



CHESAPEAKE ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 150 NORTH EAST, MD. 21901

CICA Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes December 9, 2003

The meeting began at 7:05 at the pavilion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Brian Clare, Bill Dryden, Janet McKenna, Ken Knapp, Michael Szep, Sr., Rob Green, Sonny Hayes, Gordon Osborne, Vern Orndorff, Jim Able

ABSENT: Jay Gilfillan, Ward Kever

Committee Members and Guests Present: John Bates, Dave Byler, Les Fritz, Allan Embon, John and Joan Ferrick, Trish Jones, Neil and Barbara Barr, Paul Jewell, and Art Wood.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: A welcome was given to all attendees. The President offered a heartfelt thank you to all that have helped these past months.

- A thank you goes out to the three former presidents who witnessed the ballot count, Art Wood, Jack Buck and Ben Goodman. Also a thank you to the Committee appointed by the President (Bill Dryden, Brian Clare, and Les Fritz) for the recent ballot count.
- The Campbells hosted a wonderful Wine & Cheese. What a great way to bring in the holiday season.
- A special thanks to the snow plow team on a terrific job, especially since it is so early in the winter season.
- Thank you to the Tractor Committee for getting the equipment not only ready, but the quick maintenance to the steering.
- Thank you to Ned Schoonover and Dave Byler for the quick postings on the sign for the voting and all listed community events and to Sal Tulumello for painting.
- Our Holiday Lights Committee is formed and I would like to thank them in advance for what I know will be a great job.

A special reminder -- Santa is looking for callers so he can stop by. Remember the North Pole is only a phone call or an e-mail message away.

A letter was sent regarding the service from the electric company.

Jim Reynolds
Conectiv Power Delivery
2 Centre Drive
North East, MD 21901

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your help in addressing the tree on lot C-10 (Darrel Road) in Chesapeake Isle that was compromising phone lines and putting Conectiv lines at risk. The tree was removed last week. I am sure it was as a result of you contacting Tom Clark at Verizon.

I also want to thank you and your people for the job you did in September after Hurricane Isabel left her mark on Chesapeake Isle. The Chesapeake Isle Civic Association recognizes that your people were working under very difficult circumstances. The news of the two downstate Maryland and three Virginia on-job fatalities gives testament to how dangerous the work is. We understand that communications problems during the weekend after the hurricane hit prevented you from knowing that a phase had gone back out after your crew's first attempt to get the community on-line. Once your line crew was made aware of the problem, all of Chesapeake Isle had the lights on promptly.

Finally, you told me that Chesapeake Isle's frequent outages are due primarily to trees coming down along Turkey Point Road and that Conectiv had been limited by the Park on trimming. I will be following up with Elk Neck State Park to try to get some relief.

Sincerely, Michael L. Szep, President

A revised responsibilities "stovepipe" roster was handed out and will be posted on the web site.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Draft minutes: October's minutes are in for review, November's minutes will be out for review hopefully this Wednesday, December's minutes will be out on or before Friday. (Janet McKenna)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copy expenses totaled \$261.00. The tractor is down to 8 payments remaining. There was \$6,000 moved from savings into checking. As reported in the last two board meetings the expenses will exceed our income until further into 2004. (Rob Green)

Bill Dryden moved to accept, Brian Clare seconded with the Board approving unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Architectural Review: Nothing to report. (Barry Miller)

Beach: Nothing new to report. (Jim Able)

A furniture donation is now in the pavilion.

CICA Clothing: Shirts were delivered back after the embroidery was done. The embroidery is in script with a blue heron. Christmas is here – wouldn't they like nice under the tree for a special someone?

Pictures of the new line of CICA designer clothing will be posted on web.

E-mail and Web: Nothing new to report. (John Reber)

Erosion: Nothing new to report. The community is looking for a bush hog to rent. So far we are waiting for response to feelers for available and reasonable rates for a bush hog to cut down the overgrowth on Jacobs Nose. The vendor will do the cutting, hopefully this spring. (John Bates)

Grass Mowing: Nothing new to report, everything is white.

Harbor: Repairs cannot be done on the old dock, this will have to wait until Spring. Some batter boards will be installed for the winter. Some cleaning up was accomplished. We are now waiting for the snow to melt to remove the pile of debris that Bob Jones, crew and kids were kind enough to cut down. The harbor looks great, thank you to all for your appreciated efforts. Bobby Jones also offered to take care of removal of the debris if needed. Again, thank you Bobby. (Bill Dryden)

Historical: No new report. Audrey Buck has been given a newspaper advertisement from June of 1963 of what was then Rolling Hills to add to Audrey's historical collection..

