

BOG Meeting March 9, 2020

President Szczytko called the meeting to order in the Cox meeting room of the clubhouse at 7:33 pm.

He reported that Steiny has submitted his resignation due to health issues. The Board has thanked him for his 14 years of service and is working on finding replacements to cover his duties.

Beach project – permitting is close, funding is here, and some payments have been made. There will be social blasts to announce it when work is about to start.

The minutes of February 11, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Fairchild, seconded by Governor Lamb and unanimously approved.

The P&L statement of January 31, 2020 was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Roche, seconded by Governor Fairchild and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager- Town Manager Anderson reported that the outstanding vegetation management plan is progressing well and we are well within budget for tree removal at this time. The relationship of CSCIA, Richards Tree Service and the Anne Arundel County Forester is working well. The bidding process for mowing of CSCIA properties is underway. A contract is to be in place by July 1, 2020 so the bidding process should be completed by May. The CSCIA work truck was taken in for repairs and recall work. Paperwork for water testing at Main Beach and Lake Claire swim areas has been submitted to the County. The County step pond project on Lake Claire Drive is still underway. The Cape St Claire Road welcome sign is complete and awaiting final inspection which Governor Lamb reported is to happen this week. Water at the piers is to be turned on March 23, paving of lower part of the Deep Creek lot is scheduled for March 24 and estimated at \$10,500, portable toilets are to arrive April 1, the piers workday is April 11, pier slip contracts are due March 20. He asked that any governors in charge of a budget line item notify him of any conflicts or requests in time for the budget meeting next month. He also asked that governors review the website for completion, inform Governor Szczytko of any changes or omissions.

Buildings: Governor Roche reported that we are entering the busy season with several new homes being built.

Events: Governor Fairchild reported that plans are underway for July 4th and the committee may do a Survey Monkey to get feedback on preferences.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Macindoe reported that the beaches have been quiet but will pick up with warmer weather. Scouts have approached him for project ideas so contact him if you have any. He asked about planting and Town Manager Anderson said that any plantings due to tree removal will be done immediately after the removal. Governor Breeden reported that information for hiring beach attendants will be out soon and announced a change in the state and county lifeguard law. The minimum age for a lifeguard in the county was reduced to 15, so we will be reducing the minimum age for beach attendants to 16, though they ARE NOT lifeguards. Anyone under 18 will have to have a work permit. Minimum wage was increased to \$11/hr.

Budget: Mike Buchet announced that the next budget meeting will be held at the home of Member Moore on March 11 at 7 pm to set up the calendar and go over format, numbers will be discussed the following month. Governor Fairchild recommended that any Governors who have not been to a budget meeting do so to get an education on the financial statements.

BCC: Broadneck Council of Communities held its quarterly meeting on February 27. Town Manager Anderson and Governor Myers attended. Reviews from BBC board say it was well attended and there was positive feedback about the presentations from elected officials and judges. Plans are being made for the April 23 meeting with a Board of Education representative. BCC has not traditionally been involved but there has been a push by elected officials for the BCC to do so. Governor Breeden asked that anyone interested, especially those with children in the school system, contact him. Governor Myers reported that the County wants to encourage those on septic systems to convert to sewer and are hoping for state funding. The Cape is already on the sewer system but communities around us on the water are not and that affects our beach water quality.

Piers: Contracts are coming in, next meeting is March 10, all are welcome.

Security: Governor Breeden reported that he is working with the police with some problematic areas.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported she will meet with the Town Manager regarding satisfaction with the current cleaning contractor. There was an incident during a recent rental in which the dumpster corral fence was damaged. The renter's security deposit was held, and they will pay additional monies if the repairs cost more than the deposit. The fence company is to come March 10 to evaluate.

Entrance sign: Governor Lamb reported that with the final inspection due this week, the final check can be cut and she will send it once all is complete.

Caper: Governor Lamb reported things are going well with the Caper except for articles not being submitted by the 12th so she will send out a reminder. Some clubs are submitting articles that are longer than the page to page and a half preferred from non-paying submitters so she will limit those to keep costs down. There was a recommendation that instead of a link to a historical aerial photo of the old Cape St Claire road, that the photo itself be printed. Governor Szczytko replied that the photo is the property of historicalaerials.com, not CSCIA, and therefore we cannot print it.

Easter Egg Hunt: Governor Lamb reported all going smoothly for event on April 4, Whimsicality is handing out tickets and collecting eggs, the fire department will bring the Bunny.

Strawberry Festival: Governor Lamb reported that planning is in full swing, have applied for parade permit and vendors applications have been received, waiting on a few insurance certificates.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Lamb reported the county has suggested the use of pavers to make a patio for the clubhouse instead of a deck to reduce grading and disturbance. She will revisit that and get bids.

