

Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation
Monthly Board Meeting
May 13, 2026

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Attendance

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

Opening Remarks

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

Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed

- April Minutes reviewed: Motion made to accept the Minutes by Kevin Glynn. Seconded by Kristin Kirk Murphy. Motion carried. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Brookhaven Village Association

NOTE: 4/21/26 a new checking account opened at Ridgewood Savings Bank in Yaphank. Opened with \$100,000 check from Suffolk Credit Union.

First entry is correcting a Staples invoice I recorded incorrectly in March so the entry is + \$.60.

All State and Federal annual returns have been filed for 2025 for both BVA and BHF.

Income/Expenses

Dues payments: \$1775.00

Squassux fees:

- Raffle – Netted \$360 from raffle after paying winner.
- Gate Code & Ramp Fees - \$430.00
- Dock fees - \$27,261.00
- Surcharge - \$6,625.00

Other than usual expenses:

- First quarter 2026 payroll taxes – Fed tax and w/h - \$1385.12 and State tax, w/h, DBL, PFL and UI - \$393.90
- Andrew Lovito – reimbursement for payment to DiNaro for sign - \$100.
- Bret Zielinski – raffle winner - \$840.
- AM Weber Associates – meeting 4/11 and review of DEC docs - \$750.
- Intercoastal Contracting – balance due for spring repairs - \$38,925.
- Andrew Lovito – reimbursement for HD receipt - \$39.56.
- Ridgewood Savings Bank – open account - \$100,000.
- Rollin’ with Nolan – spread road material 18 yds - \$2,961.25.
- Blue Host - Domain name renewal for BVA – \$20.99
- Eight senior boater discounts were sent out totaling \$624 plus the 2 self-serve \$186 for a total of \$810 in senior discounts.
- KC Irrigation – repair slip 101 - \$210.

Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation

- Income: Donations: \$425.00.
- Expenses:
 - Brookhaven Postmaster – PO box renewal - \$196.

Correspondence

- Boys and Girls Club – Beach Ball 2026 – 6/20/26

Events

- Beach Ball 2026

Newsletters

- Brookhaven Free Library
- South Country Library
- Clipper Courier

Donation Solicitations

- EDF
- BFD

1st Community Participation/Comment

- **Community Announcements and comments were invited.**
- Reiny reporting for BNL:
MARCH- BNL reorganized how they are transmitting environmental cleanup plans. There is a dashboard setup, an environmental management system. Recently, the feds no longer require their labs to have an Environmental system to report to but BNL leaders agreed to continue doing this. There is a new device, a cloud chamber; this allows for studying clouds and to understand how they form. Studying this can affect the future of biological systems, and electrical grid resilience. **APRIL-** BNL looking for a new Director. John Hill, experimental physicist, is the interim director now. The new RHIC won't be done until 2035. Artificial Intelligence experiments are going on, working them into controls of big machines. There is a Quantum connection with Stony Brook regarding satellites. The facility that makes medical ions is doing very well. The deer population control issue is on-going at the BNL property. SCWA has a well field across from the Lab and there are contaminants in it. They are finding Pfas from that well field and they are not sure of the origin.
*Julia asked about planned for data center. Reiny said there is nothing definitive planned.
- Shaw family thanked the BVA for their service and would like to continue to be involved in community events.

Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn

Glynn reports:

- Cash position is \$611,000. Revenue is \$249,000; expenses under \$70,000. At the moment there is surplus but the year has just started. Kayak storage remains a lost potential of funds. Janet said 1 renter is paid for the summer season. Should we propose a mid-season discount? Can we put a sign at the front to advertise there are shelves available?

Squassux Landing Committee- Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito

Lovito updated:

- There are 35 boats in the marina. Matt pulled away the rock in front of the ramp. Most of the lights are on, gravel looks good, Nelson showed up to cut grass. Craftsman came to tune up and tighten the chain. There are still 3 slips available...2 of these are to be taken soon, a few interested people in the remaining one. John repaired a light at the dock.
- Julia complimented Lovito on the maintenance and the overseeing of the dock repairs. Julia asked about landscaper schedule around the July holiday season.

Komosinski updated:

- John Amati June 13th -safety inspection is scheduled.
- Townline Security--Gene is working on a price for better cameras for us. AK thinks the price may reach up to \$4,000. We will have to run electrical boxes up the poles. \$350 for one pole. 2 cameras on south side of river, asked him for price for a camera on second pole from gazebo, facing south. Julia wondered if it makes sense to put a camera by littered area (by gate facing north) to dissuade offenders. *Action item: AK will ask Gene about this.*
- Keypad-This needs to be tended to-should we raise the keypad for people? AK suggested have another put in that is higher for trucks. We can have 2.
- Julia said she met with Chuck Hamilton with Lovito and Karin—they thought of a few ways we can address the riverside remediation. Hamilton can handle the steps of permitting to the execution of the project. He will send us a proposal with all costs involved. Karin added that Squassux is so well-protected with regulations, making the remediation project particularly challenging. Shared ideas include strategies to use rocks and a softer version of a bulkhead. Discussion involved possibilities for future changes which include infrastructure and docking that will likely make the dock area of the marina look very different.
- Karin said that people asked about Tom Williams and his boatslip possibly being difficult for him to navigate this summer. Carlton Stewart offered to make a small adjustment with a rail bar for Tom. Andy Lovito thought this was possible and asked if he can contact him. Julia would like the Board to review a plan of this improvement.

Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara

Julia updated:

- **3 trees went in on Saturday**-Kris Holmberg reviewed the plantings and locations. Tom Williams asked about replacement for the tree that died—it is planned for the fall. Carlton and Kris got together and cleaned headstones in the Rose family cemetery, and reinstalled the Brookhaven Hamlet sign from car accident a few weeks ago. The bushes that were ruined were removed. KH thinks a few new bushes should be planted there. Julia said the ground belongs to Suffolk County. Julia said she would reach out to authorities but also suggested that we donate plants to replace the ruined vegetation. Julia asked if we can support the fixing of this right now instead of waiting for the fall.
- **Guardrail by the pond at Fire Place Park**- Suffolk County said it would get fixed but it has been months to survive the winter.
- **Bay Road project**—this involves a swale with gravel to mitigate flooding.
- **Plume**- Town of Brookhaven put their report for review and 72 public comments were offered to voice concerns. A meeting with DEC is being arranged.
- **Community Cleanup Event** was successful. Julia looking for ways we can partner with Brookhaven Free Library. Perhaps a clothing swap? Other outreach activities ideas are welcome.

Land Use-John Knapp

- Proposed public hearing regarding Muslim cemetery on Beaverdam Road has been tabled by the legislature for now. (Post script-the legislators voted it in a few days following the “tabled “ vote.)

Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson

- People he reached out to have not contacted him. Donald Cary-Shaw expressed his interest. Dave will reach out to him.
- Annual Meeting officers- It is proposed that the slate will consist of Julia Villacara for President, Dave Anderson for Vice President and Kristin Kirk Murphy for Secretary. And we were reminded that 3 directors were up for re-election for 3-year terms.
- **Motion made to accept the slate of officers by Kris Holmberg. Seconded by Dave Anderson. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- **Motion made to accept the Directors up for re-election (Kris Holmberg, Mike Martens, Stephen Heck) by Kevin Glynn. Seconded by Dave Anderson. Motion carried. All in favor.**

By-Laws-Julia Villacara

- Julia presented **Amendment 1:**
Action: Edit of **Article IX: Committees Section 1**
Purpose: This amendment ensures that the nominating and Director elections process is clearly understood and transparent. It prevents confusion over the use of the term “candidates,” ensuring that it is interpreted to mean a slate of individuals nominated for various positions. This aligns the Association’s historic practices of the nomination committee’s role and the election process. It also aligns with contemporary standards with nonprofit and civic association governance, promotes cohesion, and reduces potential for misinterpretation. It is compliance with New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (NPCL) to specify an election process.
Current: The Board of Management shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three (3), whose duty it shall be to nominate candidates to be elected at the next Annual Meeting.
Members
Proposed Amendment:
The Board of Management shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members. The duty of this Committee shall be to nominate a slate of candidates: President, Vice President, Secretary, new Directors, or Directors eligible for term renewal to be elected by the Board of Management and by general membership at the next Annual Meeting.
- **Kevin Glynn made motion to accept the new language for Amendment 1. Dave Anderson seconded. Most in favor, Steve Young opposed. Motion passed.** *Steve thinks that cherry-picking candidates is bad for the board. Young added, “I disagree with the idea of a proposed slate since I believe it increases the exclusivity and decreases the diversity of candidates submitted by the nominating committee”. Julia explained that the historic role of the nominating committee was always necessary and continues to be so. The BVA must find good temperament and skill sets amongst candidates who wish to join the Board. Karin felt that Ellen Clyne, a prior BVA Board member, did a good job on explaining the purpose of the nomination committee when the language, purpose and history of seeking potential people was discussed with the By-laws committee members.

Newsletter- Karin Wagner

- Karin is waiting on reports and has pictures to consider for the next issue.

Virginia Brown Scholarship- Kristin Kirk Murphy

- KKM updated that there are 7 submitted essays and the committee will meet May 22, at 7:30 pm to review essays and award winners.

Unfinished Business-

- None

New Business –

- None

Miscellaneous Discussion-

- Discussion about South Country School District issues.

2nd Community Participation/Comment

- None

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm**
Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Kirk Murphy
Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association

NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING June 10, 2026