

**Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**December 10, 2025**

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**Attendance**

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

**Opening Remarks**

- President Julia Villacara opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed**

- November Minutes vote tabled until later date.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Brookhaven Village Association**

**Income/Expenses**

Dues payments: \$25.00.

**Squassux fees:**

- Surcharge - \$75.

**Other than usual expenses:**

- Briggs Property Mgmt – 2 Aug mows and big trim - \$2335.44
- Balance of Audit Premium 24/25 World Insurance \$183.75 (Company forgot to add taxes)

**Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation**

- Income: Donations: \$382.
- Expenses:

-Postage for donation solicitation mailing - \$405.60.

-Amazon – envelopes for donation solicitation mailing - \$48.84.

-Staples – 3 color toner cartridges for printer - \$320.12.

**Correspondence**

- Season Greetings from Searles Graphics

**Events**

- None

**Newsletters**

- Post-Morrow

**Donation Solicitations**

- EDF

**1<sup>st</sup> Community Participation/Comment**

- Community Announcements and comments were invited.
- No one was in attendance.

**Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn**

**Glynn reports:**

- We are up \$204,000 in our investments; a sizable amount is for the Shoreline

Preservation Fund. As for Squassux, the income increased by \$65,000 but the expenses decreased by \$45,000.

- We lost money due to a lack of interest in the kayak rack, so we hopefully can amend the fees next year.

- Julia asked—with only what we collected for Shoreline Project, can we set aside \$5,000-\$10,000 for consultations fees, and stick the rest in a high yield fund or CD to grow some more money? Kevin thinks it is best to leave the money where it is until we hire a consultant/engineering firm. Problem becomes--If we have a big bill, we don't have the luxury of time. Julia tabled the idea for investment into an account.

- Our entire cash position for BVA is \$442,000, Mike reiterated that our consultation with Chuck is important.

- Mike thinks that more project money can be generated. Kevin thinks the numbers need to be figured out. Kris asked if the shoreline project can work and Mike reassured that Chuck looked up legalities. Mike reported that since he has been consulting with Chuck, it was discovered that the original permit was filed wrong; there are items that need to be included for the region we live in.

- Karin did research on this topic and spent time with DEC regulations; she handed out a report on her findings and offered to email. DEC created regulations so new bulkheads could be built; only replacements. They were strict about this for new constructions. If it is low sill with plantings, it is considered a natural shoreline. Mike interjected that we shouldn't have applied for it under Cole. Karin thought a bulkhead will not be approved because the area is considered tidal marshlands. If they submit without plantings, they might not get approved. Karin says there was 1 company that can do the kind of work for us.

- Lovito asked why plantings are so expensive, adding that cutting phragmites is illegal. Karin thinks Cole did what the DEC will likely approve. Local firms that have priority execution and permitting; who have worked on this kind of project are likely to be good choices to hire. She mentioned that Patchogue had a hybrid project—low sill bulkhead and plantings. Karin's understanding is that a regular bulkhead will never work in Town of Brookhaven. Mike says there are bulkheads in Brookhaven. Karin added that bulkheads go through Department of Transportation, sidestepping the DEC. Mike thinks we would lose real estate with a living shoreline.

- Karin discussed that her research focused on projects that went through DEC, timeline of DEC rules, the path forward, a strategic approach; local firms who are possible matches for our needs. All research led to two firms doing all the work in our area: DMB and McLean.

- Julia asked Mike to contact Chuck – and thanked Karin for her research efforts. Julia added that the subcommittee for the project might be in need of re-definition and anyone who would like to participate should.

## **Squassux Landing Committee- *Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito***

### **Komosinski updated:**

- Pin codes are deactivated except for winter boats and crew. Ice eaters are in. We could use two more ice eaters for complete coverage.

- Lovito offered for the purchase of a brand-new ice eater from his father for \$350. The cord will need to be 100 ft so that will be an additional \$400. New ice eater for \$750.

- A second ice eater to be purchased for \$1,300.

- Julia asked if anyone objected to the private purchase from Mr. Lovito as a conflict of interest. No one objected.

- **Steve Heck. made a motion to privately purchase Andy Lovito's father's ice eater for \$350 and get a 100- foot -cord put on and a second ice eater at full price. Seconded by Steve Young. Motion carried. All in favor.**

### **Lovito updated:**

- The bumpers came off, but Andy got them back. The electrical bib saved the circuit breaker in the West Canal.

- Most of lights are off but some are left on for convenience.

- Julia asked AK about the solar lights he investigated. He said they weren't the right fit and will return them.
- KW asked about keeping cameras on all winter, they will remain on.
- We have 8 boats mooring in the marina for the winter.
- Boaters Meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in February. (Feb 18, 2026.)

### **Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara**

#### **Julia updated:**

- **Holiday Cheer party** — set up by **2:00 pm**- (Dave and his son Evan already put lights on tree at Fire Place Park.) Trucks will be needed to pick up tables from the HOG, and to deliver donated items to Mary Immaculate food pantry and animal shelter. Kevin, Steve Young and Kris volunteered trucks and pickups. Karin will do music and bring battery speaker. Sweet Moments Baking, Troop 4 and BFL will be on site.
- **Reminder: the Town Meeting on Plume moved to January 15 at 5pm.**

#### **Kris updated:**

- Street signs requested went up.
- The oak tree on the corner of Old Stump Rd. and Beaver Dam Rd. is getting harassed by deer. Julia suggested a buffer/wrap for new trees to protect from deer interference.

### **Land Use-John Knapp**

- Nothing to report

### **Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson**

- Nothing to report.

### **By-Laws-Julia Villacara**

- Julia will set up meeting.

### **Newsletter- Karin Wagner**

- Late on date; will send issue out in winter.

### **Virginia Brown Scholarship- Kristin Kirk Murphy**

- Nothing to report.

### **Unfinished Business-**

- None

### **New Business -**

- None

### **Miscellaneous Discussion-**

- The boat ramp permit is still open with the TOB. Steve Heck asked if there was an advantage for having open permit. It was explained that keeping permit open costs money, and we will need a new survey.
- We have outstanding invoice from Cole. Julia suggested that we pay them when we get materials from them. We have not received anything yet.
- **Steve Heck made motion to keep Good Will donations list expenses all the same. Steve Young seconded. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- Janet wants to wait to post the new position for Treasurer until after the holidays. Steering committee will assist in this process.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Community Participation/Comment**

- None

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristin Kirk Murphy*

***Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association***

**NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING January 14, 2025**