

SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING Minutes 2009
Monday, November 2, at Ivana Cappelletto's at 7:00 PM

Board Present: Bob D'Arcy, Gray Waddell, Gene Scanlan, Paul Manson, Ivana Cappelletto, Peter Harvey, Mike Sutcliffe and Rupert Clark - **Absent:** Jude Da Silva

- 1) Meeting called** to order at 7:03 by President Waddell
- 2) Adoption of Minutes:** M/C minutes of October 5, 2009 adopted
- 3) Business Arising from minutes or unfinished business**
 - a) Canada Day 2010(Scanlan) –**
 - i) Contact made with Downtown Business Association and applications with details are not produced until April
 - ii) Other ideas than the marching group? – no additional ideas suggested by any Board members
 - b) Gazebo (Waddell) – Update** – reported on contact with DoS Financial Officer and she is awaiting review with John Wild who is away at present
 - c) OCP/Neighbourhood Plan – update** – (Waddell) – meetings continue to be postponed as apparently separate private meetings progressing with Council. Latest target date seems to be November 17th.
 - d) Bulletin Board at turn off (D'Arcy)** – contacted member to rebuild board and roof and projected would start after hunting trip – probably the week of November 8th. Since Harvey went ahead and put roof on anyway D'Arcy has contacted member to not bother.
 - i) Sutcliffe say board is crap and so it needs a rebuild anyway. Asks D'Arcy to re-contact member to take another run at it! D'Arcy agrees. [If Harvey now has so much time/energy on his hands now why does he not do the job as set out in minutes of June and relieve D'Arcy of one more task? –Question not put)
 - e) Integrated Transportation Study (D'Arcy/Scanlan)** – A report was given outlining the workshop of about 3 hours set by the SCRD for Transportation Planning for entire coast.
 - f) SCRD Emergency Program Coordinator and Fire Chief and Meet & Greet –**
 - i) To be held in late January on date depending on availability of Arts Centre
 - (1) Waddell to book Centre, arrange for catering (with maybe backup of Cappelletto)
 - (2) Harvey to arrange for speakers – Higgs and Elsner
 - (3) D'Arcy will do wine and pop
 - (4) Clarke and Scanlan to do desk
 - (5) D'Arcy to bring up at next G8 for participation of East Porpoise Bay and Tuwanek
 - g) Emergency box proposal for consideration** – tabled until later meeting, as usual
 - h) Capital Budget Items** – Letter sent as set out in October 5 minutes and confirmation of receipt received.
- 4) NEW Business**
 - a) Vice President Scanlan Remarks on Boards** – A brief presentation was given highlighting obligations and conduct of Board members acknowledging we are all involved for the same reason – to make where we live a better place. Some points noted were:
 - i) Diversity is important.
 - ii) To be familiar with the bylaws and other procedures documented by Board
 - iii) Prepare for Meetings by reading all the materials ahead and know where to look for materials or who to ask.
 - iv) Show respect
 - v) Not share confidences
 - vi) Not to act independently of Board on Association matters without consent
 - vii) Criticize Board members or Board processes to others
 - viii) LISTEN
 - b) Website Issue** – a personal website/blog of Peter Harvey which appears in conflict with the SHCA is under review and subject of meetings and voluminous emails since October 15th:

- i) Opening remarks by D'Arcy – He read out proposed a solution for both the Association and for him as webmaster for the Association – See Addendum for details
- ii) President called for Discussion but called upon Peter Harvey to comment first since it is his website. Harvey said he had nothing to say. The President called for others to comment and at that point no one had anything to minute. Manson said everything should be delayed and then Manson chastised D'Arcy for setting out D'Arcy's problems with the site as a webmaster and the fact that D'Arcy could not live with posting for a conflicting site. D'Arcy tried to explain the problem. Waddell explained meetings and letters held with Harvey on more than one occasion where we have not gained any ground on a solution and some Board consensus must be reached.

Cappelletto felt it did not matter what the SHCA had on it and Cappelletto advised she had never looked at the Harvey site and only became involved in websites from a graphics point of view – uninterested in what they say. She felt it did not matter if there was conflict and Waddell tried to correct her. She felt that the SHCA website should be posting more from the members and with member and Board input. D'Arcy advised that the SHCA site was very clear that it was open to all. Anyone could send him something and it would be considered for posting and likely posted. But for minutes there had not been any items much posted since the picnic pictures which came from Cappelletto. Cappelletto felt D'Arcy should be going out requesting folks to contribute. Harvey asked what the rules are. Harvey then said he was cut off from speaking to this matter but when reminded of his first position he again said that he had nothing to say.

