

## BOG Meeting March 8, 2021

In attendance were: Governors Jeff Roche, Bill Szczytko, Dawn Myers, Beau Breeden, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Lisa Schmidt, Jerome Zadera and Neil Macindoe, Michele Shipley, Town Manager Ryan Anderson, and guests Becky Benner, Joshua Jansky, and Stacey Wildberger.

President Roche called the meeting to order in an online session of GoToMeeting at 7:31 pm. He thanked Governors Breeden and Myers for their extra work dealing with issues with the \$250,000 State of Maryland Waterway Improvement grant previously awarded that was held back by Governor Hogan. He said he was proud to be a Caper when he saw the quick and overwhelming support of the residents as they responded with emails to legislators to reinstate the funds.

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Macindoe, seconded by Governor Lamb and unanimously approved.

The P&L statement of January 2021 was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Szczytko. Governor Breeden seconded the motion and commented that the clubhouse revenues are down 90% from budget due to lack of rentals because of the pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Beaches and Parks:** Governor Breeden reported that the process for hiring beach attendants has begun and portable toilets are to be delivered about March 19. There will be spring cleanup by the grounds crew to prepare for summer.

**Broadneck Council of Communities:** Governor Breeden announced the BCC is focusing on final state advisement regarding a third span of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge proposed to be built on the Broadneck Peninsula. The BCC is teaming with the Bay Bridge Advisory Group. The Maryland Department of Transportation has chosen the current bay bridge location as the location to add a third span. This boils down to a limited purpose and needs statement in the Phase 1 NEPA study, which focuses only on traffic at current location and not more strategically about moving traffic across the Bay for daily travel, economic growth and long-term safety. The BCC hopes to continue to work with elected officials and the Bay Bridge Advisory Group, but point out to Federal Oversight the potential errors for having such a limited scope to the project and making decisions before full corridor analysis can be completed. The county General Development Plan is ready for comments and the BCC feels it lacks planning for transportation both in this area and the broader county and focuses mostly on rezoning.

**Budget:** Governor Myers reported that with less income than expected, the budget may need to be adjusted and that committees should contact the Budget Committee with any concerns or changes.

**Caper:** Governor Lamb reported the Caper running smoothly with articles submitted timely.

**Clubhouse:** Governor Lamb reiterated the lack of rental income from the clubhouse but that there have been occasional rentals.

**Events:** Governor Schmidt announced that there are potential dates for a Cape Swap to occur in the field behind the clubhouse. Governor Lamb reported that there will be a visit from the Easter Bunny as a parade on April 3. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held differently this year. About 16 eggs will be hidden and clues to their locations given online. When someone finds an egg, they are to send a picture of themselves with the egg to receive a prize. This would continue until Easter. She is hopeful for the Strawberry Festival to occur, most likely in August if it can be done.

**Legislative:** Governor Myers reported that the bill proposed by County Councilwoman Fiedler passed and is to be signed soon. The county will now be required to inform the covenant holders of any permit applications made for pier and/or bulkhead construction within the community, regardless of riparian rights ownership or proximity of community property to the applicant property. Other bills addressing this issue are unlikely to be passed. Two legislative bond bills were submitted to the House and Senate regarding the withdrawal of the \$250,000 grant money awarded for beach restoration. The money was written into the state budget specifically for waterway improvement in Cape St Claire and cannot be used for another purpose unless it is reallocated by the General Assembly. State Comptroller Franchot will address this topic at the Department of Public Works meeting on March 10.

**Piers:** Governor Breeden reported that about 50% of the pier slip contracts due March 19 are still outstanding and about 48% of expected piers revenue has been collected. He expects many contracts to be returned close to the due date and then the 15-18 expected available slips will be offered to those on the waitlist. Water at the piers is scheduled to be turned on March 15 at

which point any winter damage to the pipes will be addressed. With that, the installation of the portable toilets, and general maintenance, the piers should be fully ready for the start of fishing season. President Roche added a thank you to Governor Breeden and Town Manager Anderson for their assistance with an incident in which a car, trailer and boat went into the water at the Deep Creek boat ramp.

**Security:** Governor Breeden announced a mostly quiet month but that thefts from a few cars in the Latrobe Dr. / Summit Dr. area occurred on March 7. He wants to remind residents to contact the police non-emergency number to ensure documentation of any thefts. One of the restaurants at the shopping center contacted him regarding the potential banning of an individual who has been causing issues at several businesses while intoxicated.

**Technology:** President Szczytko reported that he has uploaded the Caper to the website and Facebook and has posted an update on the beach restoration project. He is looking into solutions for the rapidly filling Google cloud storage for the office.

