

Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association
Minutes
March 9, 2013

Directors Present: Todd Brady, Susan Bryson, Barb Crown, Carol Johanson, Jim Laethem, Nancy LaMastus, David Martin, Mary Ann McLane, Denne Osgood, Cindy Pilato, Jeannie Rhodes, Dennis Szymanski, Kathy Schweikart.

Directors Absent/Excused: Patrick Feighan, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Otto Jensen, Art Koster, Leonard Verlinden, Don Verslype. Lois Whipple.

Members or Guests: Kathy Brady, Norman Rhodes, Artie Bryson, David Bryson, Jim Wilson.

Jim Laethem brought the meeting to order in the Lions Den at 9:50 am. Jim Laethem motioned to approve the February minutes. Cindy Pilato seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Barb Crown reported \$15,224.00.in the absence of Lois Whipple.

Correspondence and Membership: A letter was read aloud by Jim Leathem regarding the resignation of Chuck Miller.

A letter will go out to all HISCFA members requesting their opinions on the BWTA/Champion Auto Ferry merger.

Norman Rhodes terminated his membership.

Government Affairs: The Blue Water Transit Authority supplied all present members with their "Proposed Framework" regarding their involvement in over seeing the operations for the Champion Auto Ferry. Discussion was held informing all members present of the BWTA possible involvement, depth of involvement along with costs and funding possibilities, deadlines, and requirements still out-standing. HISCFA will send a letter to all members with updated information including their approval of BWTA involvement as they see it to be in the best interest of HISCFA members.

Communications: Kathy Scheikart suggested tabling "The Questionnaire" for one more month. Denny Osgood discussed The Society's "Tashmoo Days" and HISCFA's possible involvement. Susan Bryson discussed the Delta News updates.

Browne's field: Cindy Pilato notified the Board that the bands for Browne's Field are booked. Dave Martin notified the Board of the need for wood chips and stones around the playground, help planting flowers in the park, and help cleaning out the dead wood in the thicket by the baseball field area which desperately needs done. Todd Brady offered to help remove the wood.

Community affairs:

New Business: The water rate increase: Cost: \$4,518.00, (includes cleaning fees of \$1,700.00) Received Revenue:\$1,119.00 from bulk users. HISCFA cost is \$2.50 per 100 gallons. Cindy Pilato motioned to support the costs of the water that HISCFA buys; increase the rate price at the station. Dennis Szymanski suggested that we table the motion until we figure out our exact costs before determining the increase amount. **Motion Tabled.**

Comments from the floor: Norman Rhodes asked for the immediate resignation of Pat Feighan. Discussion was held from multiple members. Dennis Osgood discussed HITA options

regarding the Champion Auto Ferry and BWTA merger. Cindy Pilato asked for other options from opposition. Frank Schoenover from HITA discussed the bridge not happening. Susan Bryson spoke briefly about the position of Champion Auto Ferry. The poor water condition in the Flats was brought back up from last month. Discussion was held. Denny Osgood said water samples will be taken and tested this spring.

Barb Crown motioned to adjourn at 11:15 am. Cindy Pilato seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Brady
Recording Secretary
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