

BOG Meeting December 14, 2020

In attendance were: Governors Bill Szczytko, Dawn Myers, Jeff Roche, Beau Breeden, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Lisa Schmidt, Jerome Zadera and Neil Macindoe, Town Manager Ryan Anderson, Budget Committee member Charlie Moore, and guests Brad White, Scoutmaster Marsh, Michele Shipley, Stacey Wildberger, Becky Benner, Bill Rappaport and Larry Jennings.

President Szczytko called the meeting to order in an online session of GoToMeeting at 7:32 pm. He thanked Governor Lamb for her work to get electricity installed at the guardhouse to allow for the Christmas tree lighting and said that everything is ready for the Site 1 beach restoration. He commented that we are in strange times, that everything becomes politicized, he is concerned about the state of the world and hopes that everyone stays safe and takes the time to think about what is important and reconnect with family. He welcomed Eagle Scout candidate Brad White and his scoutmaster, Mr. Marsh.

Governor Roche reported that the resident with a variance request is away and asked that the discussion be tabled until the January meeting.

Governor Macindoe introduced Brad White of Scout Pack 2214 who presented his idea for an Eagle Scout project. Brad discussed the path leading from Blue Ridge Place to the back of the Cape Swim Club and how it has eroded over the last several years. He displayed a model of the area showing the changes he would like to make to repair washed out areas and to slow down water runoff. Expected materials include mulch, riprap, boulders, geotextile and sandbags and are estimated to cost about \$1000, with hopes that much will be donated. He reported that homeowners in the area who spoke with him reacted positively to the idea. Several members of the board commended Brad on his presentation and offered support in contacting business owners who have expressed concerns over the state of the path, assisting with permitting, contacting the Swim Club, pursuing grants, etc. Stacey Wildberger recommended that Brad contact the Cape Conservation Corps to apply for a grant to help offset the expense. Governor Macindoe made a motion that the idea be approved so that Brad can continue the process. The motion was seconded by Governor Roche and passed unanimously.

Minutes of the November 9, 2020 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Lamb, seconded by Governor Breeden and unanimously approved.

The P&L statement of October 31, 2020 was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Zadera. Governor Breeden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager- Town Manager Anderson reported that all vegetation management plans are complete. All portable restrooms have been removed. There two maintenance crew members working while one is back from college until mid-January. A memorial bench for Josephine Gardner was built and is awaiting a plaque. The clubhouse is still operating with the conditions of 50% capacity, no one-day liquor licenses and therefore no alcohol, masks, the modified cleaning contract and a new rule of no food or drink from December 16, 2020 through January 14, 2021, and all contracts for December have been canceled. The guard shack electricity is complete. The next piers committee meeting will be in March and on the workday on November 21 there was a large turnout and 13 ice eaters were installed. Water lines were winterized on November 23. The electrician is to address the power issues at the Deep Creek piers when weather permits. The gate codes will be changed. There will be a dredge of Deep Creek by the county, scheduled for October of 2021. There was a complaint of an inappropriate Christmas light display and the process regarding 1312 Breezeway is continuing. We still have 3 of 4 security officer positions filled and 19 of 31 days of December covered, with Mr. Anderson filling in the remaining open slots. The attorney continues to address the inquiries prompted by the triennial riparian rights and land use letters. The county audit was accepted and the first SCBD installment check of over \$200,000 arrived today. A final plan for handling the in-person and electronic voting for Governors and the budget in January is needed. The insurance coverage renewal paperwork has a proposed change and is ready for signatures. He wants to make sure the 2022 Budget Request Form is addressed when new governors take office next year. Mr Anderson and Gov Roche virtually attended the Little Magothy River Association annual meeting on December 8 along with others to vote for the board members and the budget. He also attended his second Maryland Water Monitoring Council Conference on December 3 and 4 as part of his continuing education to become a master watershed steward. He passed along thanks from staff for holiday bonuses and closing early on the day before Thanksgiving.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Macindoe reported the Eagle Scout project at the Serene Ravine by Sam Papps is still in process.

Budget: Governor Zadera reported the SCBD lot count is 2320, up 12 lots from last year. The second withdrawal on the loan for the beach restoration project was taken on December 2. The check was received from the US Fish and Wildlife grant. Alliance for the Chesapeake is to submit the NAWCA (North American Wetlands Conservation Act) application.

Buildings: Governor Roche reported that building permit requests have slowed, and he is catching up on complaints of illegal building, etc.

Caper: Nothing to report.

Clubhouse: Nothing to report.

