

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MARCH 15, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Page Heslin  
Christine Paul  
Nazz Paciotti  
Brooke Mallory  
Betty Sheehan

Also Present: Joan Malone  
Victor and Denise Nejfelt

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Heslin called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**2. PRESENTATION OF AGENDA FOR ADOPTION**

The following correction was noted: That item 7 be removed from the Agenda.

**MOTION (1): Nazz Paciotti moved to adopt the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Christine Paul.  
(5-0) Unanimous.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 24, 2014 MEETING**

The October 24 Minutes were tabled for a future meeting, as there was not a quorum of BOG members that had been at the meeting present and able to vote on the minutes.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Heslin reported that although she had put the Association Cottage driveway issue on the agenda at Heather White's request, Ms. White requested that it be removed as she did not wish to pursue it at this time.

Ms. Heslin also reported on the status of the proposed charter amendments as approved by the Association. There was a hearing before the Planning and Development Committee last weekend and she submitted testimony. Ms Heslin and Mr. Paciotti noted that Ed Jultila and his aide Jason Knight were very helpful in the process, and do not foresee any issues. Ms. Heslin stated that we may not have final action until the close of the legislative session the first week of June, but once the Charter changes are approved, the next step will be to make the associated changes to the bylaws.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Malone reported from October to February, there has been an increase in the telephone bill. The electric bill for the Clubhouse has also risen. Ms. Malone was asked to look into telephone costs. The Board of Governors only want the telephone for emergencies and contacting local residents.

Ms. Malone stated the Dock Committee sent a check in the amount of \$1,216.00 but the amount was incorrect as it was for 2103. They will be sending a supplemental check.

Outstanding tax revenue amounts to \$1,568. Interest is being collected for outstanding bills.

Ms. Malone informed the Board that Tim Mahoney has worked on the Association Cottage.

Ms. Mallory asked what was the increase to the electric bill? Ms. Malone replied the camera has increased from \$99.99 to \$115.00 and the February bill increased again to \$117.00. Discussion followed about costs and benefits of the security cameras. Mr. Paciotti will discuss with First Selectman Mark Nickerson whether the Town will take over the cable costs associated with the cameras.

Ms. Malone reported at this time she has no information on insurance costs.

## **6. PWC INQUIRY RE INSTALLATION OF "LITTLE FREE LIBRARY"**

Ms. Nejfelt, a representative of the Women's Club, addressed the board about installing a Little Free Library on Association property. She put one in her front yard and feels that it has been well-received, so she would like to install another. The Women's Club would like to place a second one at Mother's Beach next to the Bulletin Board. Her idea is that the Women's Club would sponsor it, although they have not voted yet to do so. The Board was potentially open to the idea of a Little Free Library on Association property, but not at the entrance to the beach. Potentially the Clubhouse would be an acceptable location if we proceed. Mr. Paciotti suggested that the benches near Memorial Garden would be a nice place to read a book. Ms. Nejfelt informed the Board that the Little Free Library is registered with the Free Library Association. There are now 25,000 worldwide. Ms. Mallory suggested first asking the caretakers of the Memorial Garden how they felt about it being near the Memorial Garden; the clubhouse might be a better location. Ms. Nejfelt agreed to confirm that the Women's Club wishes to proceed with funding and maintaining the project, and then come back to the Board at a future meeting to discuss potential locations and seek formal approval.

## **7. ASSOCIATION COTTAGE--NEIGHBOR'S RENEWED REQUEST TO EXTEND LEASE OVER DRIVEWAY**

This item was removed from the agenda as noted above.

## **8. 2015-2016 BUDGET PLANNING**

Ms. Malone sent all information to Irene Makiaris. Ms. Heslin will wait to hear from her prior to determine whether we need to schedule additional meeting dates dedicated to the budget, Ms. Malone suggested that after all committee budgets have been received, that this Board decide which budgets need to come before this Board to discuss its budget. Ms. Malone plans to be away from May 3 to May 19 and will update the budgets prior to leaving.

Ms. Mallory stated she plans to be away March 31 to April 14.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

Ms. Sheehan suggested that all committees be reminded to send in their budgets.

## **10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Malone reported she was informed that the town plans to repave the roads in Giants Neck. Possibly the utility wires could be buried at that time. The state has grants for burying wires. Ms. Mallory felt it is necessary to consider work on the causeway first. Mr. Paciotti felt the utility company may be willing to offer bonding.

Ms. Sheehan asked if solar panels are allowed? Ms. Malone replied they are as long as they are on the roof. Ms. Heslin agreed to look into the regulations concerning solar panels.

Mr. Paciotti suggested notifying the Association that unless we have a Chairperson to put together a budget to run the Recreation Program, we will have to cancel the program for the upcoming year. Following discussion and consensus of the Board, Ms. Heslin agreed to give Annah language to put on the website and circulate by email.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION (2): Mr. Paciotti moved to adjourn the March 15, 2015  
Regular Meeting of the Giants Neck Beach Association  
Board of Governors at 2:30 p.m. Seconded by  
Ms. Paul. (5-0) Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary