

BOG Meeting June 14, 2021

In attendance were: President Jeff Roche, Governors Bill Szczytko, Beau Breeden, Mary Lamb, Lisa Schmidt, Neil Macindoe, Jerome Zadera, Michele Shipley, Town Manager Ryan Anderson and guests Becky Benner and Stacy Wildberger.

President Roche called the meeting to order in an online session of GoToMeeting at 7:33 pm and thanked all for attending. He said that it has been a quiet month as people are returning to a more “normal” schedule and that he is excited for events scheduled for July.

Minutes of the May 10, 2021 BOG meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Szczytko, seconded by Governor Lamb and unanimously approved.

The P&L statement for April was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Breeden, seconded by Governor Szczytko and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beaches and Parks: Governor Breeden reported the beach attendants are doing well. He, Governor Macindoe and Town Manager Anderson helped when the attendants were busy with too many vehicles, and adjustments were made to prevent the same issues. Governor Breeden asked that everyone be respectful of the attendants, understand that they are employees, and be patient as they verify stickers and addresses. Governor Macindoe added that the parking lot was packed at Lake Claire on Friday June 11 and overflow cars were parked along the roads. Governor Breeden said that the Youth Sailing parent meeting was held Friday afternoon with about 100 people attending, causing the parking issue. He said he would speak with Youth Sailing about the timing of the meeting for next year and suggest splitting the meeting into sessions with smaller groups.

Business Lot Owners Association: See Town Manager report.

Broadneck Council of Communities: Governor Breeden said that the BCC is continuing to lobby multiple ways to get the NEPA study adjusted for a larger needs and purpose study for the 3rd span of the Bay Bridge. The traffic has been very heavy on the weekends and last Friday was a debacle with the rain. There has been a lot of community discussion and many emails are being sent to elected officials who are aware of the issues. There have been 4 extra on-duty Anne Arundel County police officers patrolling the roads near the bridge. If Sandy Point State Park closes, the police can force cars off the access roads and onto Route 50, but as access to the park uses both roads, they cannot act until then. The next BCC meeting is Thursday June 17, 2021.

Budget: See Town Manager report.

Building: President Roche said there are fewer building applications than this time last year. He assumes that is because of the cost and availability of building materials, the amount of building/improvements done last year, and that as things open, people can do other things. He thanked Mr. Anderson for his assistance.

Caper: Governor Lamb reported the Caper is doing well financially this year, mostly due to reducing expenses. She added that it is still a struggle to get people to submit articles on time.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said that the clubhouse is back to normal operations and seeking rentals. Church services will be resuming soon. She has ordered additional chairs. A representative from Richard's Tree Care came to check on the placement of the weeping cherry and said it does not need to be moved. Zero Waste asked to be a Recognized Organization with CSCIA and to have fees waived. Governor Lamb declined to waive fees so the representative from Zero Waste, Ms. Lengbeyer, has not decided whether to apply.

Covenants: See Town Manager report.

Events: Governor Schmidt said the July 4th parade application approval has been received. So far there are three entries for the parade: a business, Delegate Bagnall and a car. Due to COVID concerns, there will not be a watermelon eating contest.

Legislative: No report.

Piers: Governor Breeden reported that 96-97% of projected piers revenue has been received and expenses are down. The planned replacement of pilings at Deep Creek will be moved to FY2022. The journal entry to move budgeted funds for long-term saving into a capital improvement fund needs to be done in the accounting program.

Security: Governor Breeden said there have been no major incidents recently. He has requested 2-4 officers to help with coverage at the beaches on July 4th during the Gibson Island fireworks display (rain date July 5). He expects this year to be busier than 2020.

Strawberry Festival: Governor Lamb reported that planning is going well for the August festival and applications have been submitted. There has been a lot of vendor interest. The one-day liquor license will be applied for closer to the festival date.

Technology: Governor Szczytko reported the new email sign-up was launched concurrent with posting The Caper and 8 people have signed up. It will be a good way to disseminate information in addition to Facebook. When an article is added to the website it is automatically emailed to the list. He asked that it be promoted in The Caper.

