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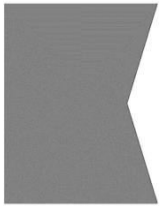
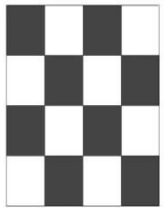
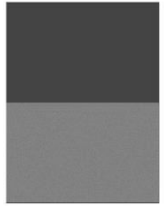
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September 2017



WISHING EVERYONE A PEACEFUL AUTUMN



Minutes from the September 15, 2017 POENB Meeting

Roll Call of Officers: Ken Schultz, President; Ken Nye, Vice-President; Nick Cavuoto, Assistant Vice-President; Gene Caputo, Assistant Vice-President; Margaret Drummond, Treasurer; Julie Hendricks-Atkins, Corresponding Secretary.

We deviated from standard meeting procedure to accommodate Asharoken Village Mayor Greg Letica who came to discuss the situation at the Asharoken Ave/Bevin Rd seawall. He referenced Game of Thrones and protecting their wall. There is a sinkhole on the landward side of the wall. He brought this to the attention of the proper authorities. The ACOE determined that this sinkhole was a result of beach erosion behind and under the wall which is allowing sand to flow out from the land side of the wall. The ACOE determined that a new wall needs to be put into place. In addition, they determined that additional sand would be required. In the meantime, the sinkhole was filled with multiple layers of sandbags, loose sand, and topped off with rocks. The work took place today, Sept 15, 2017. This is a band-aid. The long-term plans are to work with the ACOE on methods of keeping the water from breaching the road. This project could take several more years to complete. According to Mayor Letica the TOH seems to be willing to partner with Asharoken on funding this project. He stated that it would benefit all of us on Eaton's Neck to contact TOH Officials and let them know that we would like them to lend financial support to Asharoken to complete this vital project. The costs to each entity (Village, Town, Federal) will be

determined by the type of project it turns out to be.

Attendance of Membership: There were 74 members present.

Reading of the minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the May meeting as printed in the May Changing Tides. The motion was seconded.

Correspondence: A letter from Greg Hodges was read to the meeting. It concerned the volume and number of attendees at a private party held in July at Price's Bend. He described the frequency of these disruptive parties and their effects on the people who live in the vicinity of the beach. He also discussed the placement of the garbage bags following the parties. He requested that DJ's no longer be allowed at Association parties and that the number of attendees also be limited. Resident Erik Vandenburg sent a similar letter backing up Greg's letter. Another member added that the amount of garbage left after Friday Night Grillin' has also been excessive.

A second letter from Bonnie Schalle-Marsano was written praising the work of Nelly Schmidt and Janet Corcoran in maintaining the garden at Valley Grove.

Report of the Board of Directors:

Beach Committee: Joan Deters gave her report on Price's Bend. She requested that the porta-potties be removed and that the water be turned off. Also that the swim lines be brought in. Ken Schultz said we should wait until the middle/end of October.

Nelly Schmidt discussed the state of disrepair of the Association benches at Valley Grove. She believes that they can be a danger. She contacted Ed Carr from the TOH to inquire about the benches they recently purchased at

Hobart Beach. She stated that four benches would be required. She also mentioned that the stairs are beginning to show signs of rot and wear. The Board agreed that extensive repairs will be necessary to the staircase. She requested that the water be left on until the end of October.

The Board mentioned that some contractors had brought heavy machinery onto the beach at Valley Grove but the equipment was moved as soon as it was brought to their attention by the Board.

Beach Sand Restoration: Bill Heuer discussed that the restoration project is a marathon but that we have been in regular contact with Rep. Suozzi. Mr. Suozzi has been in touch with various public officials on our behalf.

Membership Committee: We presently have 210 active members, which is one more than all of last year.

Planning and Zoning: Nothing new to report.

Social Committee: Bethany Pokorny gave a slide show set to music that gave an overview of all of the fantastic events that took place on the Neck this Summer. Lots of smiling kids (and adults too). Events included Parti Gras, Campout night, Family Movie Nights, Sunsets at the Grove, and Eaton's Neck Has Talent. Thank you to Bethany and all the social committee for their fabulous work!

The Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday October 21st. The Turkey Trot will take place on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 AM. Meet at the Firehouse.

Going forward she requested that greater clarification be provided by the Board as to what is acceptable use of POENB property. The possibility of having a representative from the insurance company come to a future

meeting was brought up and discussed at some length. This discussion was continued at another point in the meeting.

Nominating: Joan is serving as our new Nominating Committee chairperson. She will be contacting all Board members and potential Board members. The slate of candidates will be presented at a special meeting to be held prior to the Annual Meeting in December. The date will be announced at a future time.

Changing Tides: All articles are due tonight, September 15, 2017.

Report of the Treasurer: Margaret read the treasurer's report for Summer 2017. Please see report under separate heading. Bethany proposed that a donation be made to the Riverhead Foundation to thank them for their help with the clean-up. She suggested \$100. Joan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded.

Unfinished Business: Brian Gorman asked about the encroachment issue at Valley Grove. Ken Schultz discussed that we have a mutually agreed-upon boundary line agreement between POENB and the Corcoran Family Trust. It will be viewable on the website. No property ownership has changed hands according to the agreement but no new encroachment will be permitted. Furthermore, encroached-upon property must be maintained by the family trust. He went on to ask about the erection of a fence between the two properties. He made a motion to put the issue of placing a fence between the properties to a key-issue vote. It was seconded. The Board's next step is to contact our attorney to find out next steps.

New Business: Bill Heuer stepped up to discuss the possibility of forming a new committee, of which he will be chair, to look

into what the community deems acceptable use of the Association properties so that we can come up with a workable set of guidelines. These guidelines would be informed not only by what the community wants but also by the limits of our insurance, the structure of our by-laws, and the Town of Huntington rules/laws. His proposal was met with favor by both the Board and the attendees. His preliminary suggestion was that the committee be comprised of three members. Bethany Pokorny also agreed to serve on the committee.

The topic of liability was discussed further regarding members and non-members. All residents of Eaton's Neck, whether they are members or not, are covered under the Association's insurance policy when they are on Association property. Additionally, our swim platform lawsuit has yet to be finalized and we have yet to see how our insurance carrier is going to treat us following this loss. We were instructed by our broker to keep our exposure to liability low at least until this matter is fully closed.

Jerry Hehir discussed how he is disheartened by what he feels is an excessive focus on rules on Association property. The topic of Yoga on the Beach was brought up and why it was disallowed by the Board. The reason was that anyone who provides a formal service on an Association property and is affiliated in some way with POENB needs to have their own insurance coverage, which was not provided at the time.

Joan Deters continued to discuss the topic of POENB liability in regards to the Fourth of July Parade. We co-sponsor this parade with the Fire Department and she suggested that we hand over full ownership of the parade to the fire department. Many in attendance disagreed with this suggestion. Christine

Ballow mentioned that she remembers looking into this in years past and that the fire house carries event insurance to cover such things.

Greg Atkins made a motion from the floor to nominate candidates for next year's board. He named Frank Bonomo for President, Ryan Cote for Executive Vice President, Nick Cavuoto for Assistant Vice President, Gene Caputo for Assistant Vice President, Julie Hendricks-Atkins for Corresponding Secretary, Nora Beck-Bunch for Treasurer, and Steve Neuf for Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by greater than six voting members in good standing, which is the minimum number required to accept the nominations.

Phil Whiter discussed the possibility of building a cell tower that will be leased out to telecommunications companies for approximately \$5000 per month. The tower will be built by a communications broker at no cost to the community. This project will be tied into a new radio communications system designed to aid the fire house communications. The proposed tower would be placed on Fire Department property near the current siren tower and will measure approximately 100 feet. A more complete description of this proposal will be available for review online and in the upcoming Changing Tides.

Finally, Greg Hodges discussed that we should keep our eyes open for any unusual use of the property at Price's Bend, as he has encountered several things that are out of the ordinary there this past summer.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:53 PM.

