

BOG Meeting March 11, 2024

In attendance in person: President Jerome Zadera, Governors Joe Angel, Beau Breeden, Jennifer Connor, Thor Harris, Ed Hayes, Mary Lamb, Matt Layman, Neil Macindoe, Kim Pollock, Michele Shipley, Town Manager Frank Tewey, Budget Committee members Charlie Moore, Blake Morris and Charlie Shoul and guests Steve Arnold, Becky Benner, Ben and Jennifer Reynolds, Rebecca, Cindy & Harry Sawyer, and Stacy Wildberger.

President Zadera called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, thanked all for coming and noted that parking stickers will be mailed on April 1. He congratulated Stacy Wildberger on being named Watershed Steward of the Year and thanked her for supporting the board and making improvements around the community.

VARIANCE REQUEST

Ben and Jennifer Reynolds of 1256 Pine Hill Drive presented their request for a 2-foot variance on the setback of a screened porch already constructed. The old porch was rotting and when they rebuilt, they did not know they needed a permit to build it out to the existing roofline, which overhung the original walls by about 3 feet. The house is situated on a corner lot, so the setback is 15 feet and the new porch is 13 feet from the road. They have received approval for the variance from the county. They were informed that a decision would be made in closed session, and they would be notified of the answer.

GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PRESENTATION

Rebecca Sawyer, a 10-year veteran of Girl Scouts and Silver Award candidate, presented her proposal to create two learning libraries to be built over the summer at the Serene Ravine on Lake Claire Dr and at the Little Magothy Beach trail. The library boxes, complete with green roofs, would have separate sections for reference books for local flora and fauna, journaling supplies, and books for borrowing. She noted that with a high turnover in residents that are military, many people do not know what plants are native and/or invasive, and she would like to educate them to help keep the Cape planted with beneficial plants. It is designed for all ages, including flash cards for very young children, and a QR code to a website that will offer more information and links to the sites of Cape Conservation Corp (CCC), Chesapeake Bay Trust, Dept of Natural Resources, etc. She is soliciting businesses for materials, is requesting funding from Chesapeake Bay Trust for signage, and has fund commitment from CCC. Once complete, CCC will take over maintenance of the libraries. The board commended her on a very good presentation and plan and said they would discuss it in closed session and inform her of the decision.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Minutes of the February 12, 2024 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Governor Shipley, seconded by Governor Angel, and approved unanimously.

The financial statements for January 2024 were discussed. A motion was made to approve by Governor Shipley and seconded by Governor Angel. Governor Breeden noted that the report represents 7 months of the fiscal year. Balances of the bank accounts were: Operating funds- \$187,000, Beach restoration grants- \$199,000, piers- \$226,000 (99K operating, 127K capital improvement reserve) and Special Community Benefits District (SCBD)- \$293,000. To answer questions, Governor Breeden explained Front Foot Assessment and said the next planned improvements for piers are replacement of the small pier at Deep Creek and the pylons/decking around the boat ramp area, with an expected cost of \$75-100K. The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Tewey said maintenance fee payments collected to date are about 82% of expected revenue. The due date was March 1. Security officers are covering 14 of 31 shifts in March. With an increase in the hourly rate, two officers have returned. A fourth officer is being recruited. With the pay increase, 75 hours per month for the remainder of the fiscal year will keep the total within budget.

A memorial bench for Tripper Logan will be installed in March and portable restrooms have been ordered for the summer.

Mr. Tewey is waiting on a proposal for automated gates for the main beach from Crestlock. Eleven beach attendants are returning, and he will hire to fill the remaining positions.

Slip contracts are due March 15, 2024.

The variance request for 1256 Pine Hill Dr was approved at the county administrative hearing. Another is scheduled for March 21 for 1165 Latrobe Dr to allow a deck with less than required setbacks. Mr. Tewey will attend. CSCIA received the building plan on 2/12/24.

Three standard building applications were processed. Some outstanding issues will be discussed in closed session.

