

**Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**February 11, 2026**

**Attendance**

- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees present: Dave Anderson, Janet Quirk, Stephen Heck, Andy Lovito, Andrew Komosinski, Mike Martens, Kristin Kirk Murphy, Julia Villacara, Steve Young
- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees excused absence: Lynda Wagner, Karin Wagner, Kevin Glynn, Kris Holmberg
- Public Attendance: Reiny Reinhardt, Chris Ciervo.

**Opening Remarks**

- President Julia Villacara opened the meeting at 7:38 pm.

**Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed**

- January Minutes reviewed: **Motion made to accept the Minutes by Dave Anderson. Seconded by Mike Martens. Motion carried. All in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Brookhaven Village Association**

**Income/Expenses**

Dues payments: \$150.00

Squassux fees:

- none

**Other than usual expenses:**

- Julia Villacara – reimbursement for Holiday event & Breakfast for Ice Eater Party - \$246.54 this was S/B on Dec report but was omitted in error.
- Staples – supplies (date stamp & folders) - \$38.26.
- NYS Dept of State – certified copy of Art of Inc - \$10.
- Qtr 4 2025 P/R taxes – SS, Medicare, FWH, SWH, SUI, DBL, PFL, FUI - \$2106.55.
- Avalara – efile of w2s and 1099 - \$9.78 & \$10.34.
- Mt Vernon Fire Ins Co. – Director and Officer Ins - \$930.
- Dave Anderson – Reimbursement for solar lights for Holiday tree - \$31.53.
- Brookhaven Postmaster – Bulk permit renewal - \$370, Postage for newsletter - \$334.03, Stamps for invoice mailing \$335.20.
- Searles Graphics – Winter newsletter - \$2784.
- Staples – black toner - \$133.51.

**Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation**

- Income: Donations: \$2,395.
- Expenses:
  - Staples – December 11 2025 expense incorrectly recorded as \$209.97, S/B 210.21 - \$0.24 adjustment to correct.

## Correspondence

- Donation Thank you from
  - CEED, Lighthouse Missions, Boys and Girls Club, Friends of Wertheim, South Country Ambulance

## Events

- None

## Newsletters

- The Clipper Courier

## Donation Solicitations

- None

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

- **Community Announcements and comments were invited.**
- Chris Ciervo asked if you can make donations online to the BVA. Janet said yes, and to use Paypal.
- Chris also spoke with Townline about the camera feeds that (cameras are all working and footage is recorded to hard drive) are down on the app that Dockmaster and some Board members have available on phones. Townline owner will check it and rectify.
- **Reiny Reinhardt updated everyone about the activities at Brookhaven Lab:**  
*At a CAC meeting in early December the committee learned that the 30-year goal for completion of ethylene dibromide (EDB) removal from groundwater would not be met. This was one of the earliest cleanup efforts at BNL, and began in the very early days of the CAC. The standard protocol for these cleanups is for BNL to establish a cleanup plan in consultation with the CAC. When this is done a "Record of Decision" (RoD) is filed, which includes a target date for completion. In many cases this has been met, but for the very long EDB cleanup the geology was a bit different than expected, which threw the hydrological models off, and lengthened the time to completion. Basically, the contaminant moved more slowly than expected, so it is taking longer for it to reach the wells where it is removed. Now they are working on ways to speed up the process, but they will not meet the original 30-year target.*
- *Last week BNL announced that the Department of Energy has approved Phase 2 of the construction of the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC). This means there is money available to buy necessary equipment as the EIC moves into the construction phase.*
- *Amy Engel, Manager of Community and Environmental Engagement, is interested in speaking to the BVA. There is some biographical information about her at <https://www.bnl.gov/staff/aengel>.*
- *In case anyone wants to see how bad PFAS contamination can be, the PBS Frontline program "Contaminated- The Carpet Industry's Toxic Legacy" gives a good idea. It was broadcast last week and can be streamed.*

## Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn

### **Glynn reports: (Read by Janet and Julia in Kevin's absence)**

- Financial position remains strong. The dock repairs will be the focus of our financial position for the near future.
- The Squassux Reserve Fund has \$97,000 to support the work, but we need to have a conversation about how to grow the reserves back, which would most likely require a fee increase in 2027, unless the repairs are far less than previous years.
- AK thinks the reserves will grow but winters like this one is tough on a budget.

