



CHESAPEAKE ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
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**CICA Board of Director's Meeting—Minutes  
June 10, 2003**

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jim Abel, Dave Byler, Bill Dryden, Andrea Gilde, Rob Green, Harry Hite, Ken Knapp, Janet McKenna, Mike Szep, Sr., Elaine Weber

**ABSENT:** Ward Kever, Verne Orndorff

**Committee Members & Guests Present:** Joan Ferrick, John Bates, Barry Miller, Les Fritz, Mike Barromeo

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

*Correspondence Report*

The following correspondence was received:

- Elaine Weber submitted a letter resigning her board position as of the end of July. There will be two years remaining on her term.
- A letter was submitted by a property owner requesting a letter of recommendation. The request was filled by Mike Szep.

The following correspondence was sent:

- Letter to Eric Sennstrom, County Director of Planning, Zoning, Parks, and Recreation; regarding the Wapiti redevelopment. An article in "The Pennsylvania Episcopalian" newsletter stated that there was a possibility of home sites being sold on the property, which was never mentioned at any of the hearings. So far, we have not received any response to the letter, or to an earlier email.
- Package of information including the draft version of the rewritten by-laws was sent for review to the lawyer who represented Hollywood Beach when they changed their civic association to mandatory membership. We are considering using this same lawyer for our planning of a similar endeavor.

A Public Notice for a hearing regarding the North Bay development site and the environmental impact was distributed. The meeting will be at North East elementary school on Monday June 16. John Bates and a board member will attend. All community members are encouraged to attend.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted, with the following correction. Under the nominating committee report, it was stated that an “*additional director will be elected to fill the remaining two years of her term.*” The word *elected* should be corrected to read “*appointed.*”

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The monthly report was approved as submitted. As of May 31, we have spent 87.21% of our budget, and have taken in 99.88% of our budget. The fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (Contributor's name and/or committee chairperson's name shown in parentheses following report.)

**Architectural Review:** 1st complete electronic submission/approval of plans! Plans for a shed and a deck were approved. We expect plans for a new spec house on Rolling lot P-32. (Barry Miller)

**Beach:** The Friday Morning beach clean up crew is resuming. Shuffleboard equipment has been purchased.

- Someone has been driving a golf cart on the shuffleboard court, which ruins the paint, mars the surface, and the weight of the cart can crack the court itself. Golf carts should only be driven on roads, same as a car.
- A safety concern was raised regarding the white picket fencing marking off the grassy area on the beach, due to the low pickets on the beach. They pose a danger if someone trips and falls on them. There has been one minor injury. The picket fencing will be removed and replaced with a safer, more attractive alternative, to be decided by the beach committee. In the meantime, the pickets will be turned upside down.(Jim Abel)

**CICA Clothing:** Nothing to report. Burgees continue to sell well. (Dotty Fritz)

**Email & Website:** The website was moved to a commercial web hosting service, which will cost CICA \$8 per month. It will increase our capability of sending group emails, having more CICA email addresses, and no longer ties it to a private server. (John Reber)

**Erosion:** Nothing to report. (Ken Knapp)

**Grass Mowing:** 31 of 45 have sent in payment. A new property owner is requesting a discount on mowing, as there is very little that is mowable on the lot. As bills have already gone out and been paid by many members and property owners, we are maintaining the price per lot policy. (Ken Knapp)

**Harbor:** 87 mooring reservations. Good turnout on cleanup day, with a new canoe rack being built. (Bill Dryden)

**Historical:** No report given. (Audrey Buck)

**Legal:** Nothing to report. (Dave Byler)

**Maintenance:** Trees were removed from the ditch on Racine (trees were blocking the water flow), and will be removed from the side of the roadway. A spindle was replaced (in house) on the mower. The drive shaft was repaired, but the bill has not yet been received. Seven loads of millings will be delivered tomorrow. (John Bates)

**Membership:** 227 paid members to date, we are two ahead of where we were last year at the end of the fiscal year. We have 100% coverage of mailing tubes at the homes of regular full time members. (Les Fritz)

**Newsletter:** Copy is due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Newsletter will go out around July 10<sup>th</sup>, to be followed by the mandatory membership mailing. (Les Fritz)

**Pavilion:** Nothing to report. (Gay Turner)

**Roads:** 7 loads of millings are being delivered. (John Bates)

**Social:** BINGO on 6/25, Harbor Social 6/20 (volunteers are needed for set up). There was a great turnout for the Ladies Brunch. July 4<sup>th</sup> planning meeting tomorrow night (6/11). (Sue Seeley)

