

Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation
Monthly Board Meeting
August 13, 2025

Attendance

- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees present: Dave Anderson, Kevin Glynn, Steve Heck, Kris Holmberg, Andy Lovito, Andrew Komosinski, Mike Martens, Kristin Kirk Murphy, Janet Quirk, Julia Villacara, Steve Young
- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees excused absence: Karin Wagner, Lynda Wagner
- Public Attendance: None

Opening Remarks

- Vice President Dave Anderson opened the meeting at 7:32 pm. (Julia detained at work).

Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed

- July Minutes reviewed: **Motion made to accept the Minutes by Steve Heck. Seconded by Mike Martens. Motion carried. All in favor.**

Treasurer's Report

Brookhaven Village Association

Income/Expenses

Dues payments: \$200.

Squassux fees:

- 2025 dock fees \$2,840.
- Ramp and gate code fees \$70.
- Surcharge - \$475.

Other than usual expenses:

- Staples – rolling printer table - \$118.53.
- Best Buy – Printer - \$500.24.
- Briggs Property Mgmt – 1 June mow - \$348.
- J Kalant Electric – repair – GFI slip 302 - \$285.
- Julia Villacara – annual meeting supplies & refreshments - \$105.70.
- 2nd Qtr payroll taxes – total \$1,784.17 (PFL, DBL, SS, Medicare, FW/H, SUI, SW/H)
- Ed Nickla \$100 from 2024 rebate and Dean O'Connell \$300 reimbursement for smaller boat.

Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation

- Income: Donations: \$700.
- Expenses:
 - ½ printer and rolling table reimbursed to BVA \$309.25.

Correspondence

- None

Events

- None

Newsletters

- The Clipper Courier

Donation Solicitations

- Lighthouse Mission
- Brookhaven Youth Bureau

1st Community Participation/Comment

- **Community Announcements and comments were invited.**
- None were present

Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn

- **Glynn reports:** We are still doing well regarding our investment funds. Expenses are down and revenue is up. Money market doesn't make sense right now. Capital One at 3.6 %. We will look at Money market ideas with new treasurer.
- Kevin added that the recent School Board meeting held a presentation about the possibility of putting up cell towers. Discussion followed about this controversial issue. This isn't popular with some people for many reasons, but schools are exempt from permits. TBC.

Squassux Landing Committee- *Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito*

Komosinski updated:

- Nelson cut back the weeds and the cost was \$1,500. It is now safer and offers more visibility.
- Andrew asked if the letters from community (in support of the Erosion Project)—were sent to Cole environmental. They were not, but there are lots of them.
- Andrew offered copies of the Squassux Landing user survey for all to look at and he asked for feedback via email/text/phone call. Andrew explained that he researched a few email servers: Survey monkey, google form, and jot form—offering the pros and cons of each. He is continuing to explore the benefits of each survey company.
- He also questioned the issue of Chris Bland still being the head of the committee that leads the Erosion Project—Andrew said the Squassux committee wants to keep him as primary point of contact on the project.
- Townline will put cameras up soon—Gene is working with his schedule.

Lovito updated:

