

BOG Meeting January 8, 2024

In attendance in person: President Beau Breeden, Governors Jennifer Connor, Ed Hayes, Mary Lamb, Matt Layman, Kim Pollock, Jerome Zadera, Town Manager Frank Tewey, Budget Committee members Charlie Shoul and Thor Harris, and guest Stacy Wildberger. In attendance online: Governors Joe Angel, Cheri Fairchild, Neil Macindoe, Marissa Miente and Michele Shipley.

President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. He thanked all for coming and reported that yellow maintenance fee postcards were mailed in late December and are due by March 1, \$10 per tax lot. He noted the Annual Meeting is January 9 and is still to be held in person despite the forecast of foul weather. The Movie Night will be tried again in warmer weather. A moment of silence was held as respect for the life lost in the Cape on January 7. He gave an overview of the agenda.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Minutes of the December 11, 2023 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Governor Layman, seconded by Governor Lamb, and approved unanimously.

The financial statements for October and November 2023 were discussed. A motion was made to approve the October financials by Governor Lamb and seconded by Governor Zadera. Discussion followed regarding the timing income because of pier rentals and maintenance fees coming in the spring of a fiscal year that started in the previous summer. The motion passed unanimously. Governor Layman made a motion to approve the November financials and it was seconded by Governor Connor. Cash balances of the CSCIA bank accounts are about \$166,600 for the operating funds of the corporation, \$203K in beach project grant funds, \$237,700 in piers operating/capital improvement funds, and the Special Community Benefits District (SCBD) operating funds of about \$72K. The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tewey said that yellow maintenance fee payments are coming into the office and are due March 1. The presentation by Anne Arundel County Traffic Engineering on the methodology of installation of new traffic devices is postponed until the April 23 Quarterly meeting due to illness. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 (FY25) comes up for vote at the January 9 Annual Meeting. Security officers are covering 19 of 31 shifts in January. Two of our officers have resigned. The going rate for off-duty police is much higher than we are paying, and overtime is available, so few are interested in Cape shifts. Davy Dance Academy co-sponsored the Drive-In Movie Night with CSCIA that was postponed due to weather and poorly attended. Another drive-in will be attempted in warmer weather. Thank you to Richard's Tree Care for their assistance. Mr. Tewey is researching automated gates for the main beach. No Cape properties are scheduled for administrative hearings with the county through February. One building request was processed and one reminder sent for final plans on a previously submitted application. One pier/bulkhead agreement was approved and is in the process of being recorded. Reminders were sent to one homeowner to return an agreement. One is to be discussed in closed session. Bill 88-23 regarding accessory structures and zoning passed the county council on December 18. It defined what is considered a front yard on corners and through lots by the adjoining lots. The Maryland Legislative Session begins January 10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC): Pat Lynch, who helped establish the council in 2007 as a continuation of the Broadneck Federation founded in the 1970's, is stepping down as president. They are looking for volunteers, committee and board members to help support the Broadneck peninsula.

Beaches & Parks: No report

Business Lot Owners Association (BLOA): No report.

Building: See Town Manager report.

Budget: Governor Zadera reported that if the budget is passed at the Annual Meeting, it must be submitted to the county.

Caper: Governor Lamb said photos are requested for the February Year in Review issue but must be submitted quickly.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported rentals are steady but slower in January than the past few months, as expected. Options for a new cleaning company are being explored.

Events: Governor Lamb said all equipment for the Drive In Movie worked, and it is hoped the next one has better attendance. The next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt.

Grants: See Old Business.

Legislative: See Town Manager report.

Piers: President Breeden reported that letters were sent to slip holders and contract offers will be sent near the end of January and are due back in mid-March. Late fees of \$50 will apply for one week after, then the process of slip assignments will begin. Pier Administrator Williams will take a leave of absence and is training Matt Cox to take over while she is out. Please be patient as he learns the system. Bids will be sought for work to be done next winter and President Breeden will reach out to a resident who is an engineer and offered to help with planning.

Security: See Town Manager report.

Strawberry Festival: Governor Lamb reported that planning is in full swing.

Technology: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

President Breeden reported that the Little Magothy River Association (LMRA) decided not to do a small dredge of the inlet this winter as costs were going to be significantly more than expected. They chose to focus on the larger dredge to be done. That means the Cape will not be seeking permits to place sand that would have come from the small dredge. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant process for the National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) has been delayed due to the lack of a passed budget. It is unknown if applications will need to be resubmitted if funding becomes available. Funds paid for contracts with Alliance of the Chesapeake remain in escrow until needed. Other grants will be sought.

Governor Layman asked if there was an update on the clubhouse field fence and was told there is not.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor Lamb reported that the LMRA applied to be a Cape Recognized Organization. No list of members was supplied, but the Association is about 93% Cape residents as most properties on the river are within Cape St. Claire. She made a motion to approve the application pending submittal of an acceptable list of members. Governor Layman seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the 80% Cape resident threshold and the motion passed unanimously.

President Breeden announced that the county budget listening session for our district will be held at Severna Park High School on January 25 and you must register to attend. Information will go out on Facebook and the website.

He also noted that the January/February issue of Tide Magazine from the Coastal Conservation Association featured an article about the oyster reef balls created here in the Cape in memory of Noah Anderson. The reef balls will be placed off of Dobbin Island to spell NOAH and will be visible as such with boat sonar.

President Breeden reported that a meeting will be held with the Critical Area mitigation team regarding the new firehouse. The current mitigation site will be removed to build the new station and 6 acres are being sought within the county to create new mitigation areas. The county is interested in using Cape properties but most of those areas have long-term easements or are used for Cape residents and/or may be needed for future mitigation because of other Cape projects. Areas where trees could be planted will be discussed.

COMMENTS

Stacy Wildberger said the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) is establishing a scholarship for Broadneck High School seniors entering environmental science majors. CCC volunteers cleared ivy and leaves at the Little Magothy beach (LMB) and will work with Save Our Trees again to remove ivy at Deep Creek on February 3. In the spring they will work to remove non-native plants along the driveway at LMB and replant with low growing native species and will submit the plan to Town Manager Tewey.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Governor Layman to adjourn to closed session, seconded by Governor Connor and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:14 pm. The closed session occurred from 8:14 pm to 8:31 pm. The January 9, 2024 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.