

GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Membership
August 19, 2023 9:00 A.M.
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1. Call to Order:

Lous Piscatelli called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Presentation and Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Irene Makiaris made a motion to approve the June 17 minutes. Anne Calanquin seconded the motion. **Vote: Approved**

Kevin Mosher made a motion to approve the July 15 minutes. Fran Wesoly seconded the motion. **Vote: Approved**

3. President's Report

- a. In Paul's absence, Lou gave BOG and some committee updates. He reported that the communications liaison, Mary Ann Heenehan, has done a great job. In MaryAnne's absence, he reported that the private Facebook group is up and running and at 67 members. She is researching options for texting.
- b. Cottage is rented at \$2,400 per month.
- c. West Beach stairs repair has been completed.
- d. Tom Doggart and Jim Beaulieu are looking at issues with the storm drains. Paul met with the East Lyme Public Works Director, and he is waiting for further contact from the town concerning drainage issues.
- e. Goose problem seems to be improving.
- f. Gail Shea resigned from BOG. Anyone interested in taking that open position should approach a board member to volunteer.

4. Treasurers Report

In Louise Wilcox's absence, Lou reported that there is \$295,606 in the Association's capital and operating bank accounts. All but 5 tax bills have been collected with a total outstanding amount of \$3,567.

5. Clubhouse and Court Committee Updates

Irene Makiaris said that there have been two meetings of the new committee and research is still being done.

6. Brush & Maintenance Committee

The committee knows about the downed trees and the storm drains that are clogged, and they are looking into it.

7. Zoning

The committee has created a new form for contractors and homeowners to sign when work is being done on a premise that reflects the Association's current ordinances. There was a discussion about on-street parking by contractors.

8. Beach Committee

The beach committee has applied for a Certificate of Permission to apply sand to Mother's Beach if needed in 2024 and is awaiting a report from a botanist about threatened and endangered plants which is needed for the certificate.

Rafts that have been moored on the beach are now being removed when not in use.

The committee is working on plans for volunteers to clean the beaches.

9. Dock Committee

The slips at the dock are full. There are 30 households on the waiting list for slips despite the highest turnover ever this year. The committee is looking into providing power on the dock and an additional floating dock to hold more boats.

10. Member's Discussion

a. There was a discussion about the construction noise policies and enforcement. Jim Horton questioned whether they would be successful at deterring the violations. Mario Harris said the rules should be enforced year-round. Mario suggested calling the police when there is a violation. Mario suggested a zoning policy that shuts down construction for 30 days if there is a violation. John Wohler said the homeowner needs to tell the contractors to get off the road. Fran Wesoly suggested that the top 5 things contractors need to know should be posted in front of the construction site. Robin Knowles suggested imposing a fine. Kevin Mosher suggested showing the homeowner how much parking is available on their property. Irene Makiaris suggested putting the rules about hours and parking in the zoning application.

Gerry Van Noordennen said the zoning commission can't impose fines, but it can shut down the project until the homeowner comes before the commission. Changing the hours that construction is allowed will require a by-law change.

b. Angelo Battero suggested that it needs to be easier to bring small boats in and out of Mother's Beach. He asked for clarification about whether the GNBA owns any of the Heights Beach. The answer was yes – a small strip at the opposite side of the beach on Rocky Neck. There was a suggestion to charge the Heights rent for the use of that space.

c. Mandy Moore suggested membership meetings all year round.

d. Wendy Bradley suggested renting out parking spots on the clubhouse property.

e. Rich Corona mentioned an incident earlier in the morning where a car was speeding and blowing through stop signs. The idea of installing temporary speed bumps in the summer months was floated.

MOTION: (T. Doggert/I. Makiaris) to adjourn at 9:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted
Annah Perch,

Meeting's Recording Secretary