

Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation
Monthly Board Meeting
July 9, 2025

Attendance

- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees present: Kevin Glynn, Steve Heck, Kris Holmberg, Andy Lovito, Mike Martens, Kristin Kirk Murphy, Janet Quirk, Julia Villacara, Karin Wagner, Steve Young
- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees excused absence: Dave Anderson, Andrew Komosinski, Lynda Wagner
- Public Attendance: Kalisto Mignola and his family (Sarah, Pete, and Bianca) were in attendance to receive the \$2,000 Virginia Brown Scholarship award.

Opening Remarks

- President Julia Villacara opened the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed

- June Minutes reviewed: **Motion made to accept the Minutes by Kevin Glynn. Seconded by Julia Villacara. Motion carried. All in favor.**

Treasurer's Report

Brookhaven Village Association

Income/Expenses

Dues payments: \$225.

Squassux fees:

- 2025 dock fees \$3,446.
- Ramp and gate code fees \$230.
- Surcharge - \$845.

Other than usual expenses:

- Robert Ficken – Spread 100 yds road material - \$1,500.
- Kurrass Materials – 100 yds road material delivered - \$3,262.50.
- Briggs Property Mgmt – 2 May mows - \$696.
- J Kalant Electric – repair – GFI slip 34 - \$285.
- Capralite – new fly trap - \$399.
- West Marine – gift cert for outgoing Director C. Bland - \$200.
- Costco, Stop and Shop, Sweet Moments – refreshments for annual meeting - \$345.83.

Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation Treasurer's Report

- Income: Donations: \$1,155.
- Expenses:
 - None

Correspondence

- Thank you from Sean Glynn and Kalisto Mignola, scholarship recipients and Kyran Murphy, recipient for the Bob and Gloria Brown Civic Engagement Award.
- Post Morrow annual fall fundraiser invitation -9/13

Events

- None

Newsletters

- Brookhaven Free Library
- South Country Library

Donation Solicitations

- None

1st Community Participation/Comment

- **Community Announcements and comments were invited.**
- Nobody was in attendance. (Mignola family left).

Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn

- **Glynn reports** that BVA funds are in good financial standing.
- Kevin thinks our money market percentage is low. He thinks we should be at \$1,200-\$1,400 a month. Is exploring other options (banks) a possibility? Should we split the money we have and diversify into another account? Janet will check Teachers Federal Credit Union to see if there is a competitive rate.
- Kevin asked about the kayak rack status as it is mostly empty. Mike added that it would be part of the survey the boat committee is working on.

Squassux Landing Committee- Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito

- **Lovito updated:**
 - Some docks were stabilized. The new fly trap was installed and is killing green flies. A GFI electrical was replaced.
 - We have 40 slips, all invoiced and paid for. Lovito will ask about the intentions of slip-holders to sublease.
 - Lovito asked if he should offer \$150 to sublet, he wanted clarification about this. Julia asked when the next Squassux meeting is to review this and asked everyone about what the offer should be.
 - Julia remembered that only 1 person got this deal last year with the rebate. Last year a letter went with the check to state the understanding of the rebate. A vote is needed so Lovito has the autonomy to initiate rebate offers to start subletting slips.
 - **Motion to propose offering \$150 for the sublet payback program made by Steve Young. Seconded by Mike Martens. Motion carried. All in favor.**
 - **Lovito continued** that gravel is done for the season. No puddles down there now, it is much improved. Mosquitoes are under control thanks to the purple martin houses. Steve Young also commented on the low numbers of mosquitoes.
 - Cameras are supposed to go up- the system is rebooted-hopefully by Friday this will happen. We can't access the cameras remotely, otherwise, they work fine.
 - Steve Heck suggested moving a buoy farther out to decrease wave attenuation to the Arthur Creek Shoreline. Mike said there is a hole before the buoy that you need to be careful around.
 - Julia asked who determines where the buoys go. Mike responded that the Coast Guard does. Steve asked if the depth of the river changed over time. Mike responded that it hasn't changed that much.

Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara

- Julia updated that there will be a **Q of L** meeting in a few weeks to establish activities list.
- Town of Brookhaven Highway Department cleaned several drains in the Hamlet specifically along Fire Place Neck Rd. and other locations to reduce backup of water. These drains do not drain out. And once filled they drain slowly.
- Regarding speeding discussed at Annual Meeting, Julia mentioned that there was a motorcycle accident on Beaverdam Rd. A discussion ensued on the topic-- Steve Young asked about speed cameras. Is there any way we can fund one? How does the data get to the authorities? Discussion followed. A remark was made about when DOT speed cameras were on the LIE--there was a slowing down of drivers because of this presence. Karin asked about local speed camera implementation, but it would require state legislation and would likely get challenged. More discussion/actions to consider and follow in committee.
- Julia reported that cars were broken into recently in Brookhaven Hamlet and one car was stolen in East Patchogue the same weekend.
- Steve Heck asked about speed bumps being an option. Julia responded that you must be an incorporated village to get them, and then there is the agreement factor to the area.
- Kris updated that local cemeteries are fine. Post Morrow requested a tree be planted on Old Stump Road. Julia asked if Kris is keeping a list of the requests for trees (of what we planted and of what we have yet to do).

Land Use-John Knapp

- As of 7/7/25, nothing to report.

Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson

- In Dave's absence, Julia offered that we still need to fill the seat for Aileen. And Janet needs a replacement for the Treasurer position.

By-Laws-Julia Villacara

- Julia said the group will be meeting in October to review any further changes. They will have to update the website with the new By-laws. Janet will do this task.
- Any suggestions, please send them to the By-laws committee. Ellen Clyne also asked to be included as a new member.

Newsletter- Karin Wagner

- Karin reviewed the due date and the sections for the next issue that need development. This includes the Virginia Brown scholarship essay winner, and the Sunset Salute featuring Chris Bland, and Janet Quirk, Squassux report, Dock master report, President report, Holiday cheer notice, Boaters meeting date, end of season updates and List of Donors. Any article ideas are welcome.
- Karin proposed creating a series of articles on water quality to inform and educate the residents. Steve Heck offered to write an article on the importance of eel grass. Julia suggested that the Covanta settlement money might be another article idea.
- Karin wondered about a Go Fund Me page for our Shoreline Preservation Fund in addition to the Hamlet Fund we have. The thought is since Go Fund Me is more of a brand name and easily shareable (i.e. funds raised for people's birthdays via social media campaigns) as an option to raise money.

Virginia Brown Scholarship- Janet Quirk

Scholarship awards given out at the Annual meeting on 6/18

Recipients:

- \$3,000 Sean Glynn
- \$2,000 Kalista Mignola
- \$1,000 Brynne Ballan
- \$2000 Max Yablon

-Julia would like to offer a link for Max's essay a link so people can see what his *Americorps* volunteer experience was.

Unfinished Business-

- Budget for Annual meeting was under budget of \$650.
- Printer—Janet was reviewing the printer she researched, get details. Scanning and printing double sided. \$50 more? Saw a cart with storage. Can be used for invoices and mailings. Can print from iphone \$459.
- **Motion to approve \$156 and \$459 totaling \$650 plus tax for purchase of printer and cart by Mike. Seconded by Steve Heck. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- Steve asked about the receiving of letters of support for the Squassux project. Julia will mail them to Cole.
- Mike said Chris Bland wanted to stay on as the point person for the project. Julia's thought was that the leadership role should stay with a board member. This would ensure documented communication as well as billable hours, which are a factor for this kind of accountability. Julia supported the idea that Bland can still be a part of the project and cc'd on communications. Karin remembered Bland suggesting and offering a face-to-face meeting with Cole. Steve Young remembered it that way as well; he thinks the point person should be a consistent person.
- A conversation ensued about the time it has taken to get to this point in the Erosion Project amongst the Board. Julia said she will reach out to everyone who has been a part of things for the length of time it has taken. Mike asked Julia if she called the survey company. More clarification is needed there as well. A small group of people should meet with Cole—Julia summed it up.

New Business for Next Meeting-

- The committee sheet was passed around for sign-up.

Miscellaneous Discussion-

- Karin wondered if we should put bat houses up. She offered that Steve Heck has a resource for bat control. Steve Heck's friend has a connection with someone who provides these for research.

2nd Community Participation/Comment

- None

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kirk Murphy

Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association

NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING August 13, 2025

