

**The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Bay View Improvement Association** was held on September 5, 2020 at 10:00 am on the Bay View Green.

Board members Betty Ann Schildgen, Chair; Teresa Sirico, Vice-Chair; Jo Gullo and Gina Zappone as well as Treasurer Tammy Mursko and Clerk Dotti Arcovitch were introduced. Tom Torello was absent due to an injury following the recent storm.

New owners were welcomed.

**Roll Call of the Proxies:** Betty Ann -18, Teresa-20, Dorothy Schildgen-8, Pat McComish-1, Gina Zappone 3, Ed Garlick-2, Dotti Arcovitch- 6, Brian Beirne-1, Mark Clark-1, Steve Ryzcer-3, Emily Blogoslawski-1, Joe Gullo-2, Alice Lara-2, Diane Gullo-1, Dave Culhane-1, Karen Pace-1, William Shaw-2.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2019 were presented. Charles Murphy (25 Field Ct.) moved they be accepted. Tom Sgroi (13 Oakland) questioned why the \$500 set aside for Beautification went into the Beach Maintenance line item. Ann Maher (84 Orland St.) from the Budget Committee clarified that since there was no Beautification line item set up in 2019 that was the most appropriate place to put it. Janet Parshall (33 Warren St.) seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Report of the Chair:** This year we ordered five new buoys, three for our beach and one each for each of the beaches at Milesfield and Westland Ave. Two new boat racks were constructed which now total 48 racks. The racks were stained to match the benches and were also stenciled and arranged by number 1-24 Warren St. side and 25-48 on the Oakland side.

Over the winter the Board made numerous requests to the City officials regarding starting dates for the flooding project. We hired Attorney Paul Begemann to represent Bay View. The City wanted to dig up a portion of our beach near the Oakland Ave. boat racks to work on pipes. We wanted to protect our interest that Bay View remain a private beach. Once you accept Federal funds or state funding which was part of the project, you jeopardize keeping your private beach status. The City claimed we had signed in the past to give them right-of-way. The City did a title search and found they were wrong.

A meeting was held with Attorney Begemann in March and was attended by Joe Gullo, Teresa Sirico and myself via phone. Attorney Begemann drew up a document protecting us for the City to sign in April giving the City permission for this one time only to cross our property to work on the pipes. They must make a request in the future any time they want access our beach. We want to help everyone involved to correct this street flooding problem but also protect our private beach now and in the future.

**In March our world changed. Covid 19 affected and continues to affect all our lives. We now have to wear masks, distance 6 feet apart, zoom meetings, distance learning in schools, and many sports events cancelled. Many of the Bay View recreational activities had to be cancelled and new safer events replaced them. We purchased a screen and projector for movies on the Green this summer and for future use. Our Board meetings have been on Zoom since March.**

**We opened the beach on June 20 this year a week earlier because schools were closed and people were working from home. This summer the beach was much more crowded with people coming in from New York and other areas of Ct. This was due to the City beaches being open to Milford residents only. Signs were posted requiring all members bring their BVIA beach tags to the beach. The lifeguards did a great job checking for tags and asking non-members to please leave. Over 20 beach tags were replaced this summer.**

**Thank you to the mystery owner who made the very attractive painted signs on the fence saying "Beach Tag Required".**

**Thank you to all who served on any committee.**

**Thank you to Pat McComish and Diane Gullo for volunteering to care for the flowers on our Green again this year.**

**Thank you to the Mursko family for moving and positioning those heavy boat racks.**

**Thank you to Ray Jacob for volunteering your building to store all our lifeguard stands and benches again.**

**Thank you to Chris and Ray Jacob for volunteering to put our buoys and anchors in the water at the beginning of the season and removing them at the end.**

**Thank you to the Kalbaj family for repairing our boat rack which collapsed after the recent storm.**

**Thank you to Lynn Ryzcer for volunteering to lead the recreation program and doing a great job.**

**Thank you to all who volunteered their time on the Board this year: Teresa Sirico, Joseph Gullo, Tom Torello, and Gina Zappone. Thank you to Dotti Arcovitch, our clerk and Tammy Mursko our treasurer.**

**What helps to make a community great is the people who give their time freely.**

**The Report of the Clerk of the Bay View Improvement Association:** A list of delinquents has been made available. There are currently 3 single year delinquents (1 Bayshore was paid today) and 12 multiple year delinquents. (Second notices were sent on August 1). Liens will be placed the second week of September.

