



CHESAPEAKE ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 160 NORTH EAST, MD. 21201

**CICA Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
February 17, 2005**

The meeting began at 7:00 at the pavilion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Dryden, Janet McKenna, Bill Day, Jen Green, Gordon Osborne, Michael Szep, Sr., Sue Schooley, Sonny Hayes, Jay Gilfillin

ABSENT: Brian Clare, Ward Keever, Ken Knapp

Committee Members and Guests Present: Dave Byler, John Bates and Carl Killian

President's Report: Since our last meeting:

Thanks to all who have worked on the agreement which will be forwarded to the plaintiffs' attorney.

Thanks to the snow removers who did a great job: Jim Abel, Sonny Hayes, Chris Shelton.

Bill Dryden, President

SECRETARY'S REPORT: January 11, 2005 meeting minutes have been approved. (Janet McKenna)

TREASURER'S REPORT: The budget looks misleading with the wages being down and 44% of the budget spent so far. We now have approximately 64% of the budget in. This is historical for this time of year. We are over budget on secretarial expenses due to

the large amount of mailings that have gone out to keep the community apprised of the legal proceedings. And, I am sure with more mailings to come. There is money in from 160 memberships so far. I moved \$10,000 from checking into savings.

We need to start thinking about proposed calculations for the committees and upkeep of the association so figures can be collect and a projected budget can be presented. This information was typically presented sometime in and around May 1st. The timeline might change due to the pending litigation.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Treasurer's Report was approved. (Sonny Hayes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Architectural Review: Lot P-9 on Turkey Point Road has been approved. Nothing else to report. The Board was alerted that there appears to be a tree house going up on Community land. This will be looked into. (*Gordon Osborne* for Ken Knapp)

Beach: Nothing new to report other than a modification to the existing swingset. A ladder was moved so it would not interfere with the swings and be safer for the children. (Gary Gilde)

CERT Team: Nothing new to report. (Harry Hite)

CICA Clothing: Nothing new to report. (Charles & Mihaela Godby)

Drainage: The committee consists of the following members: Bill Dryden, Brian Clare, Sonny Hayes, Ward Keever, Gordon Osborne, Bill Day, Mike Szep and Carl Killian.

The entire committee has not met recently due to weather and vacations; however, Sonny Hayes and Carl Killian reviewed the majority of the drains in the community as per attached list, dated January 10, 2005. The results of the review indicate there are three major problems that require action. Bennett Avenue drain that goes across the road is collapsing; the drain across Route 272 at the school shelter is blocked (should be County repair); and drainage on Caldwell. The rest of the community appears to be maintainable by normal CICA clean up activities.

In general, there are a large number of homes that require a drainage pipe in their driveway to allow proper drainage. The committee will contact the County as necessary as well as utilities plots for potential repairs. Work priorities and cost estimates will also be established. (Carl Killian)

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

Erosion: Nothing new to report. (John Bates)

Grass Mowing: Nothing new to report. (Brian Clare)

Harbor: The boat registration requests have begun with 70 forms received to date.

Two signs seem to be an attraction with the kids and are down again and will be reinstalled during the spring clean up.

I would like to begin review of work required for the mooring puller in the up coming week. I plan to ask John Bates for the design prints of the puller. Ed Earle has offered to weld one of the mooring puller wenches and the supporting yoke bracket for the floating platform. (Bill Day, Harbor Master)

Historical: Historical committee met on January 21, 2005 at the home of Pat Day. Audrey Buck, Anna Green and Pat Day were in attendance. We reviewed our study of the By-Laws from the inception of CICA to date and will be issuing a report in April.

We are now working on our presentation for the April Dinner.

Our next meeting will be in April prior to the annual dinner; date to be determined. (Pat Day, Co-Chairperson)

Legal: The Motion Hearing was held Friday, January 21, 2005 at 11:18 A.M. before the Honorable Richard Eli Jackson.

The attorney for the plaintiffs, Joseph J. Mahoney and the attorney for CICA, Robert V. Jones met with Judge Jackson in his chambers for about 20 minutes. After the meeting Judge Jackson summarized the meeting saying that membership in CICA can not be required membership of all property owners, however, all property owners are, by

Maryland Law, required to participate *pro rata* in the cost of maintaining our roads and all other common areas.

Judge Jackson then instructed the attorneys to submit a workable plan within 60 days that will provide for the formation and administration of a budget covering the cost of maintaining our roads and all other common areas. If such a plan is not submitted, Judge Jackson would decide on a plan which may not be to the liking of either party, and would undoubtedly become costly.

In attendance at the hearing were about 6 CICA members and about 20 people representing the plaintiffs. (Dave Byler)

Maintenance: Maintenance is scheduled for March 5th at 8:30 A.M. If you have chainsaws or can borrow one, please bring what you can. Ropes and extension ladders are need too.

I am going to talk to Mike Sweeney regarding a survey.

We opened a ditch at the marsh area near the beach. This will help keep the high marsh waters from washing any sand away (John Bates)

Membership: We are up to 171, which is great. (Les Fritz)

Newsletter: Nothing new to report. (Andrea Gilde)

Roads: Chris Shelton has taken care of Bennett and patched pot holes with a helper. We will try to do a little more, weather providing. I am waiting until after March 5th to try to get some more millings. (John Bates)

Snow Plowing: Nothing new to report. (Brian Clare)

Pavilion: The pavilion has received reservations already. Please reserve your date they seem to go pretty quickly. So far July 9th, 23rd and 31st have been reserved. (Sonny for Sara Hayes)

Social: We have 26 who have signed up for the Progressive Dinner slated for March 12th and 13 for the Annual Spring Dinner. Please call Karen Dryden or Diane Gilfillin.

The Annual Dinner is scheduled for April 16, 2005 at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun. (Sue Seeley)

Town Watch: Nothing new to report. (Jorja Osborne)

Tractor: Nothing new to report. (John Bates for Brian Clare)

Old Business: Legal is putting together a proposed agreement at Judge Jackson's request from the January 21, 2005 hearing.

New Business: A Community yard sale event has been proposed. Jennifer Greenfield is getting circulars out to see how much interest this will spark. If you have an interest or would like more information contact Jennifer Greenfield at (410) 287-2904.

Next meeting March 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet McKenna, Secretary

cc: Committee Chairperson
Elk Neck Park Rangers