

**Mount Sinai Civic Association – General Meeting
February 2, 2009**

Board Members Present Deirdre Dubato, Ed Stasiewicz, Ann Becker, Saranto Calamas

Pledge: 8:05PM

Treasurer: Saranto Calamas

Approximately \$11,805.00 Total in combined accounts and \$1,154.00 in our Beautification Fund.

Membership: Reported by Deridre

219 paid members to date, additional memberships to be processed.

Correspondence: Ann Becker

We received the usual notifications and flyers – Nothing of particular importance.

Reading of Previous minutes: Ann Becker

The General Meetings Minutes of December 1st were read and accepted.

Miscellaneous Business:

- Deirdre questioned Debbie from Jane Bonner's office about the status of the Balafas property development – she will get back to us.
- We will consider making a donation to the North Shore Youth Bureau due to drastic funding cuts they have experienced.
- Update on Hess proposal to purchase the Mobile gas station on 347 by King Kullen. New building proposed, the Civic board met with Hess to discuss size, location etc. Preliminary stage discussions indicate a favorable response from the Civic as the site is already developed as a gas station and Hess has a good reputation for cleanliness and safety.
- School officials are holding a meeting on the proposed bond vote on 2/3/09.
- LIPA and Suffolk County have come to an agreement on the Rails to Trails plan to renovate old RR lines to bike or hiking trails. Expect to integrate the Heritage Park once plans are complete.
- Jane Bonner's rep updated the Civic on the following projects:
 - Corridor study ongoing, looking to Civic for ideas, tentative meeting for April (Deirdre questioned cost and intent of study)
 - Bonner has met with Bishop, army corp of engineers, Town engineers regarding issues at the West Jetty at Cedar Beach, meeting planned 2/19
 - Bonner hopes to meet with MS Civic to discuss local issues soon – Deirdre listed the following:
 1. Where is Corridor study funding coming from? (Answer – from existing unused lines)
 2. Can enhancement grant funding be restored? Set better guidelines, don't remove.
 3. MS to WR corridor is complex, how can we judge what other hamlets need or want and vice versa?

- 347 Project 2035 meeting held in Hauppauge 1/29/09 – Civic has attended prior meetings and is disappointed in DOT response and plans for 347. Expansion to end at Crystal Brook Hollow Rd and will likely cause huge negative impact to MS.

Guest speaker:

Marsha Belford of Brookhaven National Lab presented an overview of the history of the lab and its importance to the local economy. She indicated that BNL has significant scientific value, works closely with SB University, and had an economic impact to LI employing 2700. Offered other speakers, hopes to open dialogue with Civic in case of any issues with the Lab.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Next meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, 3/3/09 for the Brookhaven Supervisor debate between Lasko and Mazzei. Special election to be held 3/31/09.