

The 101st Annual Bay View Improvement Association Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 3, 2022, 10 a.m.

After greeting the membership Betty Ann Schildgen, Chair introduced herself and other Board members, Vice-Chair Teresa Sirico, Joseph Gullo, Lynn Ryczer and Logan Beirne, also our Clerk Dotti Arcovitch and Treasurer Tammy Mursko and in addition, Parliamentarian Gina Badalamenti and our Attorney Jeff Martelon.

All new owners were welcomed and invited to stand and introduce themselves. Those who did: Laura Hanifin, 22 Odell Ave.; Lisa and John Cella, 1 Odell Ave. and Todd Nass, 347 Welch's Point Rd.

Committee sign up sheets are available on the front table after the meeting.

We are glad to be back at Calf Pen Meadow School for our Annual Meeting but we must be out of here by 12:30 p.m.

The roll call of the proxies was read: Angelo Maci -1, Doreen Stomsky -2, C. Mulhall – 1, Teresa Sirico – 30, Betty Ann Schildgen – 15, Dorothy Schildgen – 8, Clerk – 15, David Culhane – 7, Logan Beirne – 15, Ann Shaw – 10, Joe Gullo – 5.

The Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were distributed with the tax bills. There were no corrections. Deborah Kelly of 34 Warren St. moved they be accepted, Sharon Joslin of 7 Warren St. seconded and there was one opposed. The Minutes were adopted as read.

The Report of the Chairman:

Since our last Annual Meeting in 2021, we have had new crosswalks installed leading into the three main entrances of our beach. The flower garden on the Green around the flagpole has been beautified with new plantings and Belgian blocks. We have a new beach mat that services the handicapped and those with strollers and wagons. The mat entrance is across from 87 Bayshore Dr. Our new Bay View Beach sign has been installed on the Green.

I want to thank all who volunteered to serve on any committees this year, the jetty committee, the beach mat committee, the sign selection committee, the recreation committee, nominating, and budget committees. Thanks also to the Charter/By-Law committee which is presently an ongoing committee. Thanks are also due to our Board, Clerk, and Treasurer. On behalf of Bay View, I would also like to thank Edward Burns IV of Burns Construction Company for digging out our sidewalks at Odell Ave. and Warren St. without financial charge to us.

We along with the rest of the country had difficulty finding certified lifeguards this summer. We raised the hourly pay and also reimbursed any new guards the cost of the Red Cross Lifesaving course for successfully completing the course. Unfortunately, we had no coverage for some days and had to post "Swim At Your Own Risk" signs. This was a very difficult year for our lifeguards with boats entering our swimming area presenting a safety issue for our swimmers due to a lack of buoys in our swim area.

At the beginning of June, two members of our Association without first contacting the Board emailed the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in Hartford, questioning whether Bay View Beach needed a Buoy Marker Permit for the buoys in our swim area. I contacted the Milford Harbormaster Bruce Kuryla for his guidance. He said we were “grandfathered in” since we had the buoys in the water for more than 30 years. I furnished this information to the Board and the two members who had complained to DEEP. These two members went back to DEEP again and asked if there was such a thing as “grandfathering” and wouldn’t Bay View need a permit. The woman from DEEP said we would. The Harbormaster Bruce Kuryla offered to complete the application for us. The report was over 9 pages and signed by the mayor. The application also included pictures, receipts, maps, and a survey which were all sent to Yolanda Cooley, the person in charge of DEEP permits. Ms. Cooley began a two-week vacation in August delaying the process. She has now indicated that she must make a site visit to our beach. In closing, I want to thank Bruce Kuryla our Harbormaster for all he has done for Bay View including fixing the shackles on our buoys at no charge to Bay View.

Old Business:

Following the presentation of the Report of the Chair there was discussion regarding the ongoing buoy situation. Gina Badalamenti, 20 Bayshore Drive moved the Board continue to pursue a permit for the buoys. Tom Harvey, 57 Creeland Avenue seconded and the motion passed.

Gina Badalamenti then made a motion that if members of the Association have concerns, they should approach the Board prior to going to outside agencies. Teresa Sirico seconded. After discussion Gina proposed in addition, if the Board does not respond in a timely manner she volunteers to act as moderator for one year. After more discussion Sharon Joslin, 7 Warren St. called the vote. John Cella, 1 Odell seconded and the motion passed.

The Report of the Clerk: There are currently 20 tax delinquents. Six of these are long-term. Liens will be filed in the middle of September.

The Report of the Treasurer: Michael Culhane, 37 West Orland moved the budget and assessment be accepted. Lauren Wypochoski, 26 Warren St seconded. All were in favor.

New Business:

Proposal 1: Beach Cleaning Proposal \$4800 (Rob Kurfehs, 95 Orland St.) This was seconded by Bill Newbauer, 42 Field Ct. After discussion the vote was taken and did not pass.

Proposal 2: Proposed that Bay View hold semi-annual meeting of the Membership on first Saturday of June each year. (Tom Sgroi and Alice Lara 13 Oakland Ave.) This was addressed by our lawyer, Jeff Martelon who explained that this proposal involves a change in the charter and would require a special amendment by Ct. State Legislature and cannot be addressed in this meeting. It would require a petition signed by 10% of the membership of the Bay View Improvement Association. Discussion followed. Lee Jacabacci, 30 Oakland stated that this would be addressed by the By-laws Committee already set up. Jeff Luzzi, 51 Milesfield moved an amendment to the by-laws be pursued. Doreen Stomsky seconded. The vote was taken and did not pass.

Proposal 3: Proposed that the number of proxies allowed to be submitted for the voting purposes of the Association be limited to (3) three and that the Board of Governors shall enforce this requirement immediately as a “rule” and amend within the by-laws in the future as they may be updated from time

to time. (Tom Sgroi and Alice Lara, 13 Oakland Ave.) This was addressed by our lawyer who explained that as a legal issue this cannot be addressed by the Board. Discussion followed.

Proposal 4: Proposal to encumber \$35,000 from the Bay View reserves toward removal of the existing chain link fence around the perimeter of the BVIA Beach area and replacement with a new beautification fence per the information presented by the Bay View Beautification Plan adopted by the BVIA Membership at the September 5, 2020 Annual Meeting and further authorize the Board of Governors Chair to negotiate and execute a contract after receiving a minimum of three bids. (Tom Sgroi and Alice Lara 13 Oakland Ave.) This proposal was seconded by Lee Jacabacci, 30 Oakland Ave. The vote was taken and did not pass.

Proposal 5: If the previous fence proposal fails, Proposal to encumber \$12,000 from the BVIA reserves for complete removal of the existing chain-link fence around the BVIA Beach area and hire a landscaper to restore and improve vegetation as necessary and further authorize the Board of Governors Chair to negotiate and execute a contract(s) after receiving a minimum of three bids. (Tom Sgroi and Alice Lara, 13 Oakland Ave) This proposal was seconded by Lee Jacabacci, 30 Oakland Ave. The vote was taken and did not pass.

Proposal 6: Proposal that the Annual Meetings, quarterly Meetings and Special Board of Governors meeting be accessible via Zoom, teams or similar remote meeting format. (Tom Sgroi and Alice Lara, 13 Oakland Ave.) This proposal was seconded by John Cella, 1 Odell Ave. after much discussion the vote was called by Sue Matthews, 40 West Orland. The vote was taken and did not pass.

Since there were no new nominations from the floor, Dorothy Schildgen made a motion to cast one unanimous vote by the membership for Lynn Ryzer and Brian Logan Beirne. Teresa Sirico seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Betty Ann Schildgen moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Teresa Sirico seconded and all were in favor.