Respectfully, Nick Cavuoto

Treasurer's Report

	May - Aug 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Advertising -	
Changing Tides	135.00
Beach Usage	
Compliance Fee	800.00
Dinghy Stickers	375.00
Total Beach Usage	1,175.00
Interest Income	7.77
Membership Dues	
Senior	5,250.00
Standard	16,125.00
Total Membership Dues	21,375.00
Parade Income	660.00
Social Events	
Parti Gras	4,788.00
Total Social Events	4,788.00
Total Income	28,140.77
Expense	
Beach Expenses	
Landscaping & Maintenance	8,566.55
Rent-a-John	124.92
Trash Removal	900.45
Total Beach Expenses	9,591.92
Beach Improvements	7,039.10
Changing Tides	438.57
Professional Fees	255.00
Social Expenses	
4th of July	
Parade	2,121.38
Egg Hunt	314.74
Other Expenses	12.80
Parti Gras Expense	3,206.68
Total Social Expenses	5,655.60
Temporary Utilities	0.00
Price's Bend	94.81
Valley Grove	119.95

Total Utilities	214.76
Total Expense	23,194.95
Net Ordinary Income	4,945.82
Net Income	4,945.82

CD Balance \$10,525.65

Checking 67,669.54 (\$2,181.15 is Parade funds)

Total \$78,195.19



Margaret Drummond

Welcome

Bob & France Massi, 107 Eaton's Neck Road.
Erica, Ryan and Emile Clout, 90 Eaton's Neck Road.

Eaton's Neck Volunteer Fire Department

In the event of any emergency, please call **757 5700** for the quickest response by trained members of the fire department.

An aspect of training occurred on May 13, 2017 at the Northport Fairgrounds. The training that day involved a vehicle extrication competition against 21 other teams from the town of Huntington. The competition involved varying situations in which "victims" needed to be removed from simulated auto accidents.



The Eaton's Neck Fire Department team of five members trained extensively for many hours using hydraulic rescue tools to cut, spread and open car doors, roofs and locks to free "victims" trapped in vehicles. The Eaton's Neck team was one of only six teams to win two rounds of single elimination competition. This is a notable achievement for our small department against other larger more formidably equipped departments who entered multiple teams in the competition. Congratulations to JOLT team members, Captain Joe Gallino, Peter Makucas, Mike Pinto, Mike O'Donohue and Jerry Hehir!

On a more social note, June 5 was auspicious as Louis O'Neill was sworn in as a member of the department joining his father, Ex Chief Kevin P. O'Neill, and his Grandfather, Ex Commissioner Kevin G. O'Neill. During the 61 years of the fire department there have been a number of families with multiple members who served the community as members.



The July 4th parade and picnic were huge successes with large crowds, visiting fire departments, local officials and food and drink. The annual fifty-fifty drawing was won by an Eaton's Neck resident.

The department thanks all the residents who supported the fund drive in 2017 with their donations.

Yours for fire safety,
Rich Baer



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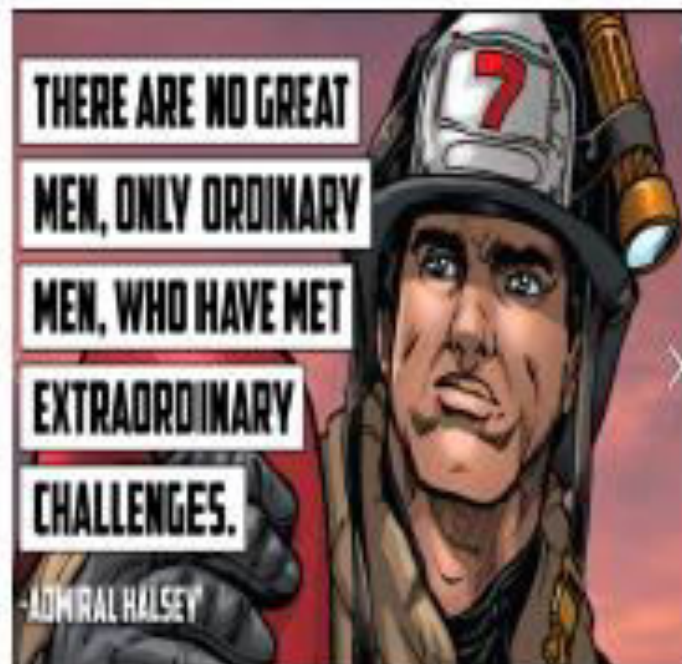
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