Confusion reigned as items were repeated but it was clarified that there is conflict of a Board member with a separate website expressing views and policies on Sandy Hook Board matters.

Manson asked why the domain name could not just be suspended until Harvey left the Board at which time he would be free to use it for any purpose. An explanation of the geographic propriety of the dot ca domain names was given. The undesirability of this name out in the public domain for the community of Sandy Hook was explained to some extent by D'Arcy. Harvey brought up talks with lawyers but D'Arcy countered with this is all about what is the right thing to do not about lawyers. Harvey repeated he has nothing to add.

(1) D'Arcy made a motion:

Whereas there are problems with conflicts of content and interpretation of the Peter Harvey website and whereas a list of suggestions was presented by the current webmaster to resolve these conflicts, I move that immediately following passage of this motion the President on behalf of the Board formally ask Peter Harvey to adopt those suggestions wholeheartedly and give his formal response at this time. Seconded by Scanlan.

Discussion was held on the motion. Manson felt it was rushed but it was pointed out that the entire matter had been going on for over two weeks.

The President called for the vote which was 4 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions. Notwithstanding, the President declared that 5 had to be in favour so the motion was defeated.

(2) D'Arcy made a motion:

Whereas Peter Harvey is a member of the Board and whereas Peter Harvey has a website in apparent conflict with the website of the Association and in conflict with policy of the Association and whereas Peter Harvey has refused to do anything about it, I move that immediately following passage of this motion the President on behalf of the Board formally ask Peter Harvey to take down any website he posts or maintains relating to Sandy Hook matters or Association matters and to give his formal response at this time. Seconded by Waddell.

The President called for the vote which was 4 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions. Notwithstanding, the President declared that 5 had to be in favour so the motion was defeated.

Sutcliffe clarified that if Harvey was off the Board then the problem would go away.

(3) Manson offered again that it was all too much of a rush and moved that D'Arcy email his Opening Remarks to all the Board members and then all could "vote" by email on Tuesday, November 10. Seconded by Sutcliffe and carried – all in favour but D'Arcy. Harvey advised he had offered compromises and all that he got was a demand to take down the site and give up the domain name. [This is disingenuous as not totally the truth]

(4) D'Arcy moved that if the "vote" on the matter is to be postponed until November 10th then Harvey would agree he will make no postings to his site touching on any SHCA policy matter or position or procedure including Hidden Grove or any other SHCA matter. The vote was carried and then Harvey agreed to the motion.

c) Board and its engagement with the Community(Harvey) – Harvey presented his opening ideas for improved community relations:

- i) A query whether SHCA is or is not a top-down vs. bottom-up and asked what we wanted to be. D'Arcy opined that we were bottom-up whenever possible. Others agreed or remained silent.
- ii) A paper largely extracted from Wikipedia on politics referencing Community Involvement/Participatory Democracy. There was little comment.
- iii) A "list" of Ideas for Improving Community Involvement.
- iv) Agreed that the subject was too much for this meeting. Scanlan suggested that it was too large and difficult a matter to do at a Board meeting and therefore a workshop on the issues only was proposed. Manson felt that nothing like this could be dealt with in December or January due to the holiday times. Agreed to hold a workshop sometime in February.

5) **Correspondence** – Secretary/Treasurer - (D'Arcy)

- a) October 28 – agreed letter to DoS re: Capital Works

6) **Officer Reports**

- a) **President's Report** (Waddell) - waived
- b) **Treasurer's Report** (D'Arcy) –
 - i) Financials - Updated Statement was presented and Membership Standings (110)
 - ii) Approve Expenses for CoastRide – Posts \$93.55 and signs \$45.00 M/C

