

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2022  
Helen Lena Clubhouse**

**Present:** Page Heslin, Lee-Ann Berger, Wick Mallory, Lou Piscatelli, Lili Plisic (arr. 8:00 PM)

**Absent:** Bill Christopher, Paul Formica

**Also Present:** Louise Wilcox, Jim Beaulieu, Mike Heenehan, Alan Pease, John Ranelli

**1. Call to Order**

P. Heslin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**2. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2022 Meeting**

**MOTION: (L. Berger/L. Piscatelli) to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting**

**VOTE:** Approved Unanimously

**3. President's Report:**

P. Heslin noted that we have several important committee chair vacancies that need to be filled, including Clubhouse, Budget, and Recreation. Potential candidates were discussed and will be approached to see if willing to serve.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

L. Wilcox submitted a written report. Only one tax payment remains outstanding. There is \$74,882.98 in the checking account and \$212,804.04 in the Capital Account, with a credit card balance of \$682.51.

**5. Potential Winter Projects**

P. Heslin noted that it is a good time to consider what we want to focus on as a board over the winter. She suggested two areas: 1) security/enforcement, and 2) bylaws and ordinances updates. Both of these topics have been brought up by association members as things that need attention. We should also consider whether to revisit the work done by the Clubhouse Grounds Development Committee, and whether we want to renew a proposal on some or all of those suggestions to the Association. Discussion followed and the consensus was that these are all good topics to focus on. We can discuss further in future meetings. P. Heslin asked if anyone had additional topics that they would like to add to the list, but board members felt that the already identified projects are more than sufficient to keep them busy for the Winter.

**6. Committee Reports**

A. Beach: M. Heenehan reported that he has had two meetings with his committee. The Beach is our number one asset. They have retained H. Plaut to handle the installation and removal of swim lines and the raft rather than relying on volunteers, and will adjust their budget accordingly. The five-year permit that was issued for sand replenishment on the main beach in 2017 has expired this year (on 9.12.22). Our

environmental consultant, Coastline Consulting, has advised us that we can apply for a "Certificate of Permission" springing from this expired permit. It is cheaper, involves a truncated review procedure, and will last for 5 years. Following discussion, the Board agreed with the Committee's recommendation to pursue this approach.

M. Heenehan also reported that K. Mosher and J. Dasco have requested permission to plant dune grass on the beach in front of their respective properties. They believe that this will help to prevent erosion of the beach. M. Heenehan researched the issue and opposes the request. Our DEP consultant advised against planting the grass, saying that it is very invasive, and that it will not prevent erosion in that setting. There are no dunes on our beach, which is the application in which planting "dune grass" can be beneficial for that purpose. In addition, there is already a large sea wall along the length of the beach, which is a more effective barrier than the grass would be to trap sand. H. Plaut also strongly opposed planting the grass, and said that he would no longer work on our beach if we did so.

**MOTION: (L. Piscatelli/L. Berger) to deny the request to plant dune grass on the GNBA beach in front of the Dasco and Mosher houses.**

**VOTE: Yes – 3 (Piscatelli, Berger, Heslin); No – 0; Abstain -1 (Mallory). The request to plant dune grass is denied.**

L. Plisic arrived at meeting following the vote.

W. Mallory asked M. Heenehan what the status is of moorings and how they are being managed these days. Information from the Town is conflicting/confusing. Mike will follow up and report back.

B. Clubhouse: L. Wilcox reported that there is one more scheduled Clubhouse rental for the year, in November. She will likely shut it down around Thanksgiving.

## **7. Comments from Public**

John Ranelli asked if any decision had been made about repair or replacement of the groin between his property and West Beach. P. Heslin informed him that – after investigation and discussion with DEP consultants – the Board had decided not to take any action with respect to the groin. It is a very expensive proposition, with a number of regulatory hurdles/restrictions, and no certainty of beneficial outcome. M. Heenehan noted further on behalf of the beach committee that he does not believe that the groin does anything beneficial for the state of west beach, and in fact creates issues by trapping and collecting eel grass, so he is opposed to any reinforcement or repair of the groin at this time.

P. Heslin noted that the November BOG meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11/14 at 7:30 PM.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION: (W. Mallory/L. Berger) to adjourn at 8:40 PM**

**VOTE: Approved Unanimously (5-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Page Heslin, President and Acting Secretary