

**CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
JULY 25, 2017**

The July Quarterly Membership Meeting was convened on July 25, 2017 in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. and thanked all for attending. He said he wanted to recognize the efforts of the Kent Island community in the wake of the recent tornado. He said the best way for folks to help out would be through the Queen Anne's County Emergency Management and Kent Island fire department. He mentioned Mr. Celano, who taught at Cape St. Claire Elementary School for years and whose home was destroyed. He was injured and is staying in the Cape for the time being. There are ways to help him which was noted on various Cape Facebook pages.

He also wanted to recognize three residents and a resident of Arnold who saved another resident, George Mikulski, from drowning at Deep Creek. The rescuers are a Mr. Pendergast, of Arnold, and Matt and Angela Jewett, and John Henschen. It was an incredible story in The Capital.

He added that it's summer and our busy season. The Strawberry Festival and the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade were both great successes and there were almost 2,000 people on the Main Beach watching fireworks. He said there will be quick committee updates tonight and noted our community is being run efficiently and in the black.

He then introduced our guest speaker, Corporal Scott McAdoo of the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

Corporal McAdoo introduced himself and told us a little about himself. He said he wanted to stress "if you see something, say something." He noted that the community Facebook pages are good sources of information. He mentioned that police department staffing is at record lows, with only 3 officers for the Broadneck peninsula, and that we need to be their eyes and ears. He noted the rise in theft from cars, most from unlocked vehicles or those with valuables out in plain sight. He said that outdoor lights as well as a dog can be a good deterrent. He said it helps to have citizen complaints that they can follow up.

He said that most breaking and entering occurs when people are at work and said that security cameras that record video can be very helpful. He noted that prices for them have come down quite a bit and many just need power and a Wi-Fi connection to right to a smart phone.

He said many calls involve mental health issues and that there is a mobile crisis response team to provide free help. Their 24/7 phone number is 410-768-5522. The police non-emergency phone number is 410-222-8600.

He mentioned that he is part of PACT – Police And Community Together – which works with the community on a variety of issues. He brought up drug use and said that 75% of all crime is drug-related, and mentioned that the health department will provide people with Narcan to deal with issues.

Lou Biondi mentioned calling the police about vandalism at Goshen Farm and getting no response back. Corporal McAdoo replied that there are too few police and that the squeaky wheel gets the grease – just be polite. President Breeden mentioned the police/community meetings that occur every month but July and August, and suggested that Mr. Biondi share photos of the perpetrators on social media and with the police.

In response to a question, Corporal McAdoo noted that Anne Arundel County police do not wear body cameras, although there are cameras in a few patrol cars in a pilot program. When asked about possible threats posed by door to door solicitors, he said that people should call the non-emergency number. In summation, he reviewed safety points he had made. Locks, lights, secured valuables, dogs, cameras and if you see something, say something.

We thanked him for his presentation.

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

**The Minutes of the April 25, 2017 Annual Meeting:** Dave Toy moved that these minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Phil Orrison and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

**The February 28, March 31, and April 30 2017 P&Ls:** Lou Biondi moved that these P&L statements be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Barbara Breeden and passed unanimously. There as a question regarding the variance (over/under) column. President Breeden said that reflects the timing of the ins and outs of cash flow. He noted that we finished FY 17 in the black in both SCBD and non-SCBD accounts.

