Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation
Monthly Board Meeting
October 14, 2026

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Attendance

- BVA Directors, Officers and **Employees** present: Dave Anderson, Donald Carey-Shaw, Kevin Glynn, Stephen Heck, Kris Holmberg, **Andy Lovito,** Michael Martens, Kristin Kirk Murphy, **Janet Quirk**, Julia Villacara, Karin Wagner

BVA Directors, Officers and Employees excused absence: Lynda Wagner, Andrew Komosinski, Steve Young

- Public Attendance: Reiny Reinhardt, Ellen Clyne

Opening Remarks

- President Julia Villacara opened the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed

- **September Minutes** reviewed: **Motion made to accept the Minutes by Stephen Heck. Seconded by Donald Carey-Shaw. Motion carried. All in favor.**

Treasurer's Report

Brookhaven Village Association

Income/Expenses
Dues payments: $50
Squassux fees:

- Gate Code & Ramp Fees – $70
- Kayak storage - $0
- Dock fees - $483.
- Surcharge - $71

Other than usual expenses:

- Briggs Property Mgmt – August Mow - $380.63.
- Encore Fire Protection – Annual Backflow Test - $112.50.

Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation

- Income: Donations: $200
- Expenses: None

Correspondence

- None

Events

- None

Newsletters

- Brookhaven Free Library

Donation Solicitations

- EDF
- Lighthouse Mission

1st Community Participation/Comment

- ***C*ommunity Announcements and comments were invited.**
- Ellen wanted to check in about end of Beaverdam Road and report good news: some plants are emerging and looking healthy: seaside goldenrod, aster, and some other plants which are great for

emerging and looking healthy: seaside goldenrod, aster, and some other plants which are great for birds. She notices that the phragmites could use some controlled cutting—could we organize a small group effort to cut it back? This hasn't been done in a while.

- What has been going on at Bay Avenue? Julia answered about being in contact with Mr. Loguercio office about water and flooding issue, had to send out a truck down there to pump water out before the nor'easter. Garbage pail also was removed and this has been a problem for the capturing of garbage down there. The are saying they are short-staffed as to why they removed the pail. Julia requested a final plan for the swale project some month ago and she was told it is still in progress. Stephen Heck offered help regarding controlling growth.
- Ellen also mentioned that the land that goes west from the end of Bay Rd is public land. Now, we can't get in there due to the Town interfering with the landscape. Kris and Julia commented that the beach is still accessible.

  Reiny noticed that the bulkheading at the end of Beaverdam Rd (park) by the river has a hole in it. It is at risk of further deterioration. Suggestions to call the Town of Brookhaven about this. Kris Holmberg will go to check it out. Discussion included that more deterioration of the wood in the area, and fencing at Wertheim is coming loose on the bulkhead. The Town was notified of some years ago.

- **Reiny updated about notes that he created to cover the 2 CAC meetings:**

  R Schuhmann notes on 24 September 2026 BNL CAC Meeting

  John Hill was appointed Director. He had been serving as Interim Director, and spearheaded a 10-year plan for the Lab. DoE liked the plan, made some suggestions, and it is now back to DoE for approval. Construction of the Electron-Ion Collider ("EIC") has received positive reactions and continues.

  DOE "Genesis Mission" aims to apply Artificial Intelligence (AI) to the electrical grid. BNL leads a portion of this effort that involves modeling the grid with AI incorporated. There is $14.2 million earmarked for this.

  Because research is increasingly collaborative BNL intends to restructure its Science Directorate in ways that foster cooperation among various disciplines.

  Ann Emrick, Deputy Director for Operations, reported that there will be a new entrance booth for the lab. Should be done in about one year.

  There were 2400 visitors to the Lab's Summer programs. 300 employees participated.

  The 1941 water tower was taken down--they cut the legs on side and pulled it over onto a pile of sand (empty, of course). There is a video available on the BNL web site:
  https://www.bnl.gov/video/index.php?v=1050

  Science talk about BNL collaboration with NY Creates and LBL on production of new ways to manufacture semiconductor chips. The BNL light source is key to the research.

  People from the Environmental Division gave a groundwater update. Nothing new to report. Efforts to clean the groundwater continue.

  There was a successful deer cull last winter, with 211 deer "taken". Nvertheless, there are still too many on the site.

  R Schuhmann notes on 8 October 2026 BNL CAC Meeting

  Justine Haupt of the Instrumentation Division gave a presentation about the quantum communication link between BNL and Stony Brook University that travels through the air, not through optical fiber or cable. It may be the first demonstration of this form of transmission will not replace traditional methods, but may be useful as an adjunct to those methods that could make them secure from people "listening in" on data.

  There was a long presentation based on the yearly Groundwater Status update. Not much was new, but it is always nice to see how hard the lab works on the cleanup efforts. One thing I have not heard before is that they have installed 1600 wells onsite and a bit offsite to the South—test wells to find contaminants and extinction wells to remove them.

Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn/Andrew Komosinski

Glynn reports:

- The BVA holds $584,695.57 in cash and all accounts are in order and balanced with Janet's records. After $1,628.29 in withheld payroll taxes that were paid in early October, net assets are $4583,067.28. Year-to-date net income is $156,529.14. We have $5375.06 in the General Fund and $151.154.08 at Squassux Landing.
- Janet wrote off $669.94 of uncashed checks from 2020? Is a vote needed? No. Writing off the checks is definitely needed for account keeping.
- Squassux Revenue is $266,906. This remains consistent with what Janet forecasted. Expenses are $115,752.
- There are minor discrepancies in budget lines, but this is usually due to refunds or Janet moving money between funds to cover (for example, the plumbing difference being covered by payroll) and discussed during the meeting.
- Glynn asked about the plan regarding the erosion project because these costs will factor into future accounting. Julia updated Kevin about the growing plans of development.

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

Lovito updated:

- The electric gate malfunctioned a few weeks ago and a resident's truck was damaged. The owner got 2 estimates for repairs; $1,600 is the best one. The gate was fixed and has been operating fine ever since.
- Lovito asked how we are distributing the money to the resident. Janet thinks if he should pay it up front and get his truck repaired, then we can reimburse him once we see the proof of payment.
- Janet said the April invoice was not paid—she never received the bill for the gate tune up in the Spring.
- Lovito asked for $500 to pay for winter supply of bumpers and lines for ice eaters.
- **Motion made to budget $500 for new bumpers and lines for the winter ice eating activity by Stephen Heck. Seconded by Kevin Glynn. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- Andrew wants an email sent out for a marina closing date of November 15th.
- **Mike updated about the erosion project momentum:** Recently, the group met with LMK. Reps met with Mike and Lovito at Sqaussux for a walk thru. The reps exchanged some ideas for possible solutions. Instead of low sill bulkhead, creating slots may be a solution. A bid is requested. LMK has experience working with Chuck Hamilton and seems to be the go-to option for these firms. We met with Chuck in March leaving it that we would like him to provide a bid. We have not received one as of this date. Julia asked if Mike has talked to Chuck. We need a written plan/proposal. Mike will follow up.

  Mike believes Arthur's Creek should be bulkheaded. Rocks and stone are also suggested and we can't have a break wall. Holmberg said Greg Isackson thinks Chuck Hamilton has reasonable pricing for his work. **Greg suggested we talk with Sea Tech LLC.** Julia added that Greg was helpful as a resource. Julia asked Mike about LMK—are they willing to do the entire project - A - Z? Mike reported that they can. Lovito added that Chuck sounds like a good possible choice especially as other local companies use him too; he seems central to our needs. No disagreement on Chuck but we must have a written proposal with costs and a clear outline of deliverables from each company to decide who is awarded the contract.

  Lovito reported that the rock along Carman's River is the way to go. He sees pieces of bog floating away—he predicts that we are going to lose that protection over time. Lovito said Chuck recommended a floating dock and stones as a remediating plan. Lovito thinks that with floating docks we will probably lose slips and will have to raise rates to residents. Julia said we need to see a proposal before we can begin to assume anything, reiterating that the goal here is to evaluate and contract with a firm or Chuck but we must have three proposals before engaging. LMK did not send anything yet either. They are waiting on survey numbers.

- Lovito said gravel has provided a nice base over the years and the ramp is holding up well.
- Janet will be on vacation until November. She passed checks and debit card to Julia in case of emergency.

Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara

Julia updated:

- **Fall clean up: 10/17 9am-11am**-competition between teams will result in prizes. Brunch afterwards as a thank you.
- **Holiday Cheer: 12/12 3pm-5pm**- CEED and BFL are joining, music and treats await.
- **Motion made by Dave Anderson for a budget of $350 for Holiday Cheer decorations and treats. Seconded by Mike Martens. Motion carried. All in favor.**

Kris Holmberg updated:

- Wants to know what we think about the sign in front of Paddock. Since the car accident there it has not had much attention. Should we get an estimate for fresh plantings to make it more beautiful?
- He noticed the new maple tree on Edgar has no cage on it.
  Cemeteries—split rails are coming loose and are in need of repair. Julia mentioned that split rails are going missing at the park as well.

Land Use-John Knapp

- No concerns as of 10/14/26.

Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson

- Nothing to report.

By-Laws-*Julia Villacara*

- Nothing to report. Revisit in the fall.

Newsletter- Karin Wagner

- If we want this newsletter to print, we need the committee reports, articles, photos, ads, donor lists, and VBS winning essay...all due by October 20.

Virginia Brown Scholarship- Kristin Kirk Murphy

- Nothing to report

Unfinished Business-

- None.

New Business –

- None

Miscellaneous Discussion-

- None

2nd Community Participation/Comment

- None

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm**

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

NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING November 11, 2026