

Minutes of
Oyster Harbor Citizens Association Meeting
January 26, 2010

President MacKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:15 with 31 community members signed in. Motion to accept agenda was made by Dan Craig, seconded by Norman MacLeod and all were in favor.

The President handed over the meeting to the Chair of the board, Kathy Burk to present the 2010-2011 budget.

Kathy explained the history of the community and the budget process we have to follow with the county and that our focus was on the roads, beaches, and community. She reported that funds are able to be carried over to the following year. Process starts in October, November. Budget is sent out 30 days before meeting and must be sent out and received by 1/31/10. Kathy went over budget request.

Dan Craig went into a detailed explanation of why we need to move now to replace the bulkhead. Meeting is set up to meet with a contractor for a bulk head replacement estimate the following Thursday night. Committee will be getting 3 bids. There were questions about the RFP for the replacement of the bulkhead. It has not been solicited yet, but will be posted on the community webpage.

Board estimates that the cost to replace the bulkhead will be \$200,000. Money previously budgeted for fire safety equipment that is now not necessary with the new fire station can be reallocated to the bulkhead replacement. Dan Craig stated that he will recuse himself from being involved in any decision on the bulkhead as his property is adjoining the bulkhead and is affected by the erosion.

Norman MacLeod reported that he will ask Venice & Highland Beach to help absorb cost of the bulkhead replacement. Question was asked if Oyster Creek is still a safe harbor – answer was yes.

Kathy explained that what was submitted to the county was the budget that members received in the mail. Kathy went line by line through budget and explained the purpose of each line item.

Kathy discussed the county permit needed for roads and dredging. There is already a maintenance dredging permit in place

Question was asked about the \$20,000 cost for the beach retaining wall and if it is needed to protect property. Kathy replied that it was necessary to prevent sand drifting from the beach and blocking the swales. A concentrated attack on phragmites is proposed as it is growing wild around the beach and is getting out of control. There was a concern about how effective Jose's effort at manually removing the

weed was last year. It was agreed that an approved herbicide would need to be used and there was discussion on the most appropriate approach. Questions came up about the quality of the resurfacing on Creek Drive. The contractor, Cromwell, will return to repair. Dan Craig moved for adoption of the budget. It was seconded by Garth Wells.

It was decided that the minutes would no longer be read at the meeting. They would be posted on line. Norm MacLeod requested however that the board reads any new resolutions. This was agreed.

Ian presented the President's Report – There had been some issues in the past in reference to parties on the beach, i.e. rules, times, parking and the impact on the neighbors. Dan Craig has published new guidelines. Kim Boris is the new chair of environmental issues. The first meeting was in September.

Community Property – Joanne reported that landscaping has started, and the free dumpster will be assigned in early spring. The community will schedule the community supplied dumpster during the opposite time of year.

Linda is working on getting an additional street light on Shore Drive.

Ian introduced Claire Dillon as the new Community manager. Claire Dillon will be supporting Ken Epps, our compliance chair in ensuring that yards are kept tidy, cars are parked sensibly etc..

Recreation – Amy, Courtney and Kathy reported that Johnny Steele is scheduled to return and entertain us at the beach on July 10, 2010.

Roads – County has been back and forth in reference to drainage issues. The curing of the pavement on Harbor & Fishing Creek did not turn out good. Contractor is coming back in March to redo.

Danny Butler asked about the outcome of the lawsuit. He asked that the information be placed on the webpage so everyone could see what the outcome was. Want to invite Kurt to a meeting to explain outcome.

Eunice Cherry stated that Booker road has large amount of water. Ian told her that he would have Kathy call her.

Security – we are liaising with Arundel on the Bay community about common security issues.

Discussion held on setting up meeting in reference to lawsuit started by Danny.

Ian reiterated the fact that the community has enough money to do what we need to do in the community.

Old Business – Discussion about changing Charter. Outcome: 30 – Yes/ 7 – No. David Ginsburg is rewriting/amending constitution and bylaws which will probably be an ongoing project. He will break it

in sections and groups and answer questions, i.e., proxy votes. Joe Butcher and Eunice Cherry were concerned about this being a board committee or a community committee, and how committees are set up. David, Jane and Bob are currently on this committee that was formed in December. David welcomed community members to join and assured the meeting that this was not a board committee but a community committee. Joe Butcher volunteered to join the committee and was accepted. David went into detail about procedures necessary to change constitution, and assured Joe that there must be a certain numbers of homeowners – at least two-thirds before any changes could be made.

Request was made to give all historical documents and pictures to Claire for historical archiving and display on the website..

Elvia announced that our new county councilman was Chuck Ferrar the owner of Bay Ridge liquor store, was schedule to come to the meeting, but could not make it but would be invited to attend our next meeting. She also recommended that everyone look into Clean Currents with BGE.

Deer - There have been some problems with deer in our community, and neighboring communities as well. Neighbors said that they have seen 12 – 20 deer at a time, and they are getting more and bolder, coming out in the day time, up to their door looking for food. The concern is “Lyme Disease” since deer are the main carriers of this disease. Some discussion of hiring sharp shooters to deal with the problem. It was also discussed that birth control can be put in their food. Ian will notify the Bay Ridge community that we want to be involved with their efforts to deal with this situation.

There being no more agenda items, Gerald Winegrad proposed the meeting be closed and Dan Craig seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Attendees:

Kathy Burk
Calvin Kidd
Lucy Knight
Winston Knight
Benny McCotree
Ian MacKinnon
Yvonne Jaicks
Jerome Butcher
Carol Swan
Gerald Winegrad
Arlene Rankin
Eunice M. Cherry
Dan Craig
Daniel Brey
Kimberly Boris
John Boris
Robin Gilliam
Norman MacLeod
Louise Burke
Shawn Chadwick
Laura Stafford
Patty Jenkins
David Wood
Blanche D. Frame
Susan McGinn
Joseph Butcher, Jr.
Ed Zebovitz
Garth Wells
Jane Miller
Charles R. Whitehill
G. Jo Burkholder
David Ginsburg
Elvia Thompson
Claire Dillon