

Board in Brief July 11, 2022

In attendance in person: Pres. Beau Breeden, Govs. Neil Macindoe, Mary Lamb, and Michele Shipley, Town Mgr Ryan Anderson, and guests Steve Arnold, Stacy Wildberger, and Christina Ryder. In attendance online: Govs. Dawn Myers and Cheri Fairchild.

Pres. Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm, thanked all for attending. He asked for a moment of silence to honor Laura Slattery, who was killed in a boating accident near the Cape on July 3. He spoke briefly about CSCIA's cooperation with the investigation.

Many people were at the beaches for viewing fireworks displays. Board members and beach attendants were on site to help with access, crowd control, and parking.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Minutes of the June 13, 2022 BOG meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The preliminary financial statements for May and June 2022 were reviewed. Pres Breeden pointed out several items. As the reports are preliminary, no vote was taken to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beaches and Parks: Gov Macindoe said the beaches are busy, a new security officer has been hired and there has been a proposal to change access to kayak racks.

Business Lot Owners Association: No report.

Broadneck Council of Communities: Pres. Breeden reported that the BCC will continue to meet throughout the summer to discuss proposals for a park at Holly Beach Farm and State Highway Administration plans for traffic on access roads. There was approval to do a \$27 million 2nd phase of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study to determine what will be done from Rowe Boulevard to the 50/301 split on the Eastern Shore, so discussions will continue regarding that also. CSCIA and BCC will hold a joint Candidate's Night at the clubhouse on September 29 to provide a question-and-answer session with local political candidates.

Budget: Pres. Breeden announced the next budget committee meeting is scheduled for July 14 at Charlie Moore's home.

Building: Gov. Shipley said that she is working with Town Manager Anderson to review applications.

Caper: Gov. Lamb stated the upcoming Caper is a double month issue. Contracts for advertising for FY23 are coming in.

Clubhouse: Gov. Lamb reported that rentals are going well. There was a recent issue brought to her attention by the cleaning crew.

Covenants: No report.

Events: Gov. Lamb announced that the July 4th parade and beach event went well. There was good participation, and she thanked all who helped. The Cape Clean Up is scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24.

Legislative: No report.

Piers: Pres. Breeden reported that the last meeting was postponed. Piers have been busy with few issues. There have been normal maintenance issues with deteriorating deck boards, some electrical issues, and people closing shutoff valves.

Security: See Town Mgr report.

Strawberry Festival: No report.

Technology: No report.

Town Manager- Town Mgr Anderson reported the beach attendants have been doing a good job. Weekly water monitoring by the county continues. Avoid the water for 48 hours after a rain event to reduce exposure to bacteria. Mosquito spraying program is also still in progress. See the state website for info on opting out of the program. Youth Sailing camp began July 5 and has been going very well with no traffic issues. New stone was added to the parking lot at the Little Magothy pier. Trimming is being done at all Cape properties. A roll off dumpster was rented for beach cleanup and for vegetation removal. Delivery of new chairs for the clubhouse was refused because damage to the packaging was visible. The clubhouse will be a polling place on July 19 and regularly scheduled events are being rearranged. Please remember to vote. There is one beach attendant vacancy and two police security vacancies, but coverage for the July 3 evening was good. Officers are covering 16 of 31 dates in July, with Gov. Macindoe filling in for the rest. Pier reports are being conducted. Subleases must be done through the piers committee. There are 94 people on the pier slip waitlist. Electrical issues at the piers have been corrected and the electrician is to address the loss of electricity to the flagpole and wall lights and the overlook outlets. A boat was abandoned on Cape property, Maryland Department of the Environment was contacted, and the boat was removed about 10 days later. The next budget committee meeting is July 14. The last FY22 SCBD check was received.

