

DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION  
FALL MEETING  
September 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum being present, the President called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. An agenda was distributed and other materials were available to the members.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the 2009 Spring Meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The President gave a financial summary and announced that financial statements for the full year 2009 would be presented at the 2010 Spring Meeting. The President also reported that DPA membership stood at 80%.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

There being no contested positions, the following incumbent officers and directors were re-elected to a two year terms by acclamation:

John Lund - President

Bob Spencer - Vice President

June Haskins - Treasurer

John Bauer - Director

Geppie Celauro - Director

Carole Kulman - Director

Bill Mauck - Director

## VOTER REGISTRATION

The President reminded the members of the importance of registering to vote from Davis Park/Ocean Ridge and recommended that couples split their registration.

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Linda Spencer addressed the meeting, recapped the many improvements made by the beautification committee this year, and discussed plans for next year. At the request of a member, Linda will provide a list of indigenous plants to be circulated to members. Linda thanked the members for their donations and support and especially thanked all those who helped with beautification projects.

## TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

The President reported on the DPA's ongoing efforts to have the Town address many issues of concern to the membership, including: the lack of an accessible waiting room at the ferry terminal and the absence of the promised bathrooms in the new terminal building; issues of safety, overcrowding, organization and signage on the main dock and the lack of Code enforcement throughout the Marina and Trustees Walk area; and the conditions of the walks throughout the community and the absence of white lines, which poses a serious health and safety issue. A discussion ensued regarding ways to have the Town become more responsive to our needs.

## FIRE DISTRICT

Commissioner Jon Brown addressed the meeting. Jon explained the distinction between the Fire District, which is the taxing jurisdiction, and the Fire Department. The No. 7 truck has proved its worth to the community and is the most important equipment that the Fire Department has. The tax cost for the truck has been offset through reductions on homeowner's insurance. Members were reminded to equip their houses with at least 100 feet of hose.

The Fire Commissioners support the DPA in its concerns about the Marina and walkways. For example, repeated violations of the 48 hour rule (whereby boats must leave the Marina for 48 hours after their allotted time) increase the potential for fires, sinkings, and other emergencies that the Fire Department must respond to. The condition of the walkways and the lack of white lines also poses a hazard to the Fire Department in responding to alarms.

Jon also addressed budget issues. In light of the beach nourishment project, the Commissioners have tried to keep Fire District taxes down and accomplished 5% reductions for the last two years. The District also reduced expenditures this year by 1.4%. However, the Commissioners are anticipating a 9.85% tax increase for next year. 60% to 70% of the District budget is nondiscretionary, and those costs are increasing, including:

insurance, rentals, OSHA compliance, additional testing, and the installation dinner for the new chief in 2010.

Jon thanked the community for its continuing support and noted, to a round of applause, that Garrett Anger is celebrating his 40th year in the Fire Department.

#### BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT

The President provided an update. Beach profiles, photographs and other information was posted for the members. The Town's commitment to pay 20% of the project cost applies to the entire project over the five year permit period, including monitoring, fencing, grass planting and other costs. The Town is still putting project cost numbers together. It is believed that we will be on or under budget and that 2010 may be the last year at which we would tax at the full \$600,000.

Of the 305,000 cubic yards of sand allowed under the permit, we actually received 292,000, with somewhat more of the sand placed by design in the badly eroded central areas of the community. Our project seemed to have attracted more protected species than anywhere else. For example, over its last three projects, the Pines had a total of two plover nests. One benefit is that FINS/Fish & Wildlife cannot credibly argue that beach nourishment is detrimental to protected species.

A discussion ensued regarding how the project was contoured, the nature of an engineered beach, and the interim costs to date.

## FIMP

Bob Spencer reported on the Army Corps of Engineers Fire Island to Montauk plan. Various alternatives are to be publicized in the Spring.

## FIRE ISLAND GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Bob also reported on this topic. The last general management plan for Fire Island was created in 1977. For the past three years, FINS has been working on a new version with a more active role by the communities in the plan process. The new FINS superintendant, Chris Soller, is a homeowner in the Pines. One of the concepts for the process is community voting on a photo array of "what Fire Island means to you." More information will be forthcoming.

## REGULATORY ISSUES

A \$10 fishing license will be required starting October 1, 2009. Hefty fines for violations will be levied.

In boats 21 feet or less, occupants must wear preservers during the winter months.

## INSURANCE

Gerry Benson addressed the meeting, and volunteered to review members' insurance policies at no cost or obligation. Gerry advised homeowners to make sure they are using the correct zip code on their policies: 11772; and recommended going to a \$1,000 deductible, dropping vandalism coverage, but buying the "ordinance or law" provision. Homeowners should also consider

increasing their coverage. Replacement costs are now running \$200 per square foot and \$20 or more for decks. Gerry seconded Jon Brown's point that members should be seeing lower insurance costs as a result of the No. 7 truck and other improvements which have given the community a "4" rating.

Gerry also advised members to have flood insurance. There is a thirty day waiting period for new policies. The maximum coverage is \$250,000 building and \$100,000 contents.

#### DPMA

It was announced that JoAnne Benson has been elected the new DPMA President and Charlene Lehmann the new Vice President. Mary Parker remains Secretary, Sal Canella remains a Vice President, and outgoing President June Haskins has become the new Treasurer.

#### FERRY COMPANY

The Board intends to approach the Town with our concerns about inadequate service.

#### COASTAL CLEAN UP

Thanks to the 20 participants who collected and catalogued beach trash this year.

#### COVERED DISH EVENT

The event will be held on October 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Casino bar.

DAMMINIX

The second treatment was made on July 29. With one exception, there were no new reported cases of Lyme disease in the community. The exception was a child whose family also has a home upstate.

GARBAGE

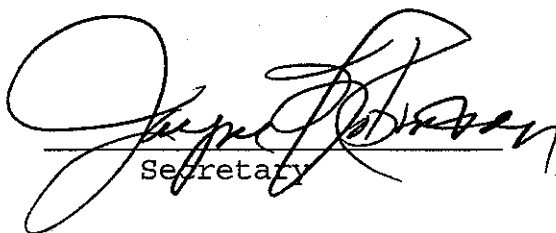
Members were urged not to use Center Walk as a dumping ground for discarded household items. Homeowners must call Tony's Barge to let them know that there are items to be picked up. The items must be left in front of the home. Members were also urged to have a sufficient number of garbage cans for their tenants and to inform their tenants of the collection schedule, that garbage had to be in plastic bags inside cans with securely fitting lids, etc. This is an ongoing problem in the community.

NEW BUSINESS

An incident of a door being kicked in on West Walk was reported. Members are urged to call the police and report all incidents. This will assist our efforts to secure adequate police coverage in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

  
Secretary