

FINAL

DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
September 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum being present, the President called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Upon motion duly mad and seconded, the minutes of the Spring Meeting of Members were approved.

An agenda and financial report were distributed to the membership.

New owners were introduced and welcomed.

Homeowners were reminded of the importance of registering to vote from their Davis Park address.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues have been received from approximately 80% of the homeowners. The DPA spent \$24,000 this year on debris removal following Superstorm Sandy. We have a substantial balance in the treasury and continue to look for opportunities to use our dues and contributions to improve the community.

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: Mary Parker (President), Bob Spencer (Vice President), June Haskins (Treasurer), John Bauer (Director), Nikki Dougherty (Director), Peter Hutchins (Director) and Marlene Sklar (Director).

The members thanked the Directors for their service.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The Secretary reviewed the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, which have been approved by the Board of Directors and furnished to the members. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Bylaw Amendments were approved.

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Councilman and homeowner Tim Mazzei updated the members on Town of Brookhaven activities and responded to questions from the members regarding parking at the Sandspit and a proposal to install meters (uncertain), and the condition of the boardwalks throughout the community. Tim promised to get involved and noted that the Highway Department will receive some FEMA reimbursement for repairs to the boardwalks necessitated by Sandy. The DPA will provide a report on areas needing repair.

In response to questions from the members, Tim provided the following update on the status of the Army Corps of Engineers ("ACOE") Fire Island to Montauk Point project ("FIMP").

- The project will take place and will consist of the creation of a 15 foot high dune with a 35 foot base along the entirety of Fire Island outside the FINS wilderness areas.

- Three areas will be completed on Fire Island--Smith Point, Robert Moses and the residential communities, assuming the completion of the requisite Environmental Assessment ("EA"), which is less onerous than a full blown Environmental Impact statement ("EIS"). Dredging would begin in January 2014 and continue through March 2014.

- The ACOE has targeted 20 to 22 homes and lots in Davis Park/Ocean Ridge that fall south of the proposed dune line. (Ocean Bay Park is facing a similar issue.) Excluding the 7 vacant lots, the status of which is unclear, 13-15 homes would be purchased, condemned and removed, or moved--at the ACOE's expense.

- The Town is investigating the sale of Town property (the area of the debris pile) to the ACOE as a possible site for the relocation of some homes. Possibly as many as 4-6 homes could be saved this way.

- The ACOE has given the Town assurances that if a home can be moved north of the line, the ACOE will fund those costs. The three easternmost homes in Ocean Ridge and the westernmost home in Davis Park appear to fit this category. One home on First Walk has already been moved back.

- The Town is doing everything it can to save homes.
- The Town will expedite any building on the 7 vacant lots if it complies with current zoning requirements.
- Easements to permit the construction and maintenance of the new dunes will be required in all communities. The ACOE will bypass a community if all easements are not in place to allow dune construction.
- The EA is expected to be completed by the end of the year with construction beginning shortly thereafter.
- Tim has no information on whether the State's CEHA line ("Coastal Erosion Hazzard Area") can be contested individually. (The CEHA line is not necessarily co-extensive with the ACOE line.) The ACOE line is unlikely to be moved further south so as to alleviate the problem of moving or condemning houses.
- Tim is not aware of any proposal to eliminate walks in Davis Park and will do all in his power to prevent that from happening.
- Current planning is that the breach would be closed as part of the ACOE project.

FIRE DISTRICT

Commissioner Mary Parker reported that the budgeting process was underway. The Commissioners are trying to keep taxes level notwithstanding the loss of 7 homes. Accordingly, the

Commissioners have reduced the budget by 2% while maintaining adequate funding.

DPFD

Assistant Chief Marty Bodkin addressed the meeting and thanked the community for its continued generous support of the Fire Department. Chief Bodkin reminded the members that there were two categories of firefighter: Class A and Scene Support, the latter requiring less onerous training.

Lisa Daglian has donated a pair of Jets tickets for Columbus Day, to be raffled off as a fundraiser for the Department. The drawing will be held Sept. 22; see Lisa for tickets.

The members expressed their thanks to the DPFD for its outstanding efforts in the aftermath of Sandy.

ECD

The President reviewed the status of the Erosion Control District ("ECD") accounts. We did not qualify for a second beach scraping this year in August (following scraping earlier for the Trapbags). We foresee ongoing expenses for fencing and beach grass planting. With FEMA reimbursement for the Trapbag project, and the potential ACOE project eliminating many erosion control expenses for the foreseeable future, we are able to make the remaining bond payments for the nourishment project and maintain an adequate reserve while substantially reducing ECD taxes for

the coming year. Accordingly, the Board has recommended to the Town that ECD taxes be set at \$65,000 for the upcoming tax year, representing a massive reduction from the \$600,000 per year to accomplish the nourishment project, and a very substantial decline from last year's assessment in excess of \$200,000.

A discussion ensued. BITS reported that it has \$50,000 in reserve for erosion control efforts, which have been accomplished in the past in conjunction with the ECD and DPA. In response to a question, the President expressed the view that the nourishment project had been very valuable and may have saved many houses that would have been lost to Sandy. The President also stressed the critical importance to the community of the ACOE project and the necessity of getting the required easements in place.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Gerry Bensen reported that premiums will be increasing. Our community has enjoyed subsidized premiums in the past but that will now end. Premiums will be based on base flood elevations. Homeowners should consider raising their houses and could qualify for up to \$30,000 of government assistance to do so, if the structure has been declared substantially damaged from a flooding event. Be sure to pay any renewal premiums on time. Some notices of non-renewal have gone out for new policies put in place after July 6, 2012. Gerry suggested that homeowners

consider raising policy limits where possible on both flood and homeowners policies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The membership was informed of the DPA sponsored Friday night boats, leaving Patchogue at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays through the end of October.

The covered dish cocktail party will be held on Saturday, October 12th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Children are welcome this year. Tickets are available from Mary Parker, Marlene Sklar and JoAnne Spencer.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Members made the following comments: Great job by Garrett Anger, Bobby Palermo and the other contractors for their extraordinary efforts to assist homeowners reeling from storm damage.

Ongoing problems of garbage, overcrowding and drunken disorderly behavior by renters were reported. Owners were urged to vet their renters and to take appropriate steps to ensure that renters behaved appropriately.

A discussion ensued regarding dissatisfaction with the garbage contract, particularly the loss of a Monday pickup, and the erratic performance over the season, particularly regarding pickup of recyclables. Members were reminded that we are now at one pickup per week, on Tuesdays.

The Spencers reported a disturbing break-in to their home.
Support was expressed for another swapmeet in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting
was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.


Secretary