

## Minutes of the Kingsboro Civic League

The Kingsboro Civic League meeting for Tuesday, August 16, 2022 was called to order by President, Ron Pier at 6:30 PM at the Constant House. There were 11 members present and 1 Guest. The members included Ron Pier, Linda Jean McClure, Carol McClellan, Peg Bailor, Bob Grady, Eddie Sharp, Jabo Chavis, Ed Beardsley, Gary and Roseann Herto and Sherry Matthews. Guest present was upcoming city council candidate for our area, Mr. John Rector.

Minutes from the last meeting held July 19, 2020 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer, Bob Grady reported \$ 725 in Treasury but still not in a bank account. After discussion by group, Ed Beardsley said he would talk with Mike at Atlantic Union to see what they could offer with little or no fees. Bob reported we have 14 families as paid members in our League.

President Ron said the sign in Coulbourn Park should be replaced and Park should get an upgrade by next fall. He also said City Police Dept has told him that requests for a speaker at meetings have to be done online. Ron tried this but we contact them again for more direction. Ron also said high grass at 339 Highland has been cut. There are other yards that also need some attention or a call to the city.

Carol McClellan brought up having a Christmas Party in December. Bob said that VFW no longer renting the Williams Rd building owned by the Church. Ed Beardsley was asked if Plaid Turnip Restaurant would be available. He said he would check, but thought most Tuesday nights in December would be okay. He will check on availability and costs and get back to the group.

John Rector introduced himself and said he was running for City Council to fill Donnie Goldberg's place. He has served on the planning commission and is now a Realtor with Chorey Real Estate. His goal would be to shift some City money back to the southeast corridor of Suffolk, especially sprucing up the Portsmouth Blvd gateway into Suffolk and through Kingsboro. His website is JohnforSuffolk.com.

Ed brought up the subject of panhandling in Suffolk and not with just adults. There have been children in our own neighborhood asking for money. He asked if Kingsboro Civic League could come up with an idea on how everyone should handle this. If everyone treats the situation the same way and with dignity, it should go away. He was not saying to not give money if you wanted to, but you know that if you do, they may keep coming back to you for more and maybe tell their friends on the street. Everyone was asked to think about this.

Discussion held about preparing a flyer to pass out to neighbors about KCL. Sherry to work on this with Susan Sharp.

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022.** Meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.

Respectfully,

Sherry