

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

General Membership Meeting

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

Minutes of the meeting of

**October 2, 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 September 11, 2017 meeting were formerly adopted and posted to the FRNCA.org website.

Once again, a busy meeting took off immediately by meeting candidates running for office in the Town of Southampton. Index cards were made available for attendees to write their question for the candidates. The moderator for the question and answer periods was the FRNCA Secretary. The first speakers were the candidates vying for Supervisor position, the incumbent Democrat and the Republican opponent. After their question and answer period, the candidates for Town Council candidates, including two incumbents, were introduced. Each candidate stated why they wanted to be part of the Council and then they also had a question and answer period.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report of the month ending September 2017 was accepted.

### **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. The upcoming **Annual 5k Walk/Run** will be held at the Riverhead Campus of Suffolk County Community College on Sunday, Oct 15, 2017. Volunteers welcome. A big thanks to Suffolk County Legislator, Bridget Fleming and NY State Assemblyman, Fred Thiele for their effort to secure this new location for us.

- B. **Riverside Rediscovered Update:** Report offered about the continued positive movement toward gaining financing toward enlarging the building to be built at Ludlam Park which will be a new permanent home for CMEE, the Children's Museum of the East End.
- C. **Head Start Initiative:** FRNCA will be making a donation for toys and supplies for the children.
- D. **Puerto Rico Relief Effort:** Led by Board General Member, Paola Zuniga-Tellez, it was agreed that FRNCA will make a donation for this purpose.
- E. Due to the unseasonably warm weather, our areas of responsibility at the opposing corners on Flanders Road/Route 105 need additional servicing by our Landscaping company. Extended work period approved.
- F. **Environmental Justice Grant:** Motion made and accepted to sign contract after legal review of same.
- G. **Butterfly Project:** A request for assistance had been made and the FRNCA President, by his authority via the organization's Bylaws, made a donation of \$500. An additional donation of \$1,500 was unanimously approved by the board. For the purpose of the Butterfly Project's application for an available grant, it was additionally approved by the board that FRNCA will be the physical entity for the Butterfly Project to be able to accept the grant should it be awarded.
- H. **Riverhead School Board:** Riverhead School Board member, Ron Fisher, (and FRNCA's Immediate Past President), informed the membership that Riverhead's practice of offering tax incentives (varying number of years for new businesses to be exempt from paying taxes) has impacted the school taxes that are collected. This practice may have caused the need for our three hamlets' residents to be making up a \$500,000 income deficit for Riverhead School District. The legality of these business arrangements with the IDA (Industrial Development Agency) is being studied and why Brookhaven and Southampton school district tax payers have no say in the dealings and arrangements.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Sandy Adams  
Secretary