

## **FLANDERS, RIVERSIDE, NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

General Membership Meeting

7:00pm, David Crohan Community Center, 655 Flanders Road, Flanders

Minutes of the meeting of

**November 13, 2017**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call  
Present:  
Vince Taldone, President  
Steven Schreiber, Vice President  
Doris Dacus, Treasurer  
Sandy Adams, Secretary  
Paola Zuniga-Tellez, General Board Member

**Minutes** from the Oct 2, 2017 meeting were formerly adopted and posted to the FRNCA.org website.

**Treasurer's Report** adopted. A rough report was made on the 5k Run/Walk. Formal report will be made at next business meeting.

**Guests: Riverhead School District Superintendent**, Dr. Aurelia Henriquez and **Board of Education President**, Greg Meyer. One of the school district's goals is more transparency and open lines of communication with the Superintendent. Superintendent is also open to a working alliance with the Butterfly Effect Director. Question and comments from the membership were accommodated by the Superintendent and BOE President. It has now come to light, with the help of new BOE member, Ron Fisher, that the Tax Abatements given in the Town of Riverhead are not sitting well with Riverhead School District tax payers.

### **President's Report and Discussions**

Those in attendance at this meeting were reminded of upcoming events and invited to comment on the following discussions.

- A. **Riverside Rediscovered Update:** Next meeting will be a "Thanksgiving Dinner" meeting. Report on success of "Trunk or Treat". Stony Brook University (Public Health) will be doing of survey of wants and needs for the 14-acre park that will be created along the Peconic River in Riverside.

- B. **Butterfly Effect:** Update on progress of projects in the works. New office is a huge help to organization. Big Brothers and Big Sisters have joined forces with the Butterfly Effect. Tijuana Fulford, Exec. Dir., is scheduled to visit local Charter Schools, Phillips Ave and Aquebogue Schools. She is also working with Southampton Town Code Enforcement so that people in need can be directed to helpful agencies.
- C. **FRNCA General Member**, Paola Z., gave updated information of the current group of SEPA Mujer attendees who are meeting weekly at Riverwoods. In addition, 19 young Latino girls have joined the Butterfly Effect Project.
- D. **FRNCA** "celebrated" the \$15,000 down payment of our Environmental Justice Grant from the DEC. This is for the restoration of wetlands along our waterfront and for our access to the river. Every environmental group on the East End supports our goals and is willing to offer their input. FRNCA President, Vince, will report to us in January with an exciting, new project. December's meeting will be a Christmas party: admission to the meeting is at least one, new, unwrapped toy...gift cards acceptable for older kids. Phillips Ave teachers will decide who gets what.

Upcoming events for 2018: Food Truck Festival II – May, Possible Renaissance Fair – September.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Sandy Adams  
Secretary