Covenants: Governor Layman said that many people have good light displays this year. Governor Myers reported that County Councilwoman Amanda Feidler has made a bill to address the issue that led to the illegal pier build. The General Assembly will hear a bill in January. While there are differing opinions on what should be done, she hopes that with the county and state working on it, there will be a change. Once a bill number is known, there will be a need for support in the form of letters, etc, not only from the Cape as it is a state-wide initiative.

Events: Governor Fairchild reported a successful Facebook Live Christmas tree lighting. She thanked those who have created events to help pull the community together such as the Perry Premier Homes front porch photos, pie giveaway and the cupcake kits to benefit My Brother's Pantry and the Advent window hunt. She said it is things like this that make Cape St Claire a great community.

Piers: Governor Breeden reported that Piers Administrator Williams sent out slip holder renewal letters. Contracts will be sent out in late January.

Security: Governor Breeden explained that the 4th security officer is a new police officer now done with his probationary period and is awaiting paperwork allowing him to do supplemental work. With departmental changes and COVID, it has been delayed.

Technology: President Szczytko reported that he is doing the normal website updates.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Layman reported that the owners of 1312 Breezeway applied for a nonconforming variance to be rezoned to allow for two dwelling units on one lot. CSCIA submitted paperwork to contest the leveraging of 20 plus years of operating with two dwellings. The county granted the variance on November 17. CSCIA was notified by a neighbor and Governor Layman obtained a copy of the decision memo to find out why it was approved. There was no mention of the documentation submitted by CSCIA so he does not know if it was taken into consideration. There were officer changes during the process so a breakdown in communication may have occurred. CSCIA has until December 17 to request an appeal hearing with the Board of Planning and Zoning. The request packet is ready and requires a \$250 fee payment. He recommends that we request letters from residents within 175 feet of the property at 1312 Breezeway Drive. Governor Roche made a motion to file an appeal on behalf of the community to have the variance request for a 2nd dwelling overturned. Governor Breeden amended the motion to add the approval of the \$250 permit fee expenditure. Governor Fairchild seconded the amended motion and it passed unanimously.

Governor Breeden reported that the contracts for the beach restoration project have been updated to include Site #2. The US Fish & Wildlife grant check of \$50,000 has been received and the \$250,000 state grant is in process. All permits are in hand for Site #1. Federal and state permits are complete for Site #2 and final changes on the county permits are processing. Governor Breeden attended a gathering of representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Department of the Environment and Anne Arundel County regarding the storage of dredge materials. There was much discussion of the many possibilities but being ready for any of them by the January dredge may be unreasonable as it cannot be simply pumped onto the beach and left. The rock wall may need to be in place. The fall 2021 Little Magothy dredge may be more possible. Two installment payments (\$125,000 and \$175,000) have been paid to Alliance of the Chesapeake. The first principal payment on the loan to BB&T is due in January. Resident Larry Jennings asked about the rock wall, thinking it was for Site #2. Governor Breeden said it is the two rock jetties at Site #1 that were part of the plan from the beginning.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor Breeden said that while CSCIA missed a letter regarding a meeting about dredging Deep Creek, there was a follow up survey that brought it to his attention. Deep Creek is scheduled to be dredged, potentially for the first time, 30-50 feet wide, 7½ feet below mean water level. This dredge allows the opportunity for dredging of other areas along Deep Creek such as near our piers. Once done, the county often will continue to dredge every few years. He will work on obtaining estimates but the

permitting budget of \$250, of which \$100 has been spent, will not allow for the \$750 required for permits. He made a motion that \$750 be allocated for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Governor Layman and approved unanimously.

COMMENTS

There was discussion regarding the house fire at 1176 Green Holly that destroyed the house and displaced the owner, a renter and her daughter. Thanks to the neighbors who alerted the residents and made sure they were out safely. There are two GoFundMe pages set up for them. Information can be found on the I Live in Cape St Claire Facebook page.

Stacey Wildberger reported the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) that mulching is complete at the Serene Ravine. Sam Papps' Eagle Scout bench project is moving forward but otherwise work there is done for the year.

Becky Benner reported the Garden Club met socially distant at the Bay Head pavilion to make wreaths for the clubhouse, office and guardhouse. They plan to meet again for a seed sowing on January 10 at the clubhouse parking lot. Goshen Farm will hold its annual meeting virtually on January 20 to vote in new board members. The Java and Jazz event is planned for March, hopefully at the clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Governor Layman to adjourn and move to a closed session. It was seconded by Governor Breeden and approved unanimously. The December 14, 2020 meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned to a closed session at 8:27 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 8:29 pm and adjourned at 9:06 pm.