OLD BUSINESS

Pres. Breeden reported that the beach project continues to be monitored. Eighteen months of data is desired to see what happens through another fall season of nor'easter storms. An additional \$6,000 is needed to complete monitoring and final addendum reporting of sand accretion through the fall by Alliance of the Chesapeake and BioHabitats. A motion was made for \$6,000 of the current \$210,000 remaining from the beach project funds be allocated for that purpose. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Guest Christina Ryder of US Fish & Wildlife spoke regarding the potential for more grant funding for the additional 5 sites in the beach project plans. She said that working in conjunction with Cape Conservation Corps (CCC), Alliance of the Chesapeake, BioHabitats and Sustainable Science to create a program that is repeatable and can serve as a model for other communities in the county could make our project desirable to US Fish & Wildlife. Funds left from Sites 1 & 2 could be used as committed funds eligible for matching grants. They would have to be left unspent until a decision is reached, but if it is decided not to pursue funding, or funding is refused, the money is then available to CSCIA without issue. The value of tracked volunteer hours and services rendered in-kind are eligible for matching funds also. Original plans should be and could be submitted when applications will be accepted, probably February to April of 2023. Discussion followed regarding what sites and types of projects could be included, potential for student internships, funding amounts, permitting process, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Gov. Macindoe reported that the kayak/dinghy racks at the parks are managed by the Cape St Claire Yacht Club (CSCYC), have approximately 100 spaces with a waiting list well over 100 people, and cost \$75 per year paid to CSCYC to benefit the Youth Sailing summer camp. Currently many of the kayaks on the racks are not used regularly. Gov. Macindoe suggested limiting repeat rentals and adding additional spaces by connecting the current racks. Permits might be needed. Mr. Macindoe commented that sand rentals for boats stored on the beaches could be eliminated and free up beach space for recreational use by residents as well as the Youth Sailing program. Discussion followed regarding responsibility of CSCIA and the Yacht Club, potential of raising the rental fee to discourage dry storage or using a lottery system each year instead of continuing contracts. Mr. Macindoe will follow up with the yacht club. Gov. Macindoe also said he will meet with owners of boats stored on the beach where grasses are to be planted.

COMMENTS

Resident Steve Arnold commended the removal of vegetation from the fence on the main beach and asked for clarification on the need for more monitoring of transects. Pres. Breeden explained that more information was needed to create a technical memo to be used for further permitting and/or funding requests. Ms. Ryder added that marine sediment moves through the area constantly. Data is used in determining why sand moved to certain places to aid in designing plans to maintain the beach. Plans may change due to longer term observations of storms, boat activity, wave energy, etc. Mr. Arnold reported that he has spoken with Amanda Feidler regarding the exposed drainpipe on the beach. Pres. Breeden replied that CSCIA has been in contact with the county regarding the pipe many times. CSCIA cannot do anything in the tidal area without permits, has not been able to get the county to move the permit process along and that their process could take years to complete. Mr. Arnold expressed concern over the erosion. Pres. Breeden said that the plan was for a 15-year timespan of accretion and adding dredged sand. The sand added was only about 1,600 cubic yards of sand out of 16,000 yards needed. Mr. Arnold asked how residents can be notified of how to make a complaint and was told that the Caper shows email addresses for the various committees in each issue, and that Mr. Arnold may tell people to use parks@cscia.org if they want to follow up.

Stacy Wildberger reported for the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC), saying that Watershed Steward candidate's vegetation management plan for continuing to remove invasive species at Deep Creek was approved. She will request Oct 1 and Oct 8 workdays. Weed Warriors continue Wednesday night weeding. Katie Scott-Kelley met with Tree Troopers to acquire native trees at low cost. In conjunction with purchasing for the Deep Creek project, CCC may purchase additional trees for Little Magothy beach. Ms. Scott-Kelley will present a plan and may ask for CSCIA to split the minimal cost with CCC.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to move to a closed session and approved unanimously. The July 11, 2022 CSCIA Board of Governors meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:45 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 8:47 pm and adjourned at 9:14 pm. The regular session of the July 11, 2022 meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.