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Meeting convened by co-chair Louise LaMontagne. Present: were co-chair, Nancy Mancini, Shirley McCarthy, Dan Fitzgerald, Doug Welch. Absent : Diana Ross ; Tree Warden.

- 1) Minutes approved from 4 / 19 / 2018 by Shirley McCarthy, seconded by Nancy Mancini.
- 2) Branford Festival : Dan suggested a Green Booth including the Environmental Commission and CFC. We will bring educational material, Louise is making a poster of our " Notable Trees ", Shirley is bringing young oak saplings and Dan will bring the 130 year old oak stump slice (count the rings !). Our schedule is, Shirley and Dan to set up @ 8:00 to 10:00, Doug @ 10:00 to 11:00, Louise and Nancy @ 11:00 to 1:00.
- 3) Town Center Planting : Planting is ongoing and replacements have been done at a good pace. Concern for the Bradford pears coming down has calmed since the article in the Sound did a good job of explaining the process.
- 4) 250 North Main Street : We will all try to attend the next P&Z meeting to show our support for the many trees on this property. Scheduled for June 7th @ the firehouse.
- 5) We will discuss the Tree Ordinance and New Tree Planting next month when Diana is present.
- 6) New Business: We will attend the last POCD meeting to speak for important tree and environmental additions to be included in the final draft. Shirley has emailed edits of the POCD booklets.

Shirley and Nancy explained the visit to Castle Rock with Diana to suggest native plantings to groundskeeper of the property. Diana was to send him a list of native trees ,shrubs and perennials that would be appropriate. We're thinking this might be something to think about going forward . To help interested condo associations and groundskeepers with a more natural NATIVE setting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20, motion by Shirley McCarthy, seconded by Doug Welch.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Mancini, acting secretary

Stony Creek Architectural Review Board
Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Street
Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2017

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Chairman Ames called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

In Attendance: G. Ames – Chairman, J. Herzan, S. Kirby, W. Murray, G. Buchanan.
Staff: Rich Stoecker – Assistant Planner
Other: David D'atri, Owner - 4 Three Elms Road

Formal Review

4 Three Elms Rd.: The Board members introduced themselves. Mr. Diatri introduced the existing Grading Plan/Coastal Site Plan before the Board as a corrective action due to encroachment within 100 feet of critical coastal resources. Mr. Diatri noted he was unaware that permits needed to be taken out prior to the placement of fill on the property. R. Stoecker noted that the Special Exception #18-2.3 was an Existing Grading Plan that required a Special Exception and Coastal Site Plan to bring the site into compliance. The Special Exception requires a public hearing that is scheduled for April 5, 2018. R Stoecker noted the Board was being asked to review the application per **Sect. 5.8.C (3)**. The Grading Plan/Coastal Site Plan application was interpreted by staff to require the Stony Creek Architectural Review Board review per **Sect.. 5.8. C (3)**. Mr. D'iatri explained some of the activities that have taken place on the site and proposed plans to meet FEMA requirements and installation of efficient unit utilities for the apartments.

R. Stoecker noted that the staff report going out to the Commissioners for the Special Exception and Grading Plan (#18-2.3) included three issues that needed to be addressed prior to any action by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The three issues are the following:

- 1) The quantity of fill is unknown. The methodology for determining amount of fill placed on the property needs to be clarified through boring data or other specific methods. The submitted application and Existing Grading Plan in the Notes stated that 182 cy of fill was placed on the eastern portion of the property prior to September 14, 2016.(#10). The notes also state original contours provided by testimony of owner.(#11).
- 2) A vegetative buffer and landscaping details to protect tidal wetlands shall be established and included on the revised Site Plan. Additional vegetative plantings along the eastern boundary should be established adjacent to 8 Three Elms Rd.
- 3) A stated reason for the fill shall be submitted.

After further general discussion a motion was made by Sam Kirby, seconded by John Herzan and unanimously approved to recommend to the Planning & Zoning Commission the following :

The Stony Creek Architectural Review Board reviewed the Existing Grading Plan as submitted and do not find any adverse impacts as a result of the grading and fill from the Grading Plan as submitted.

No other matters were addressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Minutes prepared by Richard H. Stoecker, Assistant Town Planner