There was a break from 8:18 until 8:28

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Lou Biondi passed out fliers with information regarding the Goshen Farm Wine Tasting/Silent Auction to be held on August 19 from 4 P.M. until 7 P.M. at 1504 Stacy Lane, 21409, with an admission cost of \$20. There was also information regarding the summer concert series from 6:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. on August 4 and 25, and September 8. He also mentioned the recent vandalism to an Eagle Scout project which involved a hatchet, ax, or machete. He said they are trying to get more people to visit and use Goshen Farm so its use and value to the community can be documented when they ask for a 25-year lease. He noted the Fall Open House will be on September 16 and will feature an exhibition on reef balls, with 50 or 60 kids coming to make them. There will also be a birds of prey exhibit with falcons, owls and other hunting birds. He ended by asking those who are not yet members of the Goshen Farm Preservation Society to join and support them.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Breeden discussed the Biohabitats contract, noting that the Board has met with them regarding permits and is ready to move forward with the design process. It will take 60 to 70 weeks to get us to build-ready, at a cost of \$167,500 just for the design contract to see what we can do. There is \$41,000 per year in the SCBD budget for this and the Board is exploring financing options and meeting with various agencies. There will be community meetings dealing with what has been a project that's at least 6 years in the making.

President Breeden brought up the subject of a town manager. He said there is \$37,000 budgeted for the second half of this fiscal year. He read a job description that the Board has been working on involving the various duties of the job. He also discussed the qualifications the Board would be looking for in an applicant. The job description will be online for comments from residents.

Governor Lamb noted upcoming Clubhouse improvements. All of the windows are being replaced; there will be new flooring in the kitchen; and the kitchen is being completely remodeled with new cabinets, island, and sink. The refrigerator and freezer will be moved to open up those windows and new lighting and ceiling work will hide all the pipes.

The building committee has been very busy with more applications in the first 7 months of this year than all of last year. The new electronic system is working well and speeding things up and old documents are being digitized. The situation regarding steps and a retaining wall and our riparian rights has at 1222 River Bay has been resolved and settled with the County.

Governor Roche said there have been a lot of covenant issues. He mentioned the County 311 line that people can call to report violations as well as road issues, potholes, and other problems the County is responsible for. One can call the number on a phone or access it through an app which will let you see the status of cases. He said the County is obligated to respond to all complaints.

President Breeden reported that 95% of the slip contracts are in and the wait list has been whittled down, in part due to the new \$100 fee. He said there were 190 on the list on January 1 and it's now down to 147 and will probably end up at about 80 to 90 by September 1.

Governor Szczytko mentioned that he has been updating the community websites.

Governor Fairchild noted the successful July 4 activities.

Governor Macindoe has been working with a few Boy Scouts on Eagle Scout projects. He said the Beach Attendants have been doing a great job and have been at Little Magothy Beach for the first time and have been turning away non-residents. He said that beach attendance is up and, with Sandy Point closing early almost every weekend, we have been turning away a lot of people.

President Breeden said the BCC met last Thursday discussing storm water management and noted that police have been dealing with traffic at Sandy Point and the Bay Bridge.

In response to a question regarding Beach Attendants testing water quality, President Breeden responded that it's a County job and the results are posted on the County website. Although there are always advisories after rainfalls, he noted that we have never failed a test in the last 10 years, He also added that Beach Attendants ask people to leave the beach during storms.

Jane Barrs mentioned that Galesville honors someone who's done something remarkable by making them the Grand Marshal in their July 4 parade and she thought it would be a nice way to honor those who responded to the near-drowning at Deep Creek.

President Breeden mentioned National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, from 5:30 until 8. He is looking for kitchen volunteers.

## **COMMENTS**

A resident brought up speeding issues on Blue Ridge and asked if there could be a traffic study. President Breeden responded that the Board will need residents to help with any study committee. He noted that the number of speed bumps is dictated by emergency responders. Governor Lamb said that a radar speed notification sign could go up temporarily at 908 Blue Ridge.

President Breeden said that the County has a new trash contract going into effect on August 1.

He also noted that there will be a meeting regarding phase 3 of the hiker biker trail tomorrow night at the library at 6:30 P.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Lou Biondi moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Debby Toy and passed unanimously. The July 25, 2017 Quarterly Meeting of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association was adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

The following Governors were present: Breeden, Fairchild, Lamb, Macindoe, Myers, Roche, and Szczytko. Governor Zadera was absent. Also present were Budget Committee member Toy and Administrative Assistant Coble.