

**DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION**  
**SPRING MEETING**  
**MAY 16, 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.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the September 20, 2014 Fall 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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was reviewed. The DPA received a \$24,000 reimbursement from FEMA via the Town repaying the expense incurred by the DPA to clear the dunes of debris following Superstorm Sandy. Therefore, the account receivable no longer appears on the financial report.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The importance of supporting our local beach-based school district was stressed. The school budget vote is coming up in May. If we lost the district and were absorbed into a mainland district, we would expect to see a 600% to 800% increase in school district taxes. The school is recruiting from the mainland and now has full enrollment.

**DPA COMMITTEES**

A list of DPA and other committees was distributed and the work of various committees, including the Zoning Advisory Committee and CRAB, was explained. Volunteers are needed.

**FIMI PROJECT UPDATE**

The project is moving forward. Surveys have been distributed to affected property owners. Appraisals are being prepared. Specifics are handled between the property owner and the government organizations and are not publically available. Our current understanding is that if a property is acquired by the County, it will be demolished and will permanently be off the tax rolls. Therefore, it may be in the best interests of owners who wish to dispose of their property, as well as the community, to consider a private sale and relocation to preserve the home rather than a County acquisition.

The following information was noted in response to questions from the Members:

The government is trying to move forward expeditiously. A project partnership agreement was reached among Federal, State and County participants in September. The agencies are willing to look for compromises with affected property owners, who are urged to reach out to the County with questions and concerns.

The FIMI project replaced the FEMA repair project. The FEMA project would have been considerably smaller and would have required the community to pay 13% of the project cost. The FIMI project is much larger and does not require cost-sharing. The latest dune line has been agreed by all three levels of government.

#### FIRE DISTRICT

Mary Parker provided a report on behalf of the District. An election for Commissioner will be held this year. Nominations must be in by June. Nominees must be registered to vote in the District.

There will also be a referendum to use money from the reserve fund to repay a District loan (without a prepayment penalty).

Forms to request absentee ballots are available online.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Marty Bodkin addressed the meeting and welcomed homeowners back to the beach. Some tips from the Chief:

Check chimneys, make sure they are clear and capped.

Have hoses handy (very helpful in a brush fire last year). Electrical problems have cropped up after Sandy, so check for corrosion. There were several corrosion-related fires in the western communities.

If you have a fire, call 911 -- NOT the firehouse. Give name and address and make sure to tell them you are in Davis Park on Fire Island.

The Chief thanked the Members for their donations and invited all to an open house after the meeting from 1 to 3, with food, drink, demonstrations (and the Ranger playoff game). Tickets for the annual 50/50 raffle are now on sale.

The Chief also made a pitch for new members. Firefighter 1 has the most extensive requirements. Scene Support, exterior only, is less demanding.

In response to questions, the Chief noted that the DPF members are not certified as EMTs but do have CPR training. The Marine Police are EMTs.

#### CRAB

CRAB committee member Nikki Dougherty invited all to a kick-off the summer fund raiser at the Casino Café on June 27. Drinks, appetizers, live music, and door prizes are planned. Tickets are \$50, a portion of which is tax deductible. CRAB was started by community volunteers as a way to encourage tax-deductible contributions for community recreation, arts and beautification projects. New CRAB items – mugs, magnets, posters, stickers – are available at the Harbor Store.

#### PEST CONTROL

The first Damminix treatment, fighting disease causing ticks, has been completed. The second treatment will be applied later in the summer. Coverage from participating homeowners is good this year.

Larviciding has started. Fogging will take place on Tuesdays in July and August.

### DPA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homeowners are encouraged to have a clean-up day tomorrow.

The DPA is sponsoring a brush-chipping event to assist homeowners and discourage unsightly brush dumping in public areas. A contractor will collect brush from specified locations and do chipping. Please do not dump your brush around the community. Further details to come.

Dumping may not take place anywhere in the community. Old appliances and other materials must be left in front of your own home. Please call Tony's Barge (our garbage contractor) to arrange for free pickup. (Lumber and construction debris require a dumpster, also available from Tony's at a fee.)

Volunteers are needed to assist Linda Spencer with the plants donated by the Town.

The Parade will take place on July 4th, with a BBQ to follow for participants. This is a DPA event run by Joe Miccio and Steve Palermo, with many DPF and other community volunteers. Thanks to all for their donations and help.

See June Haskins if you need recycle cans.

The Swap & Shop will be held next year.

The DPA made a \$500 donation to help maintain the Burma Trail at the west end, which is now our only ingress and egress.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FINS will occur on September 11.

The new FINS General Management Plan draft release has been delayed until June 1. There will be a public comment period. This plan will guide the management of Fire Island for the next several decades.

### FLOOD INSURANCE

Gerry Benson informed the meeting that premiums will rise this year. He suggested speaking with an agent and securing an elevation certificate, which could reduce rates.

### ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Secretary