County Bill 12-24 regarding SCBD beneficiary standards was withdrawn, likely to be reintroduced. State House Bill 752 has been introduced and regards ownership of land in tidal wetland projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC): Governor Breeden announced the next general meeting would be March 28 at 7pm at the clubhouse. County Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler will discuss the county proposal for a BMX bike facility. Governor Breeden worked with a group to propose a 200ft by 100ft bike/skate park inside the fenced area of Bay Head Park. With BMX being an Olympic sport and Broadneck High School having a nationally recognized team, the proposal that came from the Department of Public Works is for a full US National BMX facility. It is unlikely that will pass because there is no money for that in the 5-year plan for the county. It is hoped that the

Office of Planning & Zoning will present as well regarding the over 70 potential rezoning issues in our region. Senator Gile and Representative Bagnall have been invited to give updates on state concerns.

Beaches & Parks: No report.

Business Lot Owners Association (BLOA): No report.

Building: See Town Manager report.

Budget: Governor Lamb reported the 2nd SCBD check was received from the county. Governor Shipley said the first budget committee meeting is to be scheduled soon.

Caper: Governor Lamb said the online editions are posted on the 1st of the month.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb reported rentals are steady. The new cleaning company is doing an exceptional job.

Events: Governor Lamb said the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 23, tickets are available through Whimsicality and 300 kids are expected. Governor Pollock is reaching out to the community for volunteers for the kitchen and ticket booth for the Strawberry Festival.

Grants: No report.

Legislative: See Town Manager report.

Piers: Governor Breedon reported that slip contracts are due March 15, 2024. Late contracts will be accepted for a week with a late fee. Slips are forfeited after that. One-third of pier revenue was received by the end of February. About 10 slips are expected to open and be offered to the waitlist, which is over 90 people. Requests for Proposals will be sent out for full replacement of the small pier at Deep Creek and the area around the boat ramp, with work planned for winter of 2024-25. The first pier meeting will be April 2 at 7pm at Deep Creek marina.

Security: Governor Breedon thanked Governor Hayes for his help with locking up the main beach gates.

Strawberry Festival: Governor Lamb announced that the Broadneck High School band will perform in the parade.

Technology: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

President Zadera reported that the bylaw changes voted on in January have been recorded at the county.

NEW BUSINESS

President Zadera noted that CSCIA has updated the certificate of insurance and crime bond with the county. Info about the 2024 mosquito spraying program was received and paperwork will be submitted by the due date. Governor Layman and President Zadera will represent CSCIA at the Cape Elementary School Escape Thru the Cape 5K.

COMMENTS

Budget Committee Chair Charlie Moore asked for a date for the first organizational meeting, and it was set for April 4 at 7:30 pm.

Resident Steve Arnold asked if his time clearing the beach of rocks from his old retaining wall could be used as volunteer hours and he was told to speak with Stacy Wildberger. He also pointed out the continuing scouring of sand from the beach by his house.

Becky Benner announced the April 2 Garden Club meeting. It will be a workshop to prepare new members for upcoming potting parties to separate plants for the May fundraising sale which will feature Cape grown perennials. She also said the Goshen Farm Java & Jazz, Tea & Tunes event was a huge success. Their first board meeting will be via Zoom on March 20 to discuss new projects. The spring Open House will be April 13 with tours of the farmhouse, apiary, hoop house and gardens, live music, and a bird presentation. The Goshen Farm April board meeting will be April 17 via Zoom.

Stacy Wildberger said the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) submitted a request to add more plants in late April/early May at the Little Magothy beach area if they receive a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant. Wednesday Weed Warriors will start their full schedule in April but will do some intermittent work in March to remove invasive plants along the driveway at Little Magothy beach. The CCC meeting at the clubhouse on March 27 will feature Maxine Yoon speaking about the Master Gardener program and pollinator gardens. A Project Clean Stream event will be held on April 6. A Weed Warrior kickoff event to recruit volunteers will be held on April 12 at Little Magothy beach. She and Governor Breedon discussed a potential grant through Resilience Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Governor Layman to adjourn to closed session, seconded by Governor Shipley and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:21 pm. The closed session occurred from 8:28 pm to 9:02 pm. The March 11, 2024 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.