

September 15, 2011

**Oyster Harbor Citizens Association
Board of Directors Board Meeting
Nancy Plaxico's home**

Present:

Kathy Burk, Chairperson
Ian MacKinnon, John Boris
Kim Boris
Dan Craig
Claire Dillon
Winston Dunkley
Robert Eyster
David Ginsburg
Winston Knight
Jane Miller
Nancy Plaxico
Kathy Shaffer

The meeting opened at 7:25 p.m.

The chair called the meeting to order; a moment of silent reflection was observed.

Mr. Ginsburg motioned to accept the agenda; Mr. Dunkley seconded; all were in favor.

The May board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Ginsburg moved to approve; Mr. Dunkley seconded; all were in favor.

The August board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Ms. Plaxico moved to approve; Mr. Ginsburg seconded; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Update:

Ms. Burk will review the capitol improvements line item #80175 for repaving roads (\$78,520) and direct Ms. Dillon how to allocate/report the carryover.

Payment for Carroll Brothers is complete.

The audit is complete. Ms. Dillon is awaiting statements, and Ms. Burk will sign off.

Old Business:

Swales, Drainage and Erosion – The swales are continuing to work well. There has been a request to move the boulders back 6 inches to allow for wider car passage and easier snowplow access. The county will be contacted to ensure there is no set back requirement. The swales also will be checked to ensure boulder movement would not compromise their effectiveness or harm the pipes. Reflectors on the rocks in their existing placement may be another option. Discussion tabled until the October meeting.

Roads/Paving –

- 1.) *Apron at Creek and Harbor* – Cooper did an estimate for the apron as well as the entire lot, but it was not attached to the email. Discussion was tabled until the estimate is received. There was concern expressed about loss of parking and dumpster placement if the entire lot is paved.
- 2.) *Stone, Boulder and Timber placement*
 - a. Additional boulders may be needed at Ellis and Shore to keep drivers from driving into the swales.
 - b. Curbing will be reviewed at 1322 Washington due to the flow of driveway water following road repaving; curbing also will be reviewed at the edge of Washington and Shore due to fire engine cracking.
 - c. Ms. Boris will continue to liaison with the Utta's and Louise Burke in regard to timber placement in their driveway.

Bulkhead – Targeting a November 1st start work date. Ms. Dillon will continue to liaison with MDE and the county for final sign-off.

The topography map has been located.

Green Committee-

- 1.) *NFWF Grant* – Ms. Boris conducted an initial walkthrough with Biohabitats to identify community hotspots. A second walkthrough will be conducted to discuss recommended solutions to the top problem areas and to collect soil samples. A plan for the top 10 hotspots will be developed as a starting point for the grant. The grant is in the amount of \$9,950. The grant can be used on community as well as private property.
- 2.) *Swale Planting* – A planting plan is being developed with master gardener and community resident, Nate Powers. The plants will be adjusted appropriately so as not to block resident views. The plan will be presented at the November community meeting for resident review.
- 3.) *Mosquitoes* – Additional solutions will be looked into for the future.
- 4.) *No Mow Zone* – Planting will start at 9:30 a.m. on 9/17. If there is time, the planting team will then move to the native garden at Fishing Creek.

New Business:

Ahern Lot – The land may qualify for the Baylands Trust donation program. The property owner could donate the land for a tax write off and then OHCA could purchase it for a reduced price. The money could potentially come out of the Piers and Harbors budget. Ms. Plaxico called for a motion to start sending letters to Creek Drive homeowners regarding the purchase and sale of land under the trust. Ms. Miller seconded; all were in favor.

Tree Trimming – Ms. Dillon will contact BGE to see how close we are to the next tree trimming. There are some tree branches of concern on AOTB Road following the storms.

Elections – Elections will take place on 9/27. The newsletter will mail within the next week including candidate bios.

Traffic Committee – An Anne Arundel County “traffic calming” representative met with residents to discuss dangerous speeding issues on Arundel on the Bay Road. By the end of the year, Anne Arundel

County will conduct a study of the road to see if the community qualifies for traffic calming initiatives. The study includes measuring daily traffic on AOTB Road (must be 750 vehicles or higher) and average speed (must be 10 miles above the speed limit).

Kacher Riprap Breakwater – There is much concern about the erosion rate and the property owner’s lack of response. As a community, we need to do something to preserve our roads. Possibilities discussed include a rip rap around the property, looking into purchasing the property, adding a breakwater (in the 2013 budget). Ms. Dillon will obtain engineering recommendations re: a rip rap, breakwaters and jetties. Ms. Dillon also will continue to interface with the county to try and push, although they have stated that it is private OHCA property. Mr. Eyster called for a motion to hire an engineer to review necessary rip rap/breakwater work. Ms. Plaxico seconded; all were in favor. Ms. Plaxico called for a motion to begin to review the process of obtaining the Erosion Control District designation. This will require a petition to change the charter. Ms. Miller seconded; all were in favor.

Adjournment:

The meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

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