

Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation

Monthly Board Meeting

January 8, 2025

Attendance

- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees present: Dave Anderson, Kevin Glynn, Kris Holmberg, Kristin Kirk Murphy, Aileen Kokell Andrew Komosinski, Andy Lovito, Mike Martens, Julia Villacara, Karin Wagner, Janet Quirk. Steve Young
- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees excused absence: Chris Bland, Lynda Wagner
- Public Attendance: John Knapp, Fred Chiofolo, Judy Chiofolo, Ed, Chiofolo, Melissa Mirabelli

Opening Remarks

- President Julia Villacara opened the meeting at 7:37 pm.
- **Julia opened the meeting with a reminder of the format for public participation in two sections; once in the beginning of meeting and again at the end of the meeting. Please refrain from commenting on points until then.**

Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed

- November Minutes reviewed: Motion made to accept the Minutes by Aileen Kokell. Seconded by Steve Young. Motion carried. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

- **Brookhaven Village Association**
Income/Expenses
Dues payments: \$150.
Promotional Items: \$130.
Squassux fees: \$1200.
Other than usual expenses:
 - Amazon – Lights for Holiday event - \$73.84.
 - Entertainment for Holiday event - \$100.
 - Gift Card for VonBartheld III - \$50.
 - Sweet Moments – refreshments for Holiday event - \$250.
 - Employee Bonuses - \$1250.
 - Real estate taxes - \$6152.03
 - Donations to various organizations - \$2550.
- **Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation Treasurer's Report**
Income/Expenses:
 - Donations: \$3205.
 - Expenses:
 - None.

Correspondence

- Thank you from BFD for donation for annual Fund drive?
- My Q Liftmaster regarding price change effective 2/1/2025.
- Notice from D & O insurance provider regarding exclusions for PFAS disease.
- Holiday greetings:
 - Post Morrow Foundation
 - Searles Graphics

Events

- None

Newsletters

- Brookhaven Free Library
- South Country Library
- Post Morrow Foundation
- LI Pine Barrens Society

Donation Solicitations

- EDF

1st Community Participation/Comment

- **Community Announcements and comments were invited.**
 - Fred Chiofolo- Purple Martin report -the 18 gourds were successful in keeping mosquito population down. He would like to do another installation if the BVA is interested. Materials need to be ordered by March. Cost is \$1,400.
 - No other comments

Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn

- We are having a good year financially for the BVA but the cost of the Erosion Project is large. How much will the maintenance cost? Discussion followed regarding how much money we have in our reserves for this project so far. Cost estimated from \$400,000-\$600,000.
- **Action Item: Julia will follow up with Cole Environmental on status.**
- * Karin Wagner made a motion to take \$15,000 from the Environmental Fund for the erosion project. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Grants to fund project were brought up by Andrew. Missy Mirabelli stood up from the audience disrupting the Board's discussion. Julia curtly reminded Missy to refrain from commenting until the public participation time opens again. Mike Martens objected to Julia's intervention, calling her rude. Mike asked if any Board members would back him. Missy abruptly left yelling at Board of Directors that "they have no balls."
- Conversation about funding possibilities for the project resumed. Grants are an option. Karin volunteered to continue researching and writing.

Squassux Landing Committee- Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito

- Andrew updated about the electrician doing jobs at Squassux.
- Andrew noted that there is still a kayak on shelf and 2 canoes. A bill for winter storage will be sent. Chris Bland owns kayak. Janet has sent reminders and now invoices to cane owners for winter storage (\$125)
- Ice eaters buy 2 for our use. It will be a good investment. \$1,095 each. Andrew made a motion to buy 2 ice eaters, \$2,400. Seconded by Steve Young. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Andy Lovito updated: Not replacing mooring poles yet, wait until March. Gravel will be needed-80- 100 yards.
- We need 2 more cameras, one down by kayak rack, one facing north on the West Canal. Work to be estimated and contracted in spring.
- Boat invoices going out week of Jan 20th. A discussion followed about boat stickers, and it was decided to hold off on stickers for the boaters.
- Boaters Meeting planning discussion: Current Marina Rules will need to be ready to go out with the contract for the boaters.
- We need to vote on whether or not to have a surcharge. After a discussion, all voted in favor of beginning erosion project surcharge this year.
- Karin Wagner demonstrated the pros and cons of a flat rate versus a percentage rate.
- Board voted on each model. Flat rate was majority opinion though percentage model yielded more fund for project.
- Board reviewed a higher surcharge model to meet financial goal.
- Board voted in favor of new surcharges: \$200 boats. \$75 Non-motor vessels. \$75 ramp users.
- Board voted in favor of rate increase for ramp users of \$10 more.

Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara

- Dead tree was removed from Hulse cemetery on December 12. Plantings committee to replace tree in spring.
- Traffic safety fixed “watch your speed” sign on Fire Place Neck Road outside of Brookhaven Elementary on December 31.
- Aileen contacted the 5th precinct for crossing guard. A survey was conducted for the High School. SCPD felt it did not warrant a crossing guard. She will follow up regarding the area of Beaver Dam to Fire Place for elementary kids and parents for the warmer temps.
- SCSD resource meeting not attended by Julia or Aileen in December.
- Holiday Cheer event went well. Spent \$503 on event. \$3 over budget.
- Wertheim Cleanup TBD on key. Contact on month sabbatical returns January 13.

Land Use-John Knapp

- Nothing to report.

Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson

- Nothing to report.

By-Laws Janet Quirk

- Review in January/February.
- Andrew cited Article VII Sec 1: “All notices to members shall be mailed to their addresses as given on the books of the Association.” Stating that meeting notices must be mailed. Board reviewed bylaw and interpreted that it does not specify mode of mailing or street address. Notices by email to membership are adequate. Discussion about specifying modes of “mail” ensued.
- Kevin reminded the Board of the costs involved with mailings for our meetings—a practice we have not engaged in but for December 2023 with events listed in an informational and solicitation packet.
- Article VII added to running list of bylaws to revise and discuss in committee.

Newsletter-Kevin Glynn/Karin Wagner

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karin spoke about deadline for Newsletter to be before Easter.
Virginia Brown Scholarship- Janet Quirk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.
2nd Community Participation/Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed. Chiofolo mentioned the natural bulkheads along Beaver Creek. Judy Chiofolo spoke about the comments made before that led to a confrontation in the beginning of the meeting. Julia made her aware that Missy has consistently interrupted our general meetings. Disruptions and speaking outside the public participation periods interfere with our workflow and that behavior appears disrespectful.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm <p>Respectfully submitted, <i>Kristin Kirk Murphy</i> <i>Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2025</p>