Governor Breeden reported the Green Holly to Bay Dale phase has two intersections to complete and those should be done this week and it may officially open within the next two weeks. Plantings will occur after opening. Phase 4, near Peninsula Farm Road, is a capital project run by the Dept of Public Works, not the Dept of Rec and Parks. This is in part because the rest area was funded by a donation from Ed Parker, a very active longtime Broadneck resident, and that had to be accepted through a different government avenue. The trail is to cross Peninsula Farm Road, continue through the cul-de-sac and to the intersection at Manhattan Beach Road where it will cross Route 2 to the B&A Trail. There was a concept to build a bridge near Anne Arundel Community College across Route 2 but due to land ownership and critical area issues, it was determined to not be a reasonable use of funds. The phase from 7-11 to Sandy Point is still in the development, design and land acquisition stage. The design for the phase from Bay Dale to Peninsula Farm Road is 95% complete.

Governor Breeden reported that the Federal gov't was to have a 15-day comment period on the permit application for Site 1-Main Beach but did a 30-day comment period instead which should end March 12. The MDE permit and Public Works meeting will follow soon after the Federal permit is approved. The county permit application has been submitted and should be approved after the state permit is complete. For Site 2-Lake Claire, submission is Thursday. The county and the Chesapeake Bay Trust were out in January and after the \$298,000 grant award, they are interested in funding almost all of that project, potentially \$350,000 to \$360,000. The budget must show the request from CBT as well as matching funds. Money already spent on planning and design is matching money we can claim as well as state and federal grants so there is no additional cash commitment from us. Site 1 will cost less than planned due to reduction of the cobble bar, potentially as much as \$150,000, so we may be able to expand the project or borrow less. He is fairly confident that we will get the Site 2 grant. The federal grant will not be awarded until August so that was not included in Site 2 as it is too far in the future to count on. We will probably be close to a 1:1 matching on total projects which may reduce borrowing or allow for future projects, but the first two sites need to be completed first. There are 3 more smaller grants that have come up for which we may apply to help or to do other projects such as the bamboo area at Lake Claire. Governor Breeden thanked Town Manager Anderson for doing a great job filling in for him, pulling together grants and representing CSCIA last Friday when the Alliance of the Chesapeake held their quarterly board meeting here. They took a tour and had a presentation that helped to get Fairwinds Marina to sign a letter of support, which is important because of the way the sand shifts toward that property. Governors Szczytko and Breeden commended Alliance of the Chesapeake and Abby, our partner, for their support. Politicians will probably be out to showcase the project. Alliance will want to have a conversation with CSCIA regarding promoting the story of the partnership of private community, state and non-profits. CSCIA may be the first community in the state to make it work in the way we are. There should be a lot of positive press if it all happens as planned. Alliance and BioHabitats are working together with a moving timeline to keep them available to do the work when it is all approved. The work should all be based from the water, not land, so work should not significantly impact the beach, park or Strawberry Festival.

COMMENTS

Garden Club: Becky Benner reported that they will have Potting Parties in which Garden Club members will dig up plants from those yards where people would like to donate their extras for the plant sale. Their plant sale is one of the latest yet most popular due to the quality of their plants.

Becky Benner announced the open house scheduled for April 25 from 10 am – 4 pm. There will be children's activities, tours of the house, gardens and shallow water wildlife pond. On March 21 as part of Anne Arundel County's celebration of Maryland Day weekend, 9 historic signs will be placed throughout the county. Goshen Farm is the only that will have a public celebration. It is currently installed but covered. It will be unveiled at 3pm.

Brad Knopf announced Project CleanStream is scheduled for April 4. The Weed Warrior kickoff party will occur March 13 at 5:30 pm to celebrate the weekly weed cleaning of the Serene Ravine at 1036 Lake Claire Drive. There will be planting of the ravine, along with the help of some Girl Scouts, from 9-noon on April 25. The speaker series will feature Chris Packs on April 17 at the clubhouse at 7 pm. He introduced Replant Anne Arundel, a co-op between the county, watershed stewards, the Alliance and the Helena Foundation. Details are not clear yet but there may be funding for trees to be planted on community and private property. They will be looking for suggestions on locations for planting about 20 trees per site. Some priority locations may be fully subsidized, others may have a copay.

Governor Szczytko thanked Bob Bishop for coming and introduced Michelle Shipley who is interested in joining the board.

Governor Breeden informed the board of a Capital newspaper article by Maureen Thomas about Olivia West, a local Girl Scout who helped with plantings at Lake Claire. It was a good article about involvement of youth, CCC, and the Cape that we can link to on our website.

ADJOURNMENT

Governor Schmidt moved that the meeting be adjourned to a closed session, it was seconded by Governor Macindoe and unanimously approved. The March 9, 2020 meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned to a closed session at 8:25 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 8:28 pm and adjourned at 8:52.

MEMBERS PRESENT

In attendance were: Governors Bill Szczytko, Dawn Myers, Jeff Roche, Beau Breeden, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Lisa Schmidt and Neil Macindoe, Town Manager Ryan Anderson, Budget Committee chair Mike Buchet, and guests Becky Benner, Bob Bishop and Brad Knopf.