- Ran checks on some boats, he picked some that he wasn't familiar with to check registration number. Everyone down there with slip and pin code is legitimate. Nobody is waiting to get a slip actively now. Water pressure is good in hoses.
- Purple martins are wiping out mosquitos, Julia found a discarded fly trap on Chapel Avenue. Lovito fixed it and it is installed at Squassux.
- Julia said Lovito offered to help with the committee and Cole Environmental. Julia thought it might be better for Lovito instead of Bland as he is an employee. She suggested a small group of 4/5 people. Andrew thinks it should be smaller-- 3 people. Mike Martens supported having Bland as the point person.
- Young thinks Cole would want one consistent person as point of contact, so they are not confused. But he thinks that Julia's point is well-made—we need a permanent point person to head up communications with Cole and chair sub-committee focused on moving project forward with Cole.
- Andrew said Bland was actively asking questions to Cole and they were responding to him. Andrew will follow up with Bland.
- Julia asked about shelf rental pricing: AK thought Squassux Committee would table the issue and discuss for next year. Julia spoke about residents on Locust who contacted BVA email with request for shelf for 2 kayaks. Suggested a pro-rated price for shelf rentals now through November. She thinks we should relaunch this at a different cost and offer winter storage to lock them in for the spring. A conversation for a fall rate for NMV storage allowed us time to develop a plan to get more interest in using the racks. Kevin offered that this plan might be tough on people who actually paid the full high price for renting the space. However, it is understood that just as we prorate boats in the season, we should do the same for NMV.
- **Motion made by Kris Holmberg to offer the fall sale (\$50 per NMV vessel, \$20 surcharge for the Shoreline Preservation Fund). Additionally, winter storage rates would be \$125 per vessel from November through April. Seconded by Kevin Glynn. Motion carried. All in favor.**

Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara

- **Julia updated:**
- October 19th is the Community Cleanup with Brookhaven Free Library as partners.
- A recent dumping of boxes and tires is visible along some roads in the area. Julia called Town of Brookhaven about this, and a work order was made. She asked for anyone to please call the Town if you notice any more garbage dumping.
- She also reported that a request submitted to survey Edgar for repaving from Beaver Dam to Jared's Path.
- **Kris reported:**
- The tree by the library was taken down. And new signs were completed for Bridge Pl. and Seeley St.
- He also stated that the 'weeds wall' is blocking the river area down by Squassux. He called the Town Parks department about this, commenting that the lack of visibility could make the area seem unsafe for people. The representative seemed to indicate that the risk taken lies on the people who go down there. Kris felt this was inappropriate and made a second phone call about it but nothing had happened yet.
- Julia said she will put information about fall plantings in the next email blast.

Land Use-John Knapp

- As of 8/13 nothing to report.

Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson

- Dave stated that there are a few applicants interested. He will let us know about a nomination committee meeting/ interview in September.
- Dave also shared an incident that occurred in May. He reported that two men he knows, Fred and Ed, were in the marina while he was there one morning. Dave was screamed at by the older of the two men, who called him a "backstabber" among other things. Dave explained that this was due to the resentment built up about Ed not being selected by the Board as a Trustee. Dave expressed his feelings about this abusive treatment and that the experience left him extremely uncomfortable.

By-Laws-Julia Villacara

- Julia is setting a date in October for the committee to meet.

Newsletter- Karin Wagner

- Nothing to report.

Virginia Brown Scholarship- Janet Quirk

- Kristin proposed changing the monetary award amounts in the future to allow for the possibility of more recipients being awarded. Some considerations for this proposal will include having a meeting with the committee and investigating the fund health. We will also need to create an updated guide for the high school that explains the qualifications for the scholarship.

Unfinished Business-

- Regarding the land survey at the marina that was last done in 2020—Mike contacted the survey company we used five years ago for a new price on one. Mike to get back to us on cost and Board to vote on new survey and costs.
- Brookhaven town changed the rules, and survey is only good for a year.
- Heck -was taking to people from nature conservancy—they mentioned company developed device used in salt marsh restoration. It's a brush and it pulls the sediment onto land further building the embankment. He is going to research this method see if this technology works -these are small, they go in straight, like a pipe cleaner. Some effective strategy that is low cost and could be potentially helpful to fight the erosion within the canal. He works with people in Massachusetts who have used devices for dune restoration—food for thought.
- Talking about the creek area. Julia said we asked about rate of attenuation in creek area by the bog. Concerned about the need for re-dredging often.

New Business for Next Meeting-

- Dave noticed boaters coming in past the “no wake” area. Discussion followed and many feel there is no way to police this.

Miscellaneous Discussion-

- None

2nd Community Participation/Comment

- None

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Kirk Murphy
Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association

NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING September 10, 2025