

## MIDDLESEX BEACH ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

March 22, 2014

Members present: Sharon Adams, Mary Bode Byrd, Glenn Hamilton, Judy Myers, Natasha Reatig, Geoffrey Sella, Ellen Throop, and David Wiecking.

Others present: David Taylor, Beach Committee Chairman; Ginny Heier, Right Property Management (RPM); Bill Gay.

Dave Wiecking motioned to approve the February minutes as amended; Sharon seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### TREASURER

The treasurer's report was not yet available.

### RIGHT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ginny Heier reported that one more ballot in favor of the covenants had come in. Board members will continue to make calls to those who have not voted, and those attending the membership meeting will be asked to vote if they have not.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sharon Adams reminded board members that May 15 is the deadline for bringing trash receptacles in compliance with MBA guidelines or face a fine. Ellen moved and Judy seconded that fines not be imposed on non-complying homeowners (approximately three-quarters of the community). A notice will be sent out letting people know that their receptacles do not meet the standards and why. The board will discuss a new policy at the next board meeting.

Sharon requested that information for the April 18 mailing to residents be submitted to her by April 4. The letter in that mailing will include information from Bill Gay regarding the importance of the covenant vote as relating to more liberal building hours.

Information and items for the packet to be distributed at the May 3 membership meeting should be submitted by April 21.

### BUDGET

Geoff Sella reported that the cost of paving and Worker's Comp went up, but most other items in the new budget will be the same or slightly higher than the current budget. Geoff motioned and Mary seconded that the yearly assessment be raised to \$1700, the increase from last year being primarily due to increased Road reserves. This motion was passed unanimously.

### BEAUTIFICATION/SOCIAL

Mary Byrd has designed a new logo for T-shirts, beach tags, and the directory that incorporates the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The anniversary party will be Saturday, August 30 at 5 pm.

It was suggested that the Middlesex Beach sign on the south side of the entrance to the beach would be moved back to allow better visibility and that a temporary footpath over the grass would be established.

Street signs on the Pine side and signs on the gates along Route 1 will be replaced soon.

## BUILDING

Judy Myers reported that two houses are currently being built on the pine side and several properties are undergoing extensive renovation. The building permit process will be revised to allow a two-step option: (1) getting approval for plans before going to the county for a permit, and, after county approval, (2) submitting checks and all documents in order to get the MBA permit. Applicants will be asked to include a trash receptacle in their house plans.

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Dave Wiecking reported that drainage contractors would not be available until after Labor Day. Storm water retention ponds are scheduled to be built along Rt. 1 on DelDOT property before Memorial Day.

The board voted in favor of a clay/sand ramp at the Errett Road dune crossing.

Dave mentioned that MBA needs to have permits in place in case of the need for beach replenishment. The engineering firm of Gehagan & Bryant worked with us in 2007 and would be the likely candidate in the future due to their familiarity with DNREC, the DE shore, and the fact that they also do similar work for Sea Colony, including public hearings. This may be discussed at the May membership meeting.

## COMMERCIAL/DIRECTORY

Natasha Reatig requested that board members review the draft of the new directory and suggest any changes needed. The board revised some of the rules for the back page and added others. Natasha will send out a draft of the directory after revisions are in.

## SECURITY

Glenn Hamilton reported that the new security vehicle is being purchased.

## BEACH

David Taylor reported that he has acquired a house for the lifeguards that will cost less than last year's house.

Sharon will let board members know whether there will be an April 19 board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 for an executive session.