



Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 16, 2019

President, Margie Cyr, at the South Bethany Town Hall, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Board Members Present:

Margie Cyr, Nancy Glasgow, Steve Larsen, Alex Sella, Jeff Sella, Marty Shecter, Ellen Throop, and Tris Kruger.

Others Present:

Kyle Clevenger (Whitman, Requardt and Associates), Ruby Halligan (CAS), Kathy Dryden (20 & 22 Beach Plum), Peggy Taylor (21 Short), Janie & Tim Switzer (1 Dune), and Carol Tucker-Foreman (11 Dune).

Presentation by Kyle Clevenger: Kyle Clevenger (Whitman, Requardt and Associates for DeIDOT)

- DeIDOT was contacted by Bethany and South Bethany to address the pedestrian safety issues along Route 1. State of Delaware is the third highest in pedestrian fatalities. There have been two fatalities along our area of Route 1, one was a pedestrian crossing Route 1 in front of the Cottage Café and another was a bicyclist at the intersection of McDonalds and Route 1. Both incidents occurred at night.
- DeIDOT plans to install Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at pedestrian crosswalks at Evergreen Road and Route 1 in South Bethany and one in front of the Cottage Café on Route 1. The plan is to install two RRFB's in Middlesex Beach. It was suggested that these be placed at Bridge Rd (1st priority and then at Bayberry Rd (2nd priority) pedestrian crosswalks as these walkways have the most pedestrian traffic. The target date for the installation of the RRFB's may be as early as spring of 2020 with Bethany and South Bethany coming first.
- DeIDOT also plans to install 30-foot tall twin arm lights in the median along Route 1 from Fred Hudson Road to York Beach. Typical light spacing of 150 feet is proposed throughout Bethany Beach, Middlesex Beach and South Bethany Beach. This will be "down lighting" and is projected for Fall 2020

Review of October Board Meeting Minutes:

Ellen moved and Alex seconded to approve the October 19 Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

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Property Manager's Report: Ruby Halligan (CAS)

- Fence damaged by Dollar General truck being taken care of by Alex, Dave and Joe. Check was received from insurance company.
- Final notices sent to Property owners who are past due on their assessment.
- CAS still has three owner's keys that have not been picked up yet. These will be mailed to the addresses on file.
- Lifeguard Sharing: Payment was received from both Indian and North Indian Beaches.
- Final payment sent to Matt's Paving for Fog Sealing.
- Gift cards delivered to Judy Bennett and Sharon Adams.
- Ordered 60 tons of gravel/stone and rented Bobcat per Alex Sella for Bayberry storage area.
- Arranged for winterization of Guard House with Atlantic Plumbing. Jeff believes this has been done. Ruby will check on the status.
- Contacted Landscape companies to secure bids for next year.
- Placed required Public Notice in the Wave to run 11/5 & 11/12 re: private streets, walkways, roadways, and beach areas.

President's Report: Margie Cyr

- CAS letter for past due notices not consistent with new policy. Mary Schrider-Fox will revise and Board will review.
- CAS Renewal contract: Margie met with Mary Grimm and Ruby Halligan to discuss.
- A feral kitten in Ocean View tested positive for rabies. An individual caring for the kittens suffered an injury and sought medical attention. At that time the kitten was tested for rabies and the test returned positive. All kittens in the litter were then trapped by DPH and euthanized to prevent any further exposure.
- Delaware State Parks Wind Farm Proposal: A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at Indian River High School at 7 pm facilitated by state Rep. Ron Gray and state Sen. Gerald Hocker.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Larsen

- The Budget committee is comprised of three people, Steve, Marty and Jeff Rivest.
- \$10,000 is still outstanding in unpaid dues.
- Big ticket items include Beach Committee, \$90,000 spent \$96,000 budgeted; and Community Patrol \$52,000 spent, \$56,000 budgeted.
- Next year – Fog sealing of Beach Plum, \$500.

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Committee Reports:

There was an error in the **Building Committee** report in the **September 2019 minutes**. The Building Committee report for October was posted in error with the minutes for the September Board meeting on the website.

Steve moved and Marty seconded to approve all Committee Reports. All in favor.

Old Business:

- Street Lights are out on Dune Road. Ruby will contact Delmarva Power. Pole numbers are needed.
- Close out 46 Dune Road project – Alex moved and Marty seconded to return building deposit. All in favor.
- Close out 14-18 Beach Plum project – Marty moved and Alex seconded to return deposit. All in favor
- Gahagan & Bryant (GBA) Contract for Beach Permits. MBA is piggy backed onto Sea Colony contract for \$20,000 on research. GBA would stop at a point that would cause an increase in cost significantly and come back to us for additional approval. Tris moved and Nancy seconded that contract be approved pending any minor changes by legal committee. All in favor.
- Committee Organizational Resolutions. Still waiting on Beach and Budget Committees to submit.
- Code of Conduct for Board Members. Tris moved and Ellen seconded to approve. All in favor.
- Golf Cart Rules. The Rules need to be reintroduced to the community and will be in the Spring Packet for all members of the community. Tris moved and Ellen seconded to approve Golf Cart Rules. All in favor.
- Culvert Widening 18 Bayberry. Tris moved and Marty seconded to approve the widening and replacement of the west culvert due to its collapse. All in favor

New Business:

- Rules Adoption Process. All rules to be grouped together and submitted to owners along with the new Construction Rules in Spring 2020 for Board adoption.
- DelDOT Route 1 Lighting Project. Alex made a motion and Steve seconded that the RRFB (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons) be placed at pedestrian crosswalks in the following order of preference. Bridge #1, Bayberry #2, Errett #3 and Addy #4.
- Produce Stand Permit. Marty received plans, which seem to be in compliance for commercial properties. Plans will be sent to Mary Schrider-Fox for review.

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Community Member Comments:

- Janie and Tim Switzer requested that minutes show Building Committee meeting notes of 1 Dune Road in October minutes NOT September minutes.
- Kathy Dryden inquired about the plans she submitted to build a house to be used as an office on her lot at 22 Beach Plum.

Executive Session:

Marty moved and Jeff seconded to go into Executive Session at 12:20 pm to discuss:

- Bennett Lawsuit
- Community Patrol Committee Recommendation for End of Season Bonuses for CP employees
- CAS Contract

The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:50 pm with the following results:

- Mediation occurred in the case of the Bennett lawsuit. Settlement has been reached and is awaiting the judge's final approval.
- Community Patrol bonuses were approved. Jeff moved and Nancy seconded. All in favor.
- Discussion of the CAS contract will continue at the December meeting.

Adjournment:

Alex motioned to adjourn. Marty seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Next Board Meeting:

December 14, 2019 at 9:30 am at the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tris Kruger

Nancy Glasgow