Legal: No legal action. John Bates and Dave Byler will attend Department of the Environment hearing at the North East Elementary School in North East at 7:00 p.m., on the Elk Neck State Park Discharge Permit related to the NorthBay Learning Center. This sewerage treatment facility discharges into the Elk River just north of Chesapeake Isle. (Dave Byler)

Maintenance: Some of our equipment is winterized and the road roller is put away for winter. There was some maintenance done on the tractor, a pin was sheered off on the steering. Brian Clare and John Bates repaired the steering. Tires were changed on front of tractor on Wednesday which will add an approximate additional \$500.00 to CICA expenses. The wipers need some repairs as well. (John Bates)

John Bates was able to provide 4 wheel drive tractor assistance to a CICA member whose vehicle was stuck on the hill below Rogues Harbor on Turkey Point Road, due to the recent bad weather. Thank you John.

Membership: Membership letters are written, invoices for 2004 are all made up. Boat forms are all made up and will be accompanying the invoices. They will be out by the end of December with a January 1st due date for the 2004 membership year..

259 paid membership, 15 more than the previous high year, an all time record. (Les Fritz)

Newsletter: The newsletter preparation is under way. Please get anything for the newsletter by the 5th of January. (Les Fritz)

Roads: Not much work. No millings are available as of yet. We are trying a different source to obtain millings to fill the potholes. In early spring will see a large delivery for the bulk of the repairs and maintenance on the roads.

Spoke to Mr. Giffing regarding trimming his pine trees; it is hard to maneuver the plow, especially with heavy snow. (John Bates)

Snow Plowing: No new contracts for services. So far there are 28 contracts adding \$1,575.00 to the budget. There are openings for seven more contracts. We can be responsive to a total of 35 contracts. Please call Ken Knapp or John Bates. Snow plowing will be done on a systematic basis.

Boat, cars, trailer motorcycles, tree limbs, etc. please be sure that all objects that are on or close to the road be moved. Our snow plowing team is running into some difficulty going around these obstacles. (John Bates)

Social: Christmas caroling is 6:00 on the 20th at the pavilion. The holiday light contest is gearing up. (Sue Seeley)

Town Watch: No new issues reported from town watch.

Poachers have been spotted and rangers have been contacted. If you see anything that looks out of place, please call the rangers. Do not approach these people yourselves.

Lot (G-17) reported that someone was in their house. Beer cans were left in the house with residue of candles and cigarettes, etc. Sheriff was notified, as was town watch and the community. Bobby Jones offered to keep an eye on this situation.

Please keep watch on your neighbor's house when they are not home and, if you suspect anything, please call the Sheriff @ (410) 996-5500.

Tractor: Some repairs were made on the tractor as well as tire replacement. There was a pin in the steering that was sheered off. This was replaced. The wipers will be the next item to repair. (John Bates)

Old Business:

VOTE DETAILS:

Bill Dryden reported regarding the ballot count:

A committee appointed by the President to count the ballots met at the Dryden house at 7:00 PM on December 8th to open and count the ballots.

Present were the count committee of Bill Dryden, Brian Clare & Lester Fritz and witnesses Jack Buck, Ben Goodman & Art Wood, all of which were past association presidents. Also present to witness the count were Dave Byler, Chairperson of Legal Review Committee, and directors Jay Gilfillan and Rob Green.

The ballots were opened and the following represents the vote:

Votes from eligible owners received 212.
Votes in favor of the changes 129 (62% or 52% of 250)
Votes not in favor of the changes 82 (39%)
Vote not accepted, as it was incomplete 1.

In addition we received 8 ballots from owners that were not eligible to vote, as they are not members of the association.

There were a large number of members present who expressed opposition.

The votes were counted at least four times. 129 Yes, 82 No, 1 not accepted, Approximately 38 eligible members did not send in votes. (Bill Dryden)

A discussion followed regarding what the CICA's next steps should be. Providing time for membership feedback, contacting counsel, and certifying the number of members eligible to cast a ballot were proposed. Some guests present strongly recommended that the proposed changes to the bylaws had been approved by a majority of the membership and that the Board should move ahead.

Sonny Hayes moved and Rob Green seconded this motion:

Move that the Membership Chairman provide the Board with a validation of the total membership numbers regarding the count of the vote. Verification of actual membership and ballot returns will be given in a week's time; full breakdown of these numbers will be issued on December 16th.

Board agreed unanimously.

The presentation of the Membership Chairman's report will be given on the December 16, 2003 at the pavilion at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to all the committee members for their work and past presidents who agreed to verify the accuracy of the vote.

Boat Slip Committee: Nothing new to report.

Saturday mornings job post proposal: will be considered later. The proposal will be issued in writing for what need to be accomplished for the spring.

New Business:

- Annual Spring dinner in April will be here shortly. The nominations for man and woman of the year will need to be accomplished before January 15th. Mike will send out criteria letter to all directors. Directors shall provide the President with their recommendation for 2004 honorees.
- Committee lists and updates need to get to the website committee for posting. A suggestion for a hospitality committee for the community was voiced.

Ken Knapp made a motion to adjourn; Bill Dryden seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet McKenna, Secretary

cc: Committee Chairperson
Elk Neck Park Rangers