7) **Secretary's Report** (D'Arcy) – waived

8) **Committee Reports**

- a) **Public Works**(Sutcliffe) –
 - i) Briefly reported on Hidden Grove parking lot clearing and extension of new Northern Trail
- b) **Parks** - report (Clarke) –
 - i) Park Road/Prawn Way – nothing new – still waiting on DoS Parks to proceed
 - ii) Trees blocking Deerhorn Park view (D'Arcy) – reported meeting property owner Ed Baxter who said he was too busy to make any decision and was going away until about mid-November.
 - iii) Trail to SHR from Deerhorn – advise neighbour (D'Arcy) – the home owner is away until at least December 14th.
- c) **Hidden Grove** (D'Arcy) – expanded a bit on Sutcliffe remarks and advised the SCPI were working to provide heavy machinery to do the work. Contacts were to be followed up on obtaining free gravel and crusher dust. Problem areas right now are the cost of trucking and finding a certified faller for 8 trees. He attended SCPI semi-annual meeting and all should have seen Hidden Grove feature in Coast Reporter supplement.
- d) **Newsletter** (D'Arcy) –
 - i) With OCP dates in limbo agreed that a newsletter should go out mid-November. D'Arcy welcomes any contributions, as always.
 - ii) Update on distribution problems –

(1) Cappelletto/Manson home – had checked with Newsletter Distribution person, Julie Towle, who in turn checked with Zella the delivery person. Zella advised she had not delivered to the Cappelletto/Manson home since in discussions with them she understood they had the survey as Board members but in any event they could have asked for one. Cappelletto advised she knew about that and could have asked but just wanted to make a point on the feasibility of the survey and she re-opened the whole matter of the “rushed” survey. Cappelletto expressed that the delivery system was wanting since it did not get to summer people and D’Arcy explained that for most of those they got newsletters by email. Essentially Cappelletto confirmed there was not delivery problem at all after all.

Harvey advised that Zella had called him to discuss the delivery matter and was upset and agitated. Harvey felt the other missed address on Porpoise did not have a steep drive although Zella thought so. D’Arcy expressed concern about others fielding calls which should be referred to the Distribution person as relations can be very delicate.

(2) Harvey sent email after last meeting saying some on Sandy Hook Road missed – with no address this could not be followed up but a general inquiry with Towle about the SHR deliveries revealed that a rush substitute had made the deliveries so there may have been some slip-ups.

Waddell stated that all in all the system worked and worked well but with volunteers there may always be some slip-ups. It was further explained that some addresses do not get newsletters because the delivery people refuse to tackle the problem yards – rats on deck, very long, steep drives with no post tube at bottom, large dogs in yard, etc.

- e) **Council (DoS)** (Waddell) – primarily reported on the confusion and rush over the tax deferment policy and specifically the Girl Guide camp deferment.
- f) **G8** (D’Arcy) – DoS Meeting in limbo as DoS seems to have decided to go for some sort of Town Hall with anyone and everyone. G8 do not seem to feel this is the direct one-on-one they have enjoyed to resolve matters and are considering what next. SHCA Board did not have views on this and left it for those attending the G8’s next meeting November 17th.
- g) **CoastRide** - (D’Arcy/Waddell) - update – Waddell advised that 2 signs are up in East Porpoise Bay and the bulletin board signs are up in Sandy Hook. Next is to put up the 3 posted signs in Sandy Hook. D’Arcy advised that when those were up a reminder would go out to all participants. He also reported that the Employment Centre was now using CoastRide to get workers to jobs and two unemployed men were now working in Tuwanek and using CoastRide.

9) **Next Meeting** – December 7th at Clark’s house at 7 PM

10) **Adjournment**: Moved and Carried at 9:06 PM

ADDENDUM

Remarks by Bob D’Arcy SHCA Board Meeting on the Peter Web Issue

I am speaking as a board member at this time but clearly with my other volunteer activity of webmaster in the mix.

I am not going to go into all the reasons for what I will propose here nor am I going to review all the past 2 weeks or so. There has been enough stuff going by.

I have given this a lot of thought and can see what I hope is a solution or compromise acceptable to all.

