

**Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**October 8, 2025**

**Attendance**

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

**Opening Remarks**

- Vice President Dave Anderson opened the meeting at 7:35 pm. (Julia running late from work)

**Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed**

- September Minutes reviewed: **Motion made to accept the Minutes by Dave Anderson. Seconded by Karin Wagner. Motion carried. All in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Brookhaven Village Association**

**Income/Expenses**

Dues payments: \$0

**Squassux fees:**

- Kayak storage \$50.
- Dock fees \$665.
- Surcharge \$225.

**Other than usual expenses:**

- Annual Backflow test - \$75. Company was bought out by Encore Fire Protection. Still in Bohemia but we mail payments to Rhode Island

**Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation**

- Income: Donations: \$0.
- Expenses: None

**Correspondence**

- Long Island Pine Barrens Virtual Gala – 10/23/25

**Events**

- None

**Newsletters**

- None

**Donation Solicitations**

- EDF

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

- **Community Announcements and comments were invited.**

**NOTES from September CAC Meeting presented by Reiny Reinhardt:**

- DoE indicated that there is no additional money available at present to clean up the mercury that was found during the demolition of building 197. CAC drafted and send a letter to the NY Senators and the two local Representatives to request that money be allocated for this.
- The CAC meeting took place in the new Science User Support Center, which is now open. The center will house outward-facing BNL departments--Education and Stakeholder Relations--and also has considerable meeting space for conferences. The building is outside the lab's security envelope, so one does not need to check in with a guard to reach it.
- JoAnne Hewitt has stepped down after only two years as BNL Lab Director. Long-time BNL person John Hill has been appointed interim Director. For further information see the press release: <https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=122630>
- The October CAC meeting was supposed to take place Thursday of this week (10/9/25) but has been postponed for a week due to the government shutdown. Time will tell if this is long enough.
- Ed Chiofolo expressed that he was upset about a few things: he complained that Kristin (recording secretary) is not taking meeting notes properly in specific regards to the way he is depicted. He brought up the incident where he had a key to the Wertheim property. Ed also talked about how long he has known Dave Anderson and how the relationship used to be better. He brought up the August Minutes. He was upset that the incident in which Dave Anderson described how Ed and his father were yelling at Dave down at the marina for not putting him on the Board. Ed then directed the comment to Dave, "If you have something to say, come to me and say it." Ed added that he tried a few times to get onto the BVA Board unsuccessfully.
- Mike Corwin complimented Karin about her performance at the H.O.G.

**Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn**

- **Glynn reports:** Income totaled approximately \$260,000, while expenses came in at just under \$70,000, resulting in a strong net position. Real estate taxes of \$6,3000 remain to be paid. **Electric upgrades:** \$15,000 budgeted but funds remain unallocated. **Overall Assessment:** The organization maintains a strong financial position, with growing revenue streams and actual expenses tracking significantly below projections: The only negative indicator is the scholarship fund but that is due to the deferment of an award which will even out in the future.

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

**Komosinski updated:**

- A meeting was held. The discussion involved shelf rentals because we didn't get much interest due to the raising of rates. A group decision was made to apply the following: regular rental fee-\$125, surcharge \$25, membership fee \$25. And \$125 for the winter storage rate.
- **Andrew made the motion made to apply the fees: rental fee-\$125, surcharge \$25, membership fee \$25. And \$125 for the winter storage rate. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- Steve Young thinks we should be on par with Bellport fees.
- Regarding the incident of sanding fiberglass at the marina, AK and committee decided that there should be something put in the rule book. He said they felt there was a need to make a rule that stated "no work on boats that will be hazardous to the environment" and if any boater has any questions, please contact dockmaster. Andrew asked if everyone is ok with the wording? He would like to leave the wording like this because we only had one incident
- They want to employ the 10% discount for boaters who have 25 plus years in the marina. We need to send an email out so boaters will get the discount deducted from their bill, reminding us that this doesn't excuse them from the surcharge. Qualified boaters will need to supply their name DOB, and slip number.
- AK is waiting to hear back from the Townline about the camera-- Gene has not called back. On the riverside, where the light is not shining and as it starts to get dark, we need more light and coverage. He wondered about a motion solar panel spot light. Would like to see if this helps with visibility. He would like to see if Gene can give him a quote about the cost of another camera.
- Karin asked about camera footage given to police for the boat thefts in September. Julia said it was dark and gave us an update from the Detectives. Yamaha motors are desired by thieves. Julia recommended advising boaters to place outboard locks - not a full solve but a deterrent.
- AK said he appreciated the feedback from the group regarding the survey he has been working on from Survey Hero. The link for survey is only good for one use, per person. Once you send it and submit it cannot be used again. Julia cautioned that the survey may invite more tasks to achieve; some that we may not be able to afford. Andrew agrees. Perhaps crafting a survey on a scale basis rather than open ended questions may be helpful.
- Julia Welcomed Sue Corwin as the new Treasurer.

**Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara**

- **Kris updated:** Trees are doing well. Watering may be a challenge for some regarding drought.
- Cemeteries town did cleanup at Miller Cemetery.
- Q of L is encouraged to attend the **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 7pm** meeting at the **YMCA** that will focus on safety on South Country Road.
- **October 18<sup>th</sup> (9-11am) is the Brookhaven Free Library cleanup.** All are welcome to help. Breakfast will be served after. Kris mentioned that Bridge Place is particularly filthy with litter.
- Kris-asked why the Boat Slip Raffle was dropped at the last meeting. It netted \$600 and didn't require advertising. Kevin offered that an initial energy for an idea is strongest at the start and then it fades out a bit. Steve Young offered that we made \$600 and it might be a good idea to continue. Discussion about reinstating the raffle for the slip followed. Board decided to try it again for the 2026 season.
- **Motion to maintain the Boat Slip Raffle for another year by Andrew Komosinski. Seconded by Steve Young. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- October 27 Meeting (7pm) regarding groundwater plume will be at St. James Parish. Adrienne Esposito will be present for a Q and A session.
- Julia will send out an email blast regarding the latest events and issues people should know about: cleanup, Plume talk, boat removals, etc.
- Steve Young suggested that Squassux reminds people to take the hoses and lines off for the winter. An email will be sent email about that.
- Kris H. offered information about cameras that he has that are set up on his upstate property for our group to review. He showed us on his phone to see the quality of his technology. It is not expensive. May be worth looking into before an investment is made with something else that may be pricier. He uses Spypoint.

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

- As of 10/8/25 nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Meeting with committee members to review proposed by law additions from last spring will be set up for a date in November.

#### **Newsletter- Karin Wagner**

- Deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup> for newsletter materials. Karin has collected reports from people and articles and collected pictures. Still need Janet and Chris article sunset salute.

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

- Nothing to report.

### **Unfinished Business-**

- September 30th meeting with Cole and Preservation Project subcommittee (Andy Lovito, Chris Bland, Mike Martens and Stephen Heck (unable to attend)):
- Andy L. reported that while it was clear in communications that the BVA team was to meet Cole at their offices in East Quogue, somehow the Cole team came west to Squassux. Meeting time was lost. It set the tone for a distracted and jumbled meeting. No answer was given as to what made Cole think they'd come west.
- Most of the meeting objectives, which we sent in advance of the meeting date were not met. A full copy of our file, including all permits and correspondence with State, Town and Federal entities on our behalf was not given to us as requested. A clear and linear project timeline with all past and forward steps was not provided either. Specific questions submitted in advance of the meeting were also not answered.
- Cole told team that DEC wants us to lower the bulkhead height and requested materials from us proving erosion. Cole did not provide a list of what those materials are nor did they say when the DEC needs this by.
- Cole has been asked to provide status reports before the second Wednesday meeting of each month. They sent an email with questions/answers, revised plan and invoice for \$1,100 on October 8th - a few hours before the meeting.
- A discussion followed concerning Cole's overall performance and what we'd like to see moving forward from them. A consensus on moving forward with Cole was established.
- Julia plans to send a follow up email requesting our file and timeline to be picked up by a subcommittee member. The recently submitted invoice will not be paid until our materials are received.

### **New Business -**

- **Treasurer position is filled. An email vote on the salary of \$11,000 for a one-year trial period is official with 7 votes YAY is now recorded in the Minutes.**

### **Miscellaneous Discussion-**

- Janet announced that she wants to remain with her job until the Boaters Meeting. She wants to work with new treasurer Sue Corwin until January. Kevin asked when we pay taxes; she replied that she pays them in December. Kevin expressed that he would like her to stay until paying the property taxes.

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

- Mr. Corwin offered that he had previous problems with house permits to show support for our permit issues.

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kristin Kirk Murphy*  
**Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association**

**NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING November 12, 2025**

