

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2022, 9:00 AM
HELEN LENA CLUBHOUSE,
31 WEST PATTAGANSETT ROAD, NIAN TIC CT,**

Present: Page Heslin
Lee-Ann Berger
Bill Christopher
Lili Plisic
Wick Mallory
Lou Piscatelli

Absent: Peter Knowles

1. Call to Order:

P. Heslin called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

2. Presentation, Proposed Amendment, and Acceptance of Agenda

MOTION: (G. Shea/J. Makiaris) to amend the agenda to: 1) consolidate the votes for items 8 A, B, C and 9 A & B into 8 A, B, C, D, and E and 2) to renumber item 9C to a new item 9, the purpose being to consolidate all of the written ballot votes into item 8, and to clarify that the new item 9 vote concerning the boat launch repair would be a placard vote from the floor C.

VOTE: Approved Unanimously by placard vote.

MOTION: (I. Makiaris/J. Corcoran) to accept agenda as amended.

VOTE: Approved Unanimously by placard vote.

3. Moment of silence for members deceased since last annual meeting.

4. Approval of minutes from July 17, 2021 Association meeting.

MOTION: (T. Hartigan/ /L. Corona) to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2021 Association meeting.

VOTE: Approved Unanimously by placard vote.

5. President's Report

P. Heslin welcomed everyone to another summer season at GNBA, and reminded people of the various rules that exist to ensure everyone can enjoy our lovely community. Things to keep in mind: speed limits and stop signs, no parking on streets, no smoking or glass containers on beach, no animals on beach, compliance with noise ordinances. She reminded people that owners are responsible for violations by their renters and guests as well. She noted that volunteers are always needed for the various committees, and encouraged people not yet involved to look at the directory on the website for things that

interest them. In particular, we need new chairs for the beach committee, the harbor committee, and the insurance committee. She noted that the Clubhouse Grounds Development Committee has been working hard all winter to identify and investigate potential improvements to the grounds surrounding the clubhouse and court, and they will present a report later in the meeting. This is informational only at this point; there is no formal proposal at this time.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer L. Wilcox reported that as of May 31, 2022 there was \$55,179 in the checking account and \$165,196 in the capital account.

7. Presentation of proposed operating budget for 2022-2023 and forecasted capital projects

I. Makiaris presented the proposed operating budget, including detail on the revenues and expenses, and the status of the capital account. The proposed operating budget has not changed since the one presented at the May informational session. The capital account had approximately \$165,000 at the end of May, with approximately \$62,000 appropriated for previously approved projects. An overview of these items and the additional items subject to approval on the written ballot was given.

8. Vote by written ballot on 2022-2023 budget and certain proposed capital expenses

Members completed their written ballots; W. Mallory and T. Hartigan collected the ballots, and tabulated them with A. Pease as neutral observer.

9. Vote by placard from floor to approve \$12,000 to replace boat ramp

MOTION: (J. Beaulieu/I. Makiaris to appropriate \$12,000 to replace the existing boat ramp.

VOTE: Approved by show of placards.

10. Nominating Committee

(Steve Bruno, Angelo Bettera, Trip Hartigan, John Makiaris)

A. Board of Governors: On behalf of the nominating committee, S. Bruno nominated L. Berger, W. Mallory, and L. Piscatelli to serve additional two-year terms and P. Formica to serve an initial two-year term.

MOTION: (L. Corona/A. Calanquin) to accept the slate presented by the nominating committee to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors.

VOTE: Approved by show of placards.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals: On behalf of the nominating committee, S. Bruno nominated T. Hartigan to serve an additional three-year term as a regular member, and T. Moore to serve an additional three-year term as an alternate member.

MOTION: (L. Corona/L. Raffa) to accept the slate presented by the nominating committee to fill vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

VOTE: Approved by show of placards.

11. Preview of Possible Improvements/Projects at and around the Clubhouse

L. Wilcox presented a powerpoint summarizing the committee's work over the winter, including issues identified and potential solutions. Her committee included Jim Horton, Irene Makiaris, Trip Hartigan, Glory Lena, and Joan Malone. Questions and discussion followed concerning various aspects of the presentation. A. Calanquin noted that there should be railings on the stairs in the retaining wall; L. Wilcox agreed, saying these were just representative pictures. The presentation will be posted on the website for people to view at their convenience, and more discussion will follow at July meeting.

VOTE RESULTS: Following the presentation, W. Mallory and T. Hartigan reported the results of the ballot votes as follows:

- Item 1: Passed 56-1
- Item 2: Passed 57-0
- Item 3: Passed 57-0
- Item 4: Passed 54-3
- Item 5: Passed 56-1

12. Committee Reports

- A. Clubhouse: L. Wilcox reported that the doors and windows have been replaced.
- B. PWC: Cocktail party will take place July 10th from 6 – 10 PM. The Steve Bruno band will be playing.
- C. Maintenance: Previously approved stairways should be completed in fall.

13. Comments From the Public

- A. Calanquin noted that dogs have been running on the beach, which is not allowed.

- A. Bettera noted that the ROW along the Cook wall at the end of Point Rd. is obstructed by weeds and not passable. J. Beaulieu replied that we do weed whack but do not want to pull out native beach grass. A. Bettera also noted that the stairway by the creek is in disrepair and needs attention.

- F. Wesoly suggested that it might be time to update our bylaws and ordinances.

- M. Donegan complained about the condition of the beach and asked why it couldn't be cleaned more frequently and more effectively. J. Beaulieu replied that DEP prohibits us from doing anything before July 15th, and even after than we can't go below high tide mark. Discussion followed.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: (M. Heenehan/I. Makiaris) to adjourn at 10:15 AM

VOTE: Approved unanimously by placard

Respectfully Submitted,
Page Heslin, President and acting Secretary