**Town Watch:** No incidents to report, but there have been many schedule changes. A volunteer is still needed for a new committee chairperson. Due to security concerns the schedule is no longer being posted on the website. (Harry Hite)

**Tractor:** tractor repairs reported under general Maintenance report (John Bates)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Boat Slips in the Harbor** – Mike Barromeo reported on the Slips Project proposed by himself and Ron Fritz. 25 people have shown interest to date. Mike asked to put a notice in the July Newsletter; more interested parties are being sought. Mike assured the Board that he intended to present information on the project at a future meeting. Mike Borrromeo will get a draft to the Mike Szep by 6/25/03.

**Nominating Committee** – a list of 7 candidates were distributed. At the Annual Meeting, 4 directors will be elected to 3-year terms. Elaine Weber's replacement will be appointed by the board. The list of candidates, as well as a short biography about each, will be included in the July Newsletter. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the list of candidates.

**2003-04 Budget** – The draft budget showed more proposed income than expenses. A discussion was raised as to whether we need to have a "balanced" budget. A balanced budget is not required by the by-laws. After some discussion, it was decided to add \$1000 to the Legal budget, and the remaining \$1800 will be a separate line item in the budget listed as "Reserve". A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as submitted, with the above changes. All approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A concern was raised regarding the proposed clearing of a lot on Caldwell Road. The trees have been cut down in preparation for building, and there is a good deal of

debris on the lot. There is rumor that the lot owner is seeking to have the Fire Co. perform a controlled burn on the property. The resident was concerned as the lot is located in between two existing homes and in the vicinity of other homes. A controlled burn could potentially cause fire hazard to other homes, water damage, smoke damage, and many residents on Caldwell are against this happening.

Although it is doubtful that the Fire Co. will perform a controlled burn in a closely populated community, Mike Szep will contact the Fire Chief in North East and express our concerns and opposition to this procedure.

**MOSQUITO Control** --Mosquito Spraying has started in our community. Although the County prefers to spray in the evenings, the rainy weather has forced them to do it whenever they can. When you hear the truck, try to stay indoors. The EPA has the following suggestions to reduce mosquito populations. This and other information can be found on the CICA website ([www.chesapeakeisle.org](http://www.chesapeakeisle.org))

### **What You Can Do to Help Fight Mosquitoes**

- Empty standing water in old tires, cemetery urns, buckets, plastic covers, toys, or any other container where "wrigglers" and "tumblers" live.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week if not more often.
- Drain or fill temporary pools with dirt.
- Keep swimming pools treated and circulating and rain gutters unclogged.
- Use mosquito repellents when necessary and follow label directions and precautions closely.
- Use head nets, long sleeves and long pants if you venture into areas with high mosquito populations, such as salt marshes.
- If there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect, stay inside during the evening when mosquitoes are most active.
- Make sure window and door screens are "bug tight."
- Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights.
- Contact your local mosquito control district or health department. Neighborhoods are occasionally sprayed to prevent disease and nuisance caused by large mosquito numbers. If you have any questions about mosquitoes and their control, call your local authorities.

**Mandatory Membership** – the committee met on 5/23. A proposed timeline of events was developed, with a goal being the Draft copy of the ballot letter being done by tonight's board meeting. A copy of the draft letter was distributed to all board members.

The final copy of the Ballot Letter (proposing the change to mandatory membership) will be sent out by 7/12. There will be an Open Meeting, mainly serving as a question and

answer session and an opportunity for property owners to air their concerns, on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. The ballots need to be returned by 8/20, with the results of the balloting being announced at the Annual General meeting. The Current Mandatory Membership committee will be responsible for counting the ballots.

*Addition to minutes, 6/23/03: The timetable of events in pursuance of Mandatory Membership may not proceed as above. It was decided that more time is needed for legal review of the proposed changes. A new schedule will be posted as soon as an updated timetable is determined.*

Letter was sent to and received by lawyer, with timeline and all other information.

Copies of draft letter were distributed. Board members should review the letter and email Mike with potential changes. A meeting will be set up with the lawyer.

**CLOSE OF BUSINESS:** There will be a special meeting only to discuss mandatory membership issues on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 at the pavilion. The next regular board meeting will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the pavilion.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Gilde, Secretary

CC: Committee Chairpersons  
Elk Neck State Park Rangers