

**CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**APRIL 24, 2018**

The April Quarterly Membership Meeting was convened on April 24, 2018 in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. and thanked all for attending. He noted that a lot has happened since January, mentioning the new Clubhouse kitchen and ceiling and congratulating Governor Lamb for a job well done. He said that CSCIA has applied for over \$8,000,000 in funding from various sources for our beach restoration project. He mentioned the upcoming 60th anniversary Strawberry Festival and said that a commemorative book will be coming out. The Board had hired Aerotech to search for a Town Manager. Out of 400 applications submitted, they narrowed the search down to 8. We interviewed 5 of those candidates and gave them tours of our community, and have made our final choice. With that, President Breeden introduced Ryan Anderson, a 4-year resident of the Cape, as our first Town Manager. He will help oversee the daily operations of the CSCIA, interact with our elected representatives and state and county officials, and advocate for our interests. He will be starting the job on May 7.

President Breeden then introduced our guest speakers for the evening; Senator Reilly, Delegate Saab, Delegate Malone, and Delegate McConkey.

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

Delegate Malone spoke first, noting that he has been a county resident since 1970, is an attorney, and is on the Judiciary Committee. He discussed sponsoring bills and how the committee process works. He said 3 big bills this session were gun bills. Bills to ban bump stocks and take guns away from domestic violence perpetrators passed; a “red flag” bill did not pass, due to concerns about its language. Governor Hogan’s crime initiatives regarding fentanyl passed, as did a bill terminating rapists’ parental rights and initiatives regarding sentencing for second time violent crime offenders. A bill to do away with gerrymandering, which he sponsors every year, did not pass. He added that we will need strong Anne Arundel county representation to fight for our concerns about Route 50, the Bay Bridge, and traffic.

Delegate McConkey noted that he is on the Budget Committee and over his career has introduced 3,000 bills, 840 of which have passed. He said we have increased spending by 2.2%, with a record amount for education, with no new taxes or fees. He said a quirk in the federal tax law changes increased state taxes by \$757,000,000. The Governor and Legislature said they would address that issue but have only come with \$70,000,000 in relief. He did say a 2.75% tax on insurers to prop up the health exchange passed. He mentioned that 59% of transportation trust fund money goes to mass transit but most of the money comes from drivers. House Bill 372 passed which increases that percentage to 70% for Baltimore and DC mass transit, with no extra money for road projects. The education commission will be looking for new funding for education, including fencing off casino revenue. He said that a bill passed expanding financial aid for undocumented immigrants which will cause Maryland residents to lose out.

Delegate Sabb said he is on the health and government operations committee, dealing with health care, medicine, and procurement, and the opioid epidemic. He said there has been much work done trying to address the cost of medicine and the fact that small pharmacies are being forced out of business. He mentioned that the “red flag” bill which failed had no mental health component. He sponsored the beach restoration bond bill and will try again next year. He also sponsored a term limits bill and one signed into law dealing with elder abuse.

Senator Reilly started by addressing the issue of Sandy Point State Park filling up so early and so often last summer, creating traffic nightmares in our area. He noted that he and President Breeden and Pat Lynch of the Broadneck Council of Communities have been working with the county to alleviate the situation. Anne Arundel County Police will be helping with traffic again this summer. He mentioned that 2 years ago \$5,000,000 was set aside for studies. He noted that a law says that 5 counties on the eastern shore can block the location of a new bridge. He and Delegate Malone introduced a bill to change that but it went nowhere. They will continue to try every year until something happens. He has been working with President Breeden to get our \$100,000 bond bill funded out of a \$44,000,000 state budget and will support all of our efforts to get any funding we can. He noted that our beaches are heavily impacted by Bay shipping traffic.

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Lou Biondi asked that the correct name of the Affordable Care Act be used when referring to it.

Senator Reilly noted that the county shuts down whenever there are accidents on or near the bridges. He said highway safety council has said that 10' lanes on the Severn River Bridge are safe. He also noted that putting a third Bay span here will impact traffic for a 25 mile radius. In response to a comment regarding keeping eastbound trucks in left lane and westbound trucks in the right lane on the Seven River Bridge, he said he would take it up with state highway.