Town Manager- Town Manager Anderson reported that he continues to check the goose netting on the main beach. Residents expressed concern about erosion and supplied a video that will be shared with BioHabitats. Measurements are being taken monthly and will be reported back to CSCIA at least semi-annually. All current invoices for tree removal have been paid and there are jobs scheduled that will be invoiced in FY2022. The quote for supplying engineered wood chips for the playgrounds was higher than expected. A decision will be made whether to order after checking the budget closer to the end of the fiscal year. Two replacement grills were installed at the Main Beach. One of the watershed steward candidates planted native species on the 15th at the Serene Ravine. The other will do an invasive species removal at Deep Creek and a county inspector will meet with Mr. Anderson next week for approval. There are 12 beach attendants and scheduling has been difficult as most of them are high school students. Volunteers have been responsive in assisting them. There was a complaint about a golf cart. The resident was informed that the proper procedure is to call the county police non-emergency number. CSCIA has no rules on parking golf carts and no authority to enforce county rules on the roads. Additional portable toilets were in place in May. The county Mosquito Control program started for Memorial Day. County Water Quality testing will be conducted at the main beach (Chesapeake Bay) and Lake Claire (Magothy River). Swim buoys were placed at Main Beach and Lake Claire. Thank you to the resident who assisted. No boats, Jet Skis (personal watercraft), windsurfing, etc. are allowed in the 100 ft swim area. A locksmith will check the pier gate damage. There was damage to emergency ladders at Lake Claire, and issues with people jumping from the boat pier and the crabbing/fishing pier. Signage warning of the danger and prohibiting jumping from the piers was installed. The Cape Clean Up was successful and is appreciated by the community. Aerobics returned to morning sessions at the clubhouse on Mondays and Thursdays. The clubhouse is operating normally (100%) with the regular cleaning contract. The clubhouse security camera system upgrade is in progress with a couple of high cameras left to change. The piers meeting was held June 1 and the next one will follow the 1st Tuesday of the month schedule. They will continue to be held outdoors at the boat ramp at 7pm. A pump-out was done June 6. Boats were to be in slips by June 1. Mr. Anderson has done two slip reports and submitted them to the piers chairman. Due to weather, the first weekend had some vacancies but by the second weekend most boats were in. He reminded everyone that the Deep Creek dredging is still planned for October and will affect all the piers there. The piling replacement at Deep Creek has been postponed due to a scheduling issue with the contractor. County offices will be opening soon and that will probably prompt more zoning enforcement inspections. Mr. Anderson referred to his Caper article regarding the most common issues: unregistered vehicles, oversized vehicles, overgrown grass and portable storage units over 60 days. Building applications have slowed, with only one new submittal unreviewed. We have 3 of 4 security positions filled and 24 of 30 dates in June are covered by off duty police, Governor Macindoe and Mr. Anderson will cover the rest. Security has been requested for July 4 and Gibson Island has been approved for a firework display at 9:30 pm. The county state of emergency has ended but the county council has extended outdoor dining until November 1. The three restaurants in the shopping center are aware. The Maryland state of emergency expires the end of this month. Green stickers are to be on vehicles parked on Cape properties now and towing procedures are in place. A tow truck was called this weekend, but the non-resident moved their car before it arrived. Board members were asked to send in requests for budget line items. There was no May Budget Committee meeting and a missed June 10 meeting. As of now, no meeting is set for June or July. Discussions are being held regarding wage proposals for employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden reported that the erosion by 1226 Riverbay Road from the Memorial Day storm was captured on video by Keith Chapman who shared it with CSCIA so that it can be passed directly to the engineers on the project. They will assess where the beach is growing and where the problem areas are to better coordinate the dredging replenishment sands and make the best use of funds. The last \$125,000 payment was made to Alliance of the Chesapeake, completing the \$650,000 contract. Approval for payment of the 2019 state bond of \$25,000 reimbursement from the Department of Public Works was received and the official letterhead request will be made to them. The same process will be followed for the most recent \$500,000 award. Most documents were submitted in advance so it is hoped that the funds will be reimbursed quickly and be available to complete the project this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Governor Breeden asked if the movement of \$13,035 in funds from the budget line for piers to capital improvement long-term savings needed approval from the Board. After discussion it was decided that as it was already approved in the budget, no approval was needed to do the bookkeeping entry.

COMMENTS

Stacy Wildberger reported that her Watershed Steward Capstone Project was completed at the Serene Ravine in two shifts with help from about 50 volunteers who planted 600 native plants. Heavy rains uprooted some, but they were successfully replanted. Weed Warriors continue weeding on Wednesday evenings and have had new volunteers. The Cape Conservation Corps Habitat Heroes tour program has restarted. Each quarter someone is awarded a gift certificate and sign to reward good habitat practices in their yard. There was no tour for 2020, so the 2019 and 2020 winners will be toured in two groups on June 26, from 9-11 am. On Wednesday June 16, Broadneck Grill will donate 10% of proceeds from 5-9 pm to the CCC. The plant sale meeting will be held September 25.

Mrs. Benner announced that the Garden Club will hold their annual Secret Garden Tour on Saturday June 19. It will be a “sneak peek” into the backyards of at least three houses. They will meet at the clubhouse at 10 am.

Mrs. Benner also announced the first of the Goshen Farm outdoor concerts for Friday, June 18 at 6:30 pm at the farm. Bring your own food and drink to and enjoy local musicians. Goshen Farm plans to have a wine tasting for August 21 temporarily set for the clubhouse but it might be moved to the farm. A fall open house is scheduled for September 18 and all are encouraged to come see the new features and new attractions. Call Mrs. Benner with questions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Governor Breeden to adjourn and move to a closed session. It was seconded by Governor Lamb and approved unanimously. The June 14, 2021 meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned to a closed session at 8:11 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 8:16 pm and adjourned at 8:52 pm. The regular session of the June 14, 2021 meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.