



Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by the President, Jeff Sella, at St. Martha's Episcopal Church in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Board Members Present:

Judy Bennett, David Burgess, Margie Cyr, Jim Dempsey, Tris Kruger, Jeff Sella, and Ellen Throop.

Others Present:

David Taylor (Beach Patrol Committee).

President's Report: Ellen Throop for Jeff Sella

The Board discussed Steve Larsen's e-mail requesting specific language be inserted into the April Board minutes was reviewed. The discussion did not opine on the accuracy or completeness of Steve's comments but upon the proper procedure for reviewing, editing and approving the minutes. It was decided that Steve's proposed wording would not be inserted into the minutes. The April Board Meeting Minutes will be reviewed, when ready, and any corrections will be made at the May 19th Board meeting.

South Bethany has approached MBA about removing the double center line on Evergreen. It is the view of the Mayor and DelDOT that drivers refuse to cross the double yellow line to avoid pedestrians and that removing the double yellow line would remove this visual barrier for drivers. The Mayor noted that the Chief of Police does not share this assessment. It was agreed that the Board does not have a position on this issue.

The dredging company has approached MBA for permission to move their equipment from the staging area in South Bethany to Bethany and then from Bethany to South Bethany. The request lacked any details. Jeff has also talked with Tom Olson at Sea Colony. Tom indicated that Sea Colony's position is to be a good neighbor but he is concerned with what may be involved. Therefore, he has also sent a letter requesting more information. Sea Colony is not seeking any compensation, at this time. The Board agreed that we would like to take the same approach but we would hold off a final decision until additional information is received.

The Board revisited the hiring of an off-duty State Police officer to be positioned at our beach on July 4th. It was agreed that RuthAnn should reach out to the Delaware State Police to make these arrangements.

CAS has made a request to obtain a credit card to expedite the purchase of various items.

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Jeff approved the application. The Board ratified this decision but noted that additional procedures and direction need to be developed by the Board defining how and when the credit card can be used.

Committee Reports:

Building Committee: Margie Cyr

Margie has sent a notice to all open construction projects to remind them of the June 30th deadline when all projects must be completed or put on hold until after Labor Day.

9 Dune Road has submitted plans for landscaping and hard surfaces (patio and walkways). The lot coverage exceeds the amount permitted by the covenants (45%). In addition, the drawings show a fire pit in the setback. Fire pits are not permitted in the setback. Margie will send a letter rejecting the permit request based upon these two issues. Margie reviewed a draft e-mail response that covered these two issues and the Board approved sending the e-mail to the property owners.

Margie also noted that a new member needs to step up and become involved with the Building Committee. The learning curve is long & steep. She hopes that a year-round resident will volunteer and apprentice to become her replacement.

Community Facilities Committee: Jeff Sella

The second dog waste station has been installed on Beach Plum near Bayberry.

The beach walkways have been cleared of excess sand

The dune crossing at Evergreen has been moved.

The clay sand mixture has been ordered for the dune crossings and should be here in two weeks. RuthAnn is handling the request.

Survey / Listening Sessions: Margie Cyr

Margie compiled the input from the three listening sessions and has copies for distribution at the Community meeting.

Guard House:

A new lease has been submitted to Jeff for his signature. He has forwarded copies to the Legal Committee for their input.

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Adjournment:

Dave Burgess motioned to adjourn. Ellen Throop seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.

Next Board Meeting:

May 19 at 9:30 am at the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tris Kruger, Secretary