Delegate Malone commented on gerrymandering, which the Legislature refuses to discuss or bring to a vote. He said there is no discussion on term limits, either. He is hoping the state Supreme Court will deal with gerrymandering and noted that Governor Hogan has promised to address the issue. He lamented the fact that we have lost moderate and middle ground politicians and no one talks to or compromises with the other side. He also noted that Anne Arundel County has 4 U.S. congresspeople – more than 17 states.

Pat Lynch said she has looked at the possibility of altering the Bay Bridge toll collection system and was told it would not work. She also wondered how the eastern shore veto law was drawn up and whether we could get something that would allow Broadneck to veto a new span here.

### **BREAK**

There was a break from 8:35 P.M. until 8:53 P.M.

### **Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes:**

**The Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Annual Meeting:** Larry Jennings moved that these minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Phil Ourisson and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report / Approval of Profit & Loss (P&L) Statements:**

**The November 30, 2017, December 31, 2017, and January 31, 2018 P&Ls:** David Toy moved that these P&L statements be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Phil Ourisson. It was noted that these represent months 5, 6, and 7 of the fiscal year. After some discussion about legal fees and beach attendants being over budget, and the matter of timing of receipts and payments, the P&Ls were approved unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

President Breeden noted that Governor Layman is taking over the Covenants and Roads Committees while Governor Roche will be heading the Building Committee. He said there are a variety of ongoing building application and covenant issues.

President Breeden mentioned that one issue driving up legal costs are changes to the law which require us to do a land record search dealing with riparian rights and new or replacement pier construction. He said there have been a large number of pier requests this year.

President Breeden said we have 8 returning Beach Attendants and he is looking to increase the number to 10 or 12 by Memorial Day. Eighteen year-olds may apply for the job.

Governor Macindoe said he is working with Scouts regarding Eagle Scout projects, and noted new picnic tables and recycling can bins as recent projects. President Breeden added that we were denied our bond bill request, which was sponsored in both the House and the Senate, and we have spent \$200,000 of our own money so far on the beach restoration project. We applied for a \$100,000 DNR grant for stream restoration which we did not get. We need to work with non-profits and lobbyists along with the DNR trust, the MDE, the Corps of Engineers and Anne Arundel County. We are looking for a 25-year interest-free loan and have applied for a \$1,900,000 grant. Our permitting is 42% complete. We are more likely to be awarded money next year as our project gets closer to being shovel-ready. Our new Town Manager will be very helpful in allowing the Board to stay on top of things as they arise.

Greenvest is going all in with the county on our water protection and restoration project. A bid is in but we seem to have fallen off the favorite list. Greenvest is going after people who need to buy environmental credits. If they are awarded a contract, our contribution would be limited to \$750,000 out of a \$6,100,000 contract, which would require taking out a loan. New RFPs are going out in July. President Breeden noted that we have the most waterline of any county in the country.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Breeden showed the options for new playground equipment and said they will be online for community input.

Governor Lamb mentioned that this Strawberry Festival is the 60th. There will be a commemorative book and she is looking for princess contestants and coloring contest entries.

President Breeden noted that we are now planning our FY2020 budget. The Budget Committee, at [budget@cscia.org](mailto:budget@cscia.org), needs to hear from you regarding what you would like community resources to be used for.

Governor Fairchild said that the July 4th parade permits have been submitted. The volunteer page is coming online soon for people to volunteer to help with Cape activities and projects. She can be contacted at [events@cscia.org](mailto:events@cscia.org).

## **COMMENTS**

Lou Biondi said the turnout at the Goshen Farm Open House was over 600 people.

Phil Ourisson suggested we put a welcome letter and biography for Ryan Anderson in the Caper. Both will be in the June Caper.

Governor Lamb was thanked for getting street lights repaired and in place in the Cape.

Brad Knopf said that Project Clean Stream was a success, with over 60 people turning out.

President Breeden asked for a moment of silence for Matt Murphy, who was killed in an auto accident in Bay Hills by a driver high on illegal drugs. The driver grew up in the Cape.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Lou Biondi moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Larry Jennings and passed unanimously. The April 24, 2018 Quarterly Meeting of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The following Governors were present: Breeden, Fairchild, Lamb, Macindoe, Myers, and Roche. Governors Szczytko and Zadera were absent. Also present was Budget Committee chairman Buchet and members David Toy and Charlie Moore, and Administrator Coble.