## Squassux Landing Committee- Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito

### **Komosinski updated:**

- AK questioned if we should put more money into road maintenance. There is money in budget to do so should we need it.
- Have we paid for ToB permit renewal for ramp? Cole has the permit open.
- Major dock damage from ice reported. Majority of docks will need some repair before opening. Intercoastal reviewed work with walk through. Submitted an estimate for \$43K+. Costs will most likely increase as work begins.
- AK wanted to review the community survey results. He commented that the majority of the community does not want jet skis. Lighting was seen as positive. Majority approved of the job done at Squassux. Compliments to Lovito as Dockmaster. Julia added that there were comments about the launch for kayaks. May remarked about keeping the launch area brush trimmed. Julia added that there were comments about raising the pin pad. Asked AK about getting a price to lift so we know what the cost is and if it affordable, we may do that.

### **Lovito updated:**

- Lovito added that the damage of docks and pilings and mooring poles is extensive. He felt the estimate given was appropriate and expressed that it would be prudent for us to secure the services of PT. A verbal confirmation for April 15 was given for most of the work to be done so we can open the marina for most of the boats. He also added that PT gives the best bid for the work he does.
- **MOTION made to hire Intercoastal Contracting made by Andrew Komosinski to fix the marina and to allocate \$50,000 for the expense. Steve Young seconds. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- Julia asked Andy to work with Intercoastal on using the repair work on docks in the canals only where there is shoreline erosion to lift docks off banks. If we are spending the money to repair those docks, let's lift those docks allowing space and light and begin planting vegetation that stabilizes the shoreline underneath. Lovito said he will work with Intercoastal on that.
- Lovito added that ice eaters will also need maintenance due to the heavy use this winter.
- Julia asked to be updated on the progress and financial needs.
- Janet wants to have a final record of dock numbers repaired for insurance. Andy said he will have Intercoastal note that on final invoice.
- Julia added that Bird Flu has made a presence again and will affect waterfowl in the spring. We should be prepared to notify the community and deal with any deceased birds on property.

#### **Boaters Meeting prep:**

- Wednesday, Feb 18th. Janet will print copies of agenda (Julia), financials (Janet), 2025 Meeting Minutes (Kristin), 2026 schedule of operations (Andrew).
- Agenda points will be: Tres report, Squassux Com updates (repairs, works, surcharges), Shoreline Preservation Project update, Survey results...
- **Senior Discount issue-** Lovito put the topic out in an email and newsletter. Lovito received around 5 who responded to the request and sent proof of age. They will get rebate check in April. No clear instructions were provided and 2 people took the discount off on their own invoices. Janet suggested a more organized procedure: that each person applies for the rebate for the first time, a formal rebate is issued the first year, and moving forward, a discount taken from invoice by BVA. Janet conferred that there should be a protocol for this option. Julia suggested that an application should go up on the BVA website along with clear instruction on how it works and what proof required for anyone who wants to apply for the discount. The deadline to apply was suggested as January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Julia asked if Mike heard from Chuck. He said he had not.

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

**Julia updated:**

- Regarding the email from Town of Brookhaven's Christine Fenton, the community meeting regarding the toxic landfill plume will now be in March after being postponed. Julia thinks it will be good to invite BLAARG and Adrienne Esposito to attend a special pre-meeting to inform community members interested about the situation and encourage attendance for the Town meeting.
- 4/4 Egg hunt-- location to come.
- 4/18<sup>th</sup> Library Cleanup at Brookhaven Free Library at 9am; food at 11am.
- 4/18<sup>th</sup> Shredding event for personal documents at St. James Church; 9am-12pm
- 6/17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at 7pm.
- Julia suggested we ask Marty Van Lith to present the memorial wreath again on Memorial Day.
- Michael Ince's property on Burnett Lane will be preserved by the Town of Brookhaven. In doing so the home will have to be razed.
- Tree planting will resume. Family and friends would like to have a tree planted. Once the tree is in ground a memorial service will be performed and a plaque will be provided. Julia assisting in location near Beaver Court. tree

**Land Use-John Knapp**

- 7 Bond is putting a pool in and this will be close to the Burnett Lane footpath.

**Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson**

- Dave will send emails to interested candidates.

**By-Laws-Julia Villacara**

- Will organize a meeting; looking for dates.

**Newsletter- Karin Wagner**

- In Karin's absence, Julia spoke:
- The newsletter was well-received with good feedback from community members. Karin thanked all who contributed and asked if anyone on the Board would like to contribute to the Spring edition.

**Virginia Brown Scholarship- Kristin Kirk Murphy**

- KKM received the list of candidates eligible for the VBS from Bellport High School and consulted with Janet about the list. Janet assisted with getting stamps and the applications will be sent out soon.

**Unfinished Business-**

- None

**New Business -**

- None

**Miscellaneous Discussion-**

- None

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

- None

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristin Kirk Murphy*

*Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association*

**NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING March 11, 2026**