

**DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION**  
**FALL MEETING**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A quorum being present, the President called to order at 11:05AM

Upon motion duly mad and seconded, the minutes of the Spring Meeting of Members were approved. Minutes are posted on the DPA website, [www.davispark.org](http://www.davispark.org)

An agenda and financial report were distributed.

New owners were introduced and welcomed.

Homeowners were reminded of the importance of registering to vote from their Davis Park address . It is important to vote in local elections, including voting for the Fire Island school district budget. Homeowners would see significantly higher school taxes if we were to lose our school district and become part of a mainland school district.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The slate of candidates running this year was read. The slate being unopposed, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following individuals nominated to serve as directors and officers for a two-year term were elected by acclamation: John Lund (Vice President), Jayne Robinson (Secretary), Lisa Daglian (Director), Joe Miccio (Director), Ray Pynn (Director), Jim Wright (Director) and Stephen Palermo (Director) . The members thanked the Directors for their service.

**DPPD**

Chief Matt Jones addressed the members and thanked them for their generous support. There were no major structural fires in the community this year, although the Pines and Cherry Grove had fires. A brush fire in Ocean Ridge was contained by community members until the DPPD arrived. A Certificate of Appreciation (and DPPD hat) was presented to Ann Silverman and Gary Rowland. Incoming Fire Chief Marty Bodkin was introduced. The members thanked the Department for its efforts on behalf of the community.

**FIRE DISTRICT**

Commissioner Pete Hutchins addressed the members and thanked the DPPD and Chief Jones for their excellent work. The District and the Department work closely together. Two new members have joined the Department this year. There will be a 1.53% increase in Fire District taxes. The Commissioners have worked hard at being frugal. The increase is required to meet general housekeeping needs and OSHA standards. The budget is available on the Department website [www.DPPD.org](http://www.DPPD.org)

#### EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT

Last year the Board reduced our ECD taxes to \$65,000. The President reported that we would hold at that level for the upcoming tax year. ECD taxes primarily fund dune building efforts such as fencing and grass planting.

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The annual Coastal Cleanup will take place on Saturday, September 27 (rain date Sunday). Volunteers should meet at the Post Office at 10 a.m.
- The Covered Dish dinner will take place on Saturday, October 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Casino Cafe. There will be a DJ. Children are welcome. Bring finger food.
- The Halloween Party will take place at the Fire House on October 25. This is a joint DPF/DPA event. Volunteers are needed. Contact Elissa Nemerofsky.
- The DPA is sponsoring Friday night ferries at 8: 30p.m. from September 26 through October 31.

#### QUALITY OF LIFE

The DPA continues its efforts to improve the quality of life in the community. Many complaints have been received about unleashed dogs and dog waste on beach and boardwalks. A young child was accosted by a dog running around on the beach this summer. Dogs must be kept on a leash and waste must be picked up and properly disposed. Please observe the humorous signs posted throughout the community and encourage others to do likewise. Another source of complaints is the buildup of garbage at certain houses. Even the garbage company has complained about overflowing cans and garbage strewn walks . For rental homes, one can per bedroom is the minimum. Please encourage your renters to get the bulk of their garbage out early for the Friday morning collection, and not leave filled cans for the next renters. Those cans do not get emptied until Tuesday. Because of deer, raccoons, foxes etc., cans must have secure fitting lids and no food trash can be left outside. Scooters and skateboards are a perennial source of complaints. They are actually prohibited by Town ordinance, are a noisy nuisance to many, and are a hazard to walkers, especially the elderly among us. So please curb your kids

#### CRAB/BEAUTIFICATION

Jayne Robinson reported on the creation of CRAB -the Davis Park Community Recreation Arts & Beautification organization -a newly formed 501(c) (3)tax exempt entity that will promote recreational, artistic and beautification activities in the community. The idea behind CRAB was to have a community organization to which people could make tax deductible contributions, a benefit that is not available through the DPA. Because donations to CRAB are tax deductible, it is required to be a separate organization from the DPA. The two organizations will work together on projects to benefit the community, including a proposed plan for the tract between Trustee's Walk and East Walk that has become an unsightly brush dump. The proposed project prompted a lively debate among the members. CRAB merchandise, featuring the work of artists from the community, is available at the Harbor Store. Thanks to the following: artists who donated their works -Jack and Delia Farrell, Kerry Greiner, Julie Hopkins and Irene Vitale; Ed Black for donating staff time and shelf space at the store; and Ray Pynn for organizing the effort and creating the merchandise.

#### TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

The Town is planning to replace boardwalks selectively throughout the community. As they are replaced, the walks will be built to FEMA standards.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Board wants to encourage everyone who loves this community but is not a homeowner (renters, boaters and other friends) to support the DPA by becoming an associate member. Owners should encourage their renters to join the DPA. Information is available on the DPA website, again [www.davispark.org](http://www.davispark.org).

#### FIMI

The President provided a status update and encouraged interested members to remain after adjournment for an informal meeting. Surveys will be performed with or without consent forms. A ruling is expected in the Audubon Society lawsuit by October 10, but the decision either way does not affect the project within the communities. The DPA does not represent anyone in this process. It is seeking to obtain and provide information to homeowners. To that end, the DPA has arranged for a meeting among homeowners and government representatives, including Congressman Tim Bishop, Gil Anderson, the project manager for Suffolk County, and representatives of the NYS DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers. The meeting will take place in the Church on October 4 at 10:45a.m. It will be a question and answer session and meeting notes will be posted on the DPA website. Information about the project, and in particular, the real estate aspects, is available on the County website, [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi). A lengthy discussion ensued.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.  
Secretary