Here goes:

An easy step for Peter and a course that would erase many of the issues for the Association in my view is for Peter to post his site with a different domain name – not sandyhook.ca – but something clearly unofficial. If he wants sandyhook in the name then there are lots of suitable alternatives that might be neat. For example: mysandyhook.com (I like that one) or sandyhooktoday.com or sandyhooknews.com; just not something that seems official or easily steals dominance on the web.¹

Along with that he would transfer the ownership of the sandyhook.ca domain name to me or the Association on the undertaking that it will be held in trust and **only** used for a purpose approved by the board of the Association – maybe with a Peter veto if he wishes. To start, consider a redirect to the Association site for a transition time rather than just let the domain name sit stored. I do not think it would be correct to use it as the domain name for the Association as the Association does not officially represent all of Sandy Hook at any time like an elected town council does for, say, Sechelt and its sechelt.ca. The name held in trust also protects against it slipping away to some person unknown.²

Also, I see Peter continuing with what I think is an already undertaken process to make the site much more clearly **his** community site (something slightly less “Sandy Hook” for that big title would help). If he is amenable, maybe receive some suggestions from me or other board members – just suggestions though.

In return, the Association can consider a link to his site – even a prominent link - like “[Leave your thoughts on Sandy Hook matters here at this independent site - Click](#)”. If we did this then we would be promoting his site at least as long as it is active and maintained.

But for Peter’s own rules there are no restraints about what outside users might post on his site. On the other hand there must be strong rules limiting what Peter posts that even remotely touches on ANYTHING that is a matter of Association policy or activity. IF he wishes to post ANYTHING that touches on Association policy or activities or website issues then HE MUST clear it with the at least the Executive including the webmaster for the Association. He must give reasonable forewarning so that review is possible at the Executives timing and not his. As Chair of the Hidden Grove Committee I would like to see the Hidden Grove posting against the parking lot

¹ There are no financial implications to this step. A dot com domain name may be purchased for under \$10US and it this is a burden then Bob D’Arcy will give Peter a \$10 bill.

² Unlike .com and others the .ca names are regulated by the Canadian Internet Registration Authority. One of the rules is: "Not accepted by CIRA...!Incorporated place names in Canada and their abbreviations (e.g. municipality & province/territory names)."

If Sandy Hook were like Sechelt the name would not even be available to Peter. True, he is within the rules but skirting the reason for the rule - so that the proper corporate body was able to use the .ca name.

Unfortunately, there is not an incorporated Sandy Hook in Canada but if there were it would have stopped Peter.

I do not think that taking advantage of a loophole is correct but moreover it suggests Peter is the representative for all Sandyhookers. Nor is the SHCA one.

See the rules for yourself Clause 3.3 at

[www.cira.ca/assets/Documents/Legal/Registrants/registrationrules.pdf"](http://www.cira.ca/assets/Documents/Legal/Registrants/registrationrules.pdf)

taken down. I don't think it has any special archival value and it would be hard to go into explaining to the uninitiated the value of some subtle timing before and after board membership.³

I sure hope this is seen as a bit of a win-win. As a webmaster for the SHCA it is a major concession for me. Peter gets to continue almost exactly as he is now and may get Association support. The Association Board does not have a Board member at odds with themselves and may gain some worthwhile input from the Peter site. It all goes away.

Those are the suggestions I have come up with.⁴

[for any who have lost track of the issues here and wish to review the emails and the posting on the website in question you may go to <http://sandyhookca.com/webissue/webissue.html> You must enter the User name : 09board and the Password: weAre9 exactly as written. The page is protected so that we are not washing our laundry in public.]

³ **How To Save Hidden Grove: Part I**

Do not build in it!

Warning: This is an unabashed editorial by Peter Harvey.

The Hidden Grove area (Sandy Hook, Tuwanek, and beyond) is home to many conservationists and environmentalists. I, in fact, dedicated many hours to the federal Green Party cause in the last election. So why have some of Us-folks decided its ok to put a parking lot in Hidden Grove and 'ear mark' it as the centre of our community? The latter bit could mean building anything from a gazebo to a community centre – or even a corner store. After all this is in the context of a 20 year plan where ambiguous language like 'meeting place' can take on a whole new meaning some years down the road.

The answer is desperation.

It would seem that the strategy of-the-day is to build in Hidden Grove to discourage its logging. Shame! Has the 'train gone off of the rails'? Its a time like this where the 'green by convenience' and the 'true green' are shown. May the 'true green' be heard from Tuwanek to Sandy Hook! Oppose the effort to develop Hidden Grove beyond a trail system and stop the parking lot!

⁴ These, in my view, present a REAL compromise and not something in conflict or just cosmetic as suggested by Peter at one meeting but still proceeded by him with in spite of two requests at the meeting for him not to do so.