

Bay View Improvement Association Annual meeting

September 2, 2023, Calf Pen Meadow School, 10 a.m.

Good morning and welcome to the 102nd Annual meeting of the Bay View Improvement Association. I am Betty Ann Schildgen, Chairman and I would like to introduce our Board members: Vice Chairman Teresa Sirico, Joseph Gullo, Lynn Ryczer and Brian Logan Beirne. Our clerk is Dotti Arcovitch and our treasurer Tammy Mursko. We also have our Parliamentarian Gina Badalamenti here today. I would like to welcome all new owners to the Association and ask them to stand and introduce themselves, giving their name and address. Please sign up at the front table for any committee you are willing to be part of at the end of the meeting.

The Parliamentarian, Gina Badalamanti of 20 Bayshore Drive informed the members of the association of the guidelines for participation.

1. Roll Call of the Proxies: Clerk-2, T. Serico-23, D. Schildgen-10, E. Schildgen-22, B.Logan Beirne- 13, P.McComish-3, J.Gullo-3, L.Jacobacci-5, L.Ryzer-1, A.Shaw-12
2. Reading of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2022. There were no omissions or corrections. The Minutes were accepted as read.
3. Report of the Chair of the Board of Directors:

I would like to begin by thanking all who volunteered to help us this year. I asked for owners to come forward to help us get our beach ready for the season, painting guard stands, staining benches, rolling out the beach mat. Thank you, Kevin Gilbert, Mike Bottalico, Lauren Hanifin, and Mia Pinto. Thank you to the Portanova Family on Oakland Ave. for providing us a place to store our beach equipment. Thank you, Paul Hilario, for bringing your heavy duty equipment from Sandy Hook in the fall to remove our stands, buoys, and mat and then returning them to the beach in the spring. I also want to thank Joe Misinonile who came forward to find two men to build us two boat racks just in time for beach season. We now have 60 racks.

Thank you to all who served on any committee this past year. I want to also thank our Board, Teresa Sirico, Lynn Ryczer, Logan Beirne, and Joseph Gullo. Joe is not running for re-election and we appreciate all of his service to Bay View. Could you all stand up and give him a round of applause. Our Association would not function without our clerk, Dotti Arcovitch, and Our treasurer Tammy Mursko.

Three Board members met with Yolanda Cooley from DEEP on Oct. 31 for her site visit. The Harbormaster, Assistant Harbormaster, and Mayor's Aide were present. A few weeks later she said she wanted a professional survey of the beach in order to get a permit. A survey was completed by the Professional Group of Milford which cost \$4800. In May Yolanda wanted changes to the survey made. She also wanted the application redone because the harbormaster died and we had a new mayor. Another delay. In July we finally received our permit and only then would Yolanda allow us to order the three new specially designed buoys. There was only one company in CT who made them, The Gilman Company at a cost of \$1740. Because of an owner complaint to DEEP initiated in June 1921, it has cost the Bay View Improvement Association a total of \$6,640 and has kept safety swim area buoys out of the water the past two seasons.

The pay for lifeguards was raised to \$18 an hour for guards and \$20 an hour for head guard. We were able to hire 3 guards and keep the beach open every day. The Board, Clerk, and Treasurer had an FOI training session with John Blair from the FOI commission in Hartford. Joe Gullo was able to obtain an additional million dollars on our umbrella policy for insurance bringing it to 4 million coverage.

4. The Report of the Clerk of B.V.I.A.: Currently there are a total of 18 delinquents, eight are long term. A second notice was mailed on August 15. A notice of lien placement will be mailed on September 15 and liens will be placed there-after.
5. The Report of the Treasurer of B.V.I.A.: The Budget Committee met on July 16 and it determined that in order to meet current budgetary needs the annual assessment would be increased to \$180 (\$160 if paid on or before May 31); \$65 for lots and \$45 for boat racks.
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. Any New Business: There was discussion regarding the increase in the dues. Teresa Sirico of 48 Field Ct. made a motion that \$20,000 be added to the Reserve Fund for a total of \$50,000. Karen DeRosa of 29 West Orland seconded. There was a unanimous floor vote, and the motion was passed. Todd Nash of 47 Welches Pt. made a motion that the "Hurricane Fund" be renamed the "Emergency Repair and Restoration Fund". Matt Hanson of 46 East Ave. seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Lee Jacobacci, 30 Oakland Ave. presented a proposal for cleaning the beach. Ann Shaw of 100 Bayshore Dr. seconded. After much discussion the vote was taken, and the motion was defeated. Lee Jacobacci made the following motion: "I propose to revise the vote against forming an exploratory committee to investigate cleaning the beach (deep cleaning) Including inquiring from DEEP City of Milford, the companies involved and all associated agencies to environmental concerns within 90 days presented to the Board." Cary Benjamin of 14 Oakland Ave. seconded. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Karen DeRosa of 29 West Orland moved that Porto Potties be installed on the beach. There was no second.

B. Logan Beirne moved that the Treasurer move the savings account into a high yield account. Janet Meyer of 89 Orland St. seconded, and the motion passed.

Ann Shaw of 100 Bayshore Dr. had questions about the Charter/By-law Revision Committee which has not been active. Betty Ann said she will contact all the members and our attorney. Ahuva Munzer of 47 Milesfield Ave. moved that Landscaping should become a line item for \$4000, taking \$2000 from Beach Maintenance and \$2000 from savings. Janet Meyer of 89 Orland seconded. The motion carried.

Mat Hansen of 46 East Ave made a motion that the amended budget be accepted. Pat McComish of 51 Bayshore Dr. seconded and the motion passed.

Ann Shaw of 100 Bayshore Drive was nominated from the floor by Lee Jacobacci, 30 Oakland Ave. to run for the Board of Directors. Elise Argust, 25 Oakland seconded. The vote for all nominees was taken. The winners were Elizabeth Schildgen 96 votes, Teresa Sirico 95 votes and Kevin Gilbert 90 votes. Anne Shaw had 23 votes.

Joe Gullo moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ahova Munzer seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:11pm.