**Report of the Treasurer of the Bay View Improvement Association:** A copy of the budget was provided in the mailing. The Treasurer noted that a delinquent payment was made to the IRS for the year 2015 and a missed payment of \$3000 for beach sifting in 2018 appears in the report. Tom Sgroi asked for line item definitions and the Treasurer complied and a discussion followed. Tom Sgroi of 13 Oakland questioned the Treasurers increase in salary in the 2021 budget. Tammy volunteered to donate it to the Beautification Committee. Ann Maher, and Betty Ann supported the increase and talked about all the extra work Tammy has done. The owner of 52 Warren St. Isabella Schroeder asked about the annual audit. A review this year was done by Joseph Lee our CPA. Tom Sgroi asked how much was available to spend and was told there is \$103,000 in savings. Susan Ciotti (57 Creeland Ave.) moved the report be accepted. Ed Garlick (26 Oakland Ave.) seconded and the report was accepted.

**Unfinished Business:** Tom Sgroi presented his credentials and as Chair of the Beautification Committee asked that the Report of the Committee be recognized. He made a motion that the draft plan document of suggested projects be adopted. Bill Neubauer (42 Field Ct.) seconded. The motion passed with 2 abstentions. There was discussion, with people asking for clarification of project costs. Tom explained that he was only presenting the Committee's report, not recommendations. He moved that a line item be created for the \$500 set aside for beautification. Ed Garlick seconded and the motion passed. A copy of the report will be available upon request to the Association.

**New Business:** Pam DiMartino (78 Orland) stated that she would like to see Bay View Beach remain as it is and has been over the last almost 100 years as we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To that end she would like to explore historic status. Jeannette Parshall (33 Warren St.) seconded a motion to preserve Bay View as it is. Discussion followed. Mark Clarke (50 Field Ct) mentioned that obtaining historic status requires a great deal of preparation. Betty Ann mentioned that we are a taxing municipality and this may affect our historic status going forward and could have a negative effect on the association. Ed Garlick amended the motion to set up a committee to explore preservation. The vote was taken and the motion did not pass. Lauren Julian (7 Oakland) asked if there was an end to the charter and was told "no". Mark Clarke asked if proxies are limited to the Board of Directors and was told "no". Tammy Mursko explained the proxies. Bill Neubauer stated that he feels the proxies provide unfair magnification of the vote and he would support amending the by-laws to move to one person/one proxy. Ed Garlick mentioned that state statutes govern the charter and a 2/3 vote of the Association membership would be necessary to amend the charter. Jeannette Parshall said the last thing we want to do is to draw the state's attention to our private business.

Jennifer Ruspini (1 Bayshore Dr.) moved we create a committee to create a Bay View Association website seconded by Michael Culhane. After discussion the motion passed. Gabby Diego (resident of 28 Milesfield Ave.) volunteered to co-chair the committee and Jennifer volunteered her office staff to create the website.

Teresa Sirico moved that \$35,000 be set aside in a line item restricted from savings in the next budget to be available for storm damage on the beach and Green. Karen DeRosa (29 West Orland St.) seconded. This was discussed and passed.

The general noise level due to motorcycles and cars was discussed. The general consensus was that all should do their part by calling the mayor's office or Milford Police Department with complaints.

Tom Tori (14 Oakland) presented 2 motions: 1) Clarify the word picnicking in the beach rules and 2) Remove the garbage cans and ask everyone to remove their own garbage. A heated discussion followed. The motions were defeated.

**The candidates up for election** were introduced: Tom Torello and Lynn Ryzcer. There were no candidates nominated from the floor. Jeannette Parshall made a motion to cast one unanimous vote for the two candidates. Teresa Sirico seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Joe Gullo moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:50pm. Debbie Kelly (34 Warren St) seconded. All were in favor.