**Town Manager-** Town Manager Anderson reported a great turnout at the first piers meeting of the year and that future meetings will be held on first Tuesdays of each month of the boating season. Per slip contracts, boats are to be in slips by June 1. The gate codes will be changed after the contractors for the beach restoration are finished as they use the gates to access the water. He continues to track progress of the county dredging program planned for October at Deep Creek. The planned replacement of about 12 pilings at Deep Creek is to occur in late March or early April. A resident on Harborview Terrace constructed a staircase to the bulkhead without a permit and on CSCIA property. A Stop Work Order was issued by the county inspector who did report that CSCIA owns the riparian rights there. The Pier/Bulkhead/Stair agreements will be added to the building log to consolidate report files for easier tracking. All 4 security positions are filled and 28/31 dates in March are covered by off duty police. The Cape St Claire Swim Club plans to open for the summer on time and confirmed that no permits were required for electrical and past septic tank maintenance. Inquiries raised by the riparian rights letters are still being addressed by the lawyer and one has been closed. The Workers Compensation audit was completed. Yellow maintenance fee cards were due March 1 and a \$10 late fee applies to any received after that date, no exceptions unless postmarked before March 1. Parking stickers are to be mailed April 1 and will be required on cars parked at CSCIA properties starting May 1. The second SCBD payment was received in the amount of \$180,000 and the last, smaller payment is expected in June. Two unemployment claims have been received that are believed to be fraudulent. Mr. Anderson is trying to appeal those. There will be a budget meeting in April. A 3<sup>rd</sup> payment was made on the beach restoration project taking us to 50% paid. The last payment will be made upon completion of the project. Another draw is expected soon with the upcoming start on construction and will require a quick turn around on check signing. There is one outstanding vegetation management plan for the Deep Creek bulkhead area. The two watershed steward candidates still plan projects at Deep Creek and Lake Claire. The Broadneck High School Environmental Club has inquired about projects and may help with beach restoration plantings. Two former beach attendants have said they would like to return for 2021 and two have said they will be returning to Youth Sailing as it is expected to resume this year. Beach attendant job openings will be advertised in April with a May 15 employment start date. The first set of portable toilets arrive March 19. Paperwork was submitted for the county Mosquito Control program and water quality testing sites at Main Beach and Lake Claire. There was a complaint about the Youth Sailing rack at Lake Claire. The resident was given the history of the rack and shown permits for its construction. CSCIA is coordinating with Youth Sailing leadership regarding signage. Registration began March 1 for the sailing program which is expected to run 6 weeks beginning July 1. Aerobics continues at the clubhouse on Thursdays. There have been few inquiries about renting the clubhouse. The clubhouse is operating with the conditions of 50% capacity, masks, and the modified cleaning contract. Two weddings are scheduled at the Main Beach overlook in April. Currently there is large orange GPS pole needed for the beach project that hopefully will be removed by those dates. Issues with the dumpster company have been resolved, but as the dumpster will not be changed out to one that is low enough to accommodate the limits of the tractor scoop, the current one will be pulled out and dirt under it removed to lower it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Governor Breeden reported that after more than 7 years of planning, the beach restoration construction started Monday, March 1 as planned at Site 1, the Main Beach. Permits were passed to the contractors who were then able to mobilize Tuesday and begin placing stones Wednesday. The large jetty is expected to be completed on March 9, and the small jetty begun that day as well. Mr. Anderson has been able to check on the work progress daily. Planting of vegetation will begin in April. The next payment due in about 2 weeks will take us to 75% paid and the final payment will be due in May. CSCIA was awarded the \$100,000 grant from US Fish and Wildlife. Because of the \$250,000 grant from Maryland for Waterway Improvement being held back and possibly rescinded, funds to complete Site #2 are not secure so that site will be delayed. He is hoping that everything can be worked out to start that project this year before the November cutoff for water projects due to hunting season. Alliance of the Chesapeake has requested a celebratory event and dates in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April are being considered. Governor

Breeden expressed that he is excited and encouraged to see all the work and planning coming to fruition. Thanks were expressed to Alliance of the Chesapeake and the residents who helped with the second U.S. Fish and Wildlife grant.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

#### **COMMENTS**

Becky Benner announced that the Garden Club will celebrate the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the club with a dinner catered by Broadneck Grill at the Main Beach on March 20. She added that they will adhere to social distancing and mask requirements but that it will be nice to see members in person again. The plant sale will be held virtually again this year, with curbside contactless pickup. Orders will be taken starting in mid-April with May 13, 14 and 15 pickup dates.

Mrs. Benner also spoke on behalf of Goshen Farm, the Java & Jazz, Tea & Tunes event has been cancelled to not risk exposure. The annual Open House is planned for April 24, but she expects that to be cancelled as well.

Stacey Wildberger reported the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) is working with the Eco Action high school environmental club that is looking for projects. The Weed Warrior kickoff to welcome back former volunteers and encourage new ones will be held March 26 from 5:30-7 pm at the Todd house across the street from the Serene Ravine. Wednesday weeding will start April 1 and continue each Wednesday from 5-7 pm. Only two slots of 25 remain for the plant swap, in which the CCC will supply 3 native shrubs to plant in place of 1 non-native shrub removed. Pickup of plants is planned for early May. Plants have been ordered for the Serene Ravine.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Governor Fairchild to adjourn and move to a closed session. It was seconded by Governor Breeden and approved unanimously. The March 8, 2021 meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned to a closed session at 8:15 pm.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

A closed session was convened at 8:16 pm and adjourned at 8:58 pm. The regular session of the March 8, 2021 meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.