

Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association

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FLANDERS, RIVERSIDE & NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

David Crohan Community Center, 655 Flanders Road, Flanders, NY

Minutes of the Meeting September 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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| 1. President Angela Huneault | PRESENT |
| 2. Vice President Millie Roth | PRESENT |
| 3. Treasurer Patty Hopkins | PRESENT |
| 4. Secretary Jacqueline Normoyle | Not Present |
| 5. General Member Kevin Huneault | PRESENT |
| 6. General Member Sean McLean | PRESENT |
| 7. General Member Mike Berdinka | Present |

Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were adopted by the board.

Treasurer's Report: Report for the month of August was adopted by the board.

Town Councilperson present: Absent

Town Trustee present: Absent

SHPD Officer present: Absent

Guest Speaker(s): N/A

Presentations – Discussions – Actions

- Thank you letter from Claire Normoyle, one of scholarship awardees. Last month we had gotten one from JJ Lennon, another scholarship awardee.
- FRNCA thanks Beverly and Alan for hosting a nice time for FRNCA summer party.
- Zoom Discussion:
 - How do we feel about offering our meeting on Zoom, as well as in person, for those who may not be able to physically make meetings?
 - Open Discussion:
 - Past PTO President: they had zoom for their meetings, great idea
 - FRNCA Member: I have nothing against a FRNCA member having access, but I wouldn't want it open to just anyone. (ie. elected officials not showing up anymore because they can just zoom in to keep tabs)
 - Angela Huneault: My cons are:
 - I wouldn't want the room to have less members with this option.
 - I wouldn't want to lose membership.
 - I would not put it on Flanders Facebook page, I would amp up FRNCA's page and only post about it on there

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- It does come with a price tag - its about \$130-\$160/year - the free version would cut us off at 40 minutes
- FRNCA Member: I would have to disagree, I feel it is too formal of a commitment for us to do. We would need and AV tech here every week, etc
- Sean McLean: The problem is, we have a dwindling membership, this (the meetings) arent working. We are losing members and we are losing participation in the members we have. We have to solve that problem. We are trying to go online to reach more people, not out of convenience, but for membership growth. If there is another idea to help membership growth, then we are all ears. We know there are new residents who have no idea that FRNCA even exists. Part of having a live recording of the meetings would be to keep us accountable for things being said or discussed for later issues that may come up, and for people to take us seriously. There is a level of commitment and responsibility when it is recorded live. A meeting like next month, where the supervisor will be in attendance and be speaking on certain controversial topics, it would be great to have that recorded.
- FRNCA Member: Maybe, zoom as needed, using next month with the supervisor coming as a first try.
- Angela Huneault: There have been a lot of promises made to us in the past and if we dont come together, there will be more broken promises in our future. As some of us know, there was \$100k promised for Iron Pier Park and it ended up going to Red Creek Park, Good Ground is getting more work done, East Quogue, etc We need to start bringing our neighbors back in here so we can all have a voice. If we don't start stirring the pot and making some noise, we are going to lose a whole lot more than we already have.
- FRNCA Member: Since I moved here, I've been here 5 years, and I feel like we are the "ugly stepchild" and it's like we don't even matter. And I am like, get News 12, get the attention drawn to them. We have to take it to the next level.
- FRNCA Member: My husband and I were one of the original members of FRNCA and I am telling you, unless you raise hell nothing will change. They don't care and they are not going to care unless we do something about it. We need to go down to Southampton when they have a town board meetings and stand up, whether you go to the podium or not, they are going to see you. And until we do that and tell them we are sick of seeing everywhere else getting everything and they aren't giving us anything. And we have to do it EVERY month, not just once.
- Sean McLean: We started this off at growing the membership, the last time we were at our peak strongest, we elected a town official that served on the town board. Now unfortunately his career didn't end well and we have gone through (2) supervisors without someone on the board that represents this community. When we had an elected official from the neighborhood on the board, we were seen.

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- FRNCA Member: These people, the town board/trustee members, work for us. And they need to be reminded of this!
 - Mixed Members: We need to come up with a list of things that need to be brought to their attention and spoken about at the meetings - Maybe we should create a committee to focus on this - We need to be consistent - We want to see the promises kept and followed through on - We should go to the next board meeting - We have to keep them accountable
 - Mixed Members: Brought up policing parks and security in our neighborhoods, lack of consistent ticketing, towing, arrests, etc
 - Sean McLean: I think our issue is we are not coordinated enough, strong enough, or on point enough to deliver the message that is clearly being carried by the community to force the change - so until we do that we need to do our research, form a group of motivated willing neighbors to create this. We also have a tendency to get stuck at the town level, we should be looking to the DA in Suffolk County and ask them what they are going to do about the illegal activities in our community. Because we only meet once a month and we have limited membership - we have to be organized. And we are not there.
 - FRNCA Member: The way I see it is, forming committees, and I have been there, it takes more time. And time is not something that our community members have. I think we need to go to the town board meetings and each having our 3 minutes to bring all these issues up and we all take our turn about what we want to talk about, using our own voices. You have to go in and focus like a harpoon, tell them what you want and when you want it.
 - Sean McLean: We need to get the word out - we need to get them in this room. We used to door-knock, etc. But I think technology is one of the best ways to reach people now.
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- FRNCA Committees
 - We need to reach out to membership and see who might want to join committees that we will resurrect. So we can get all of these issues dealt with.
 - Sean McLean volunteers to be the Board liaison of the Special Projects Committee and wants to have a meeting, to be scheduled.
 - Larry, President of Long Island Science Center:
 - Asking community to okay wiring grant money to Long Island Science Center that is coming in through FRNCA - motion made by Millie Roth and seconded by membership
 - and asking if Chris Kepner (our grant writer) can sign in FRNCA's behalf for grant money, if Angela is out of town and unable to - motion made by Millie Roth and seconded by membership
 - Updates from Southampton PD
 - Not Present this month
 - Updates from Flanders Northampton Volunteer Ambulance

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- Not Present this month
- Updates from Flanders Fire Dept
 - Not Present this month
 - Open House - This Sunday, September 22nd
- TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 26, 2024
 - Set Up: 11/1130AM
- DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS - SATURDAY NOV 6 - 10AM-4PM - \$33/PERSON
- Watch YouTube SeaTV Southampton - STAY INFORMED

50/50 Winner:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49pm
Next Meeting: October 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted by,
Jacqueline Normoyle, FRNCA Secretary