

**DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION  
FALL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum being present, the President called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. An agenda and a financial report were distributed. A membership report was provided.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 16, 2015 Spring Meeting of Members were approved. The minutes are available on the DPA website: [www.davispark.org](http://www.davispark.org). New homeowners introduced themselves. Homeowners were reminded of the importance of at least one person per home registering to vote from her or his DP/OR address so as to enhance the community's voice with our elected officials and have a say in local elections affecting the community. 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 and candidates were introduced to the Members. 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: Bob Spencer (Vice President), June Haskins (Treasurer), John Bauer (Director), Nikki Dougherty (Director), Marlene Sklar (Director) and Lorraine Foley (Director). The Members thanked the Directors for their service.

The Secretary presented outgoing President Mary Parker with a Titus Kana photograph in recognition and thanks for her service to the community, including her critical work in securing an emergency clean up and installation of the trapbag dune system in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

FIRE DISTRICT

Commissioner Jon Brown addressed the Members and introduced the members of the Commission, and Secretary and Treasurer. There will be a 7.2% increase in Fire District taxes. The Commissioners are funding the basics for the Fire Department, many of which costs are preset. The total budget remains under \$200,000. It was noted that assessed values in the community declined after Sandy, placing more of a burden on homeowners to meet the District's required costs. The largest increase this year is the cost of insurance. The District prepaid (without penalty) the balance of the loan for acquisition of the No. 7 Truck. The budget is available on the Department website [www.DPFD.org](http://www.DPFD.org). Commissioner Brown thanked the Town for attending to issues with the water supply and noted that there were certain compliance issues with the marina. Homeowners are encouraged to join the DPFD. The Commissioner thanked boaters for their service but noted that many boaters are not available during the off season.

### DPFD

Chief Marty Bodkin addressed the Members and thanked them for their generous support of the Fire Department. The Chief reminded the Members to check their chimneys before lighting fires in the Fall, know where fire extinguishers are located and replace batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors. The Chief noted that in case of an alarm, automatic mutual aid with other communities starts on October 1. The Chief encouraged Members to join the Department as Class A interior firefighters or as scene support personnel.

### TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Councilman Neil Foley addressed the Members, noting that this was his first summer as our elected representative and that his most important priority was open communications. The Councilman is addressing the punch list of items requested by the DPA Board following up on his attendance at a recent Board meeting: Lights have been fixed on the main walk with a plan to replace all lighting next year. He has good relations with the Highway and Parks Departments and will see to it that boardwalks get repaired. Just email him:

[CouncilmanFoley@brookhaven.org](mailto:CouncilmanFoley@brookhaven.org). The heavy equipment and lumber have been removed from the new park area. The Town is awaiting County action on the issue of drones. He is in communication with Cablevision regarding WiFi service and is conducting a study of the issue. Off season, lights will remain on and buoys will remain in the water at the marina through Thanksgiving. As to the FIMI project, the current understanding is that no homes will be lost in

### DP/OR.

Councilman Foley also responded to questions from the Members regarding further improvements to the water system, cleanup of the park area, illegal dumping, the deplorable condition of our playground, construction of a sheltered area at the marina, ferry service (a County issue), animal control, garbage and dogs and code compliance.

### ECD TAXES

There is a healthy balance in our ECD account. Taxes will be reduced to \$50,000 this year. The ECD is funding a joint project with BITS to install snow fencing this Fall and will consider additional projects in the Spring.

### FIMI PROJECT

The President provided a status update. The project continues to move forward. The County is working on real estate issues. The current schedule calls for the project to be built in our community sometime during the Fall through Spring of 2016-2017. Our understanding, like Councilman Foley's, is that no homes will be lost in DP/OR. The County is working with affected homeowners. Surveys have been sent out. Appraisals are being prepared. Homeowners will have the choice of moving the house, accepting a buyout offer, or selling privately. The County is well disposed to discuss issues and negotiate with homeowners. Further information is available on the County website: [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/fimi).

### COMMUNITY EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual Coastal Cleanup will take place on Saturday, September 19th (rain date Sunday). Volunteers should meet at the Post Office at 10 a.m.

The Covered Dish Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 11th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Casino Café. There will be a DJ. Children are welcome. Bring upgraded finger food.

The Halloween Party will take place at the Firehouse on Saturday, October 24th. This is a joint DPF/DPA event. Volunteers are needed. Contact Chair Elissa Nemerofsky.

The DPA is sponsoring the following ferries:

Friday night ferries at 8:30 p.m. through October 31st.

Monday morning ferries at 6:40 a.m. through September 28<sup>th</sup>.

### OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion ensued regarding governance and the open officer and director positions.

A discussion ensued regarding garbage issues, including suggestions to hire garbage patrol personnel during the summer, trade early season collections for an extra collection on holiday weekends, and the need to address garbage dumping on the bayside. Councilman Foley offered to assist.

### ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Secretary