

**Minutes of
Oyster Harbor Citizens Association Meeting
September 23, 2008**

Vice President Ian MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at St. Anne's School. He explained that President Brooke Doswell was out of town on business, and noted that a report from the President was available as a handout (Attachment 1). There were 50 members present (sign-in sheet at Attachment 2).

After observance of a moment of silence, Vice President MacKinnon directed attention to the agenda (Attachment 3). Bob Eyster made a motion that the agenda be accepted, and the motion was seconded and approved.

Vice President MacKinnon declared that all the officer positions were now vacant, and appointed Bennie McCottry as Chair of the meeting. Chair McCottry reviewed the election process. He said that all nominations from the floor must be seconded, and nominees from the floor need to agree to serve if elected and be present to stand for election. Chair of the Nominating Committee, Gerald Winegrad, then gave the report from the Nominating Committee on the candidates being recommended for officer positions. He noted that the Nominating Committee unanimously recommended the slate, and the bios of all the officer candidates are in the brochure that was sent to all OHCA members and was available at the meeting. Rhodes Whitehill made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the officer positions, and the motion was seconded and approved.

Danny Butler asked why nominees from the floor have to be present to be nominated but slate nominees do not. Gerald Winegrad and Benny McCottry responded that nominees on the slate have agreed to serve if elected, whereas if a nominee from the floor is not present, we will not know if they would serve if elected. Danny Butler made a motion that any slate nominee not present be treated as any floor nominee not present. The motion was not seconded, and it died for lack of a second.

Chair McCottry declared that the floor was open for nominations for the officer positions, and there were no nominations from the floor for any officer position. Dan Craig made a motion that nominations for officer positions be closed, and the motion was seconded and approved.

Chair of the Nominating Committee Gerald Winegrad then gave the report of the Nominating Committee on the candidates being recommended for the four open Board positions. He noted that the Nominating Committee unanimously recommended the slate, and the bios of all the Board candidates are in the brochure that was sent to all OHCA members and was available at the meeting.

Rhodes Whitehill made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the Board, and the motion was seconded and approved.

Chair McCottry declared that the floor was open for nominations for the Board, and Norm MacLeod nominated Bob Eyster. The nomination was seconded, and Bob Eyster agreed to serve if elected. Eunice Cherry was also nominated but declined. Norm MacLeod made a motion that nominations for Board positions be closed, and the motion was seconded and approved. Chair McCottry noted that the three Board candidates receiving the most votes would be elected to three year terms, and the candidate with the next most votes would be elected to a one year term (replacing a director who resigned with one year remaining on his term).

Members marked their ballots with their votes for the officer and Board positions, and the ballots were collected. While the ballots were being counted, Chair McCottry opened the floor for a discussion of community matters.

Elvia Thompson asked that if anyone is not currently getting OHCA emails to please let her know. Members commented that cars are going too fast on Washington Drive and not obeying the speed limit. Bob Eyster commented that there is a speed limit sign on each road in Oyster Harbor. Several residents on Washington Drive urged that additional signs be placed on their street. Chair McCottry said the Washington Drive concern will be referred to the Roads Committee.

In response to a question about OHCA committees, OHCA Chair Kathy Burk reviewed the functions of each committee and encouraged members to volunteer for any committee. Elvia Thompson said she would like to start an Environmental Committee, and there was support for that new committee. Patty Jenkins noted that there will be a Jazz Festival at the beach on September 27 (rain date October 4).

Linda Nivens raised concerns about non-residents in the beach area. From her house on Shore Drive across the street from the beach, she sees drinking, drug transactions, and other bad behavior. The greatest influx is when school gets out in the summer and during the fall fishing season. OHCA needs to have guidelines that are taken seriously and enforced. OHCA Chair Kathy Burk, Chair McCottry and others seconded Linda's observations. Ian MacKinnon recommended cameras as a way to address the issue. He asked for a straw poll of those who would support having cameras at the beach, and a majority were in favor. Gerald Winegrad noted that many beach keys are not working any more, and recommended that we extend the beach fence into the water so people cannot walk around it. Stan Jaicks recommended putting a gate on the fishing pier, and Linda suggested having something to show that people are guests of community members (e.g., a tag to hang from their rear view mirror). Chair McCottry said these concerns about the beach will be referred to the Community Property, Beach and Security Committees.

Bill Sherman noted a problem with swales at his home on 1214 Lewis (water is blocking the culvert), and asked that the swales be finished down that street.

The counting of ballots was completed and the following results were announced:

All the officers on the Nominating Committee slate were elected:

Officers

President – Brooke Doswell	42 votes
Vice President – Ian MacKinnon	50 votes
Recording Secretary – Arlene Rankin	49 votes
Corresponding Secretary – Elvia Thompson	49 votes
Financial Secretary – Garth Wells	49 votes
Association Treasurer – Naomi Perry	50 votes
Special Tax Treasurer – Carol Swan	50 votes

For the Board positions, Calvin Kidd, Nancy Plaxico, and Ian MacKinnon were elected to three year terms, and Jane Miller was elected to a one year term.

Board

Calvin Kidd	50 votes
Nancy Plaxico	49 votes
Ian MacKinnon	47 votes
Jane Miller	44 votes
Bob Eyster	12 votes

Chair Benny McCottry swore in the new officers and Board members. Bob Eyster made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Plaxico, OHCA Recording Secretary