town prices but did not receive a response until May 10th, and many vendors won't sell unless the order is prepaid. Need to budget for this every year. 3/8 inch gauge poly line. SVC suggested to put this under our budget so we can prepare. Michaelle Pearson asked who should be notified when the lines break? Harry Plaut said to call him. He can usually get it fixed the same day.

The Swan Avenue and Hartford Avenue beach trash baskets and signage are in. There are six baskets per pole. Frank Pappalardo reported that there has been a significant amount of household trash being dumped into the trash bins on Hartford which is not allowed.

New Passport Parking Program. Had some issues on the first day, but the situation is resolved. Rangers are still learning how to use the various functions of the app. Frank Pappalardo will have a summary of June revenues by next SVC meeting. Pamela Parker is the police secretary who is working on smoothing out the glitches. The signage has been ordered and should be here in a week or two.

Frank Pappalardo is working with town ADA committee re installing the handicap ramp on the beach. Will connect to sidewalk on left side of Hartford Avenue. We have money in the budget for survey in that corner if needed. Also a question as to whether the 3 handicapped spots are in the right location. We are only required to have one, but we installed three. Might be appropriate to move one spot to the street. Waiting for recommendations from the ADA committee. Harry Plaut raised several issues re installation and working around the ramp.



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Received an email regarding the beach water quality rating: Sound Health Explorer gave Sound View Beach an A+ rating.

Budget goes into effect July 1. Five benches have been budgeted for. Also three round wood planters.

Frank Lishing asked that the banners be replaced on Hartford Ave. Will put them in the budget for next year.

July 4 weekend planning: SVBA parade on July 1. Step-off is at 10. Gather at 9.45 outside the Community Center.

Concerts: Four scheduled: Old Lyme Town Band 6/22 was cancelled. Souls on Fire 7/13, Second Time Around, 7/27 TBD. Red Satin Band 8/10, The Jovial Crew 8/24. Joann Lishing will need help from Commission members for the concerts.

Other business:

Frank Maratta said he'd heard that Miami Beach would like to close Pond Road to through traffic. Frank Papalardo said Mark Mongillo approached the Board of Selectmen asking to make Pond Road a private street. In 1997 there was an agreement between the Miami Beach Association (MBA) and the Town to keep Pond Road open. Now, MBA wants to make it private again, and would like the town to construct a new road through the parking lot for public access. There will be further discussion on the Selectman level. This issue has not yet come before the SVC. Miami Beach Association's lawyer's opinion has been referred to the town atty.

MBA has proposed that the town install a new road just north of Pond Road, or use the entrance/ exit in parking lot as a through road. Kathleen Tracy asked what would be the purpose? Frank Maratta stated that it was to keep the public out. This would effectively make Portland Avenue a dead end, and raises serious issues for emergency vehicle access. Frank Maratta said he had heard that MBA planned to move ahead with restricting access, and just close it up. This would be in violation of the 1997 agreement (attached). The Fire Marshal said there can't be a dead end at the end of Hartford Avenue. If a new road is installed, it would have to meet DOT standards to allow emergency vehicles. Tom Larson said that MBA is challenging whether its past president had the authority to en-



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ter into the agreement with the town. Frank Pappalardo said if he received any further information, he will put it on the agenda.

7. **MOTION to Adjourn:** Harry Plaut, Joann Lishing, Second. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9.02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michaelle Pearson, Secretary

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DOCKET NO.: CV-95-0535795S : SUPERIOR COURT
MIAMI BEACH ASSOCIATION, INC. : J.D. OF NEW LONDON
V. : AT NEW LONDON
TOWN OF OLD LYME : DECEMBER 9, 1997

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Plaintiff Miami Beach Association, Inc. (the "Association") and the Defendant Town of Old Lyme (the "Town") for good and valuable consideration, including the mutual promises contained herein, agree and do hereby stipulate as follows:

1. The Town shall withdraw its appeal from the declaratory judgment of the Court that the Association is the good and record title holder to Pond Road, and shall not further challenge that determination.

2. That portion of Pond Road running east and west between Hartford Avenue and the easterly boundary of Alley No. 3 shall remain open and accessible by vehicle to the public, subject to the following stipulations:

a) All vehicles entering the Town's parking lot located on Lot 5 Assessor's Map 76 and Lot 101 Assessor's Map 75 shall enter via Hartford Avenue. All vehicles exiting said parking lot shall be directed by means of directional signs to exit north onto Hartford Avenue except in the event there is no practical means of exit from said parking lot onto Hartford Avenue, in which event vehicles shall be directed to exit north onto Portland Avenue from said lot.

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