

DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION  
FALL MEETING  
September 25, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the President called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

An agenda and financial report were distributed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the 2010 Spring Meeting were approved.

The President noted the passing of John Sacco and commemorated John's contributions to the community over many years.

VERIZON

A petition to Verizon was circulated regarding the abysmally poor service this summer. Homeowners are urged to call Verizon whenever their service is off. Verizon has been providing refunds for service interruptions.

It was noted that calls to 911 on cell phones require specificity as to where you are calling from.

VOTING

The President again urged homeowners to register to vote at their Fire Island address, and noted that voter registration

forms were available by email, at post offices and other locations.

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The candidates for director introduced themselves to the membership. The qualifications of absent candidates were reviewed. Since there were 7 candidates for 5 directorships, an election was conducted by secret ballot. Carole Kulman and John Bauer served as Inspectors of Election.

The election results were subsequently announced: Joe Micchio, Jim Wright, Kim Russell, Ray Pynn and Lisa Daglian were elected as directors.

Running unopposed, Mary Parker and Jayne Robinson were elected by acclamation as Vice President and Secretary, respectively.

#### TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Homeowner and Councilman Tim Mazzei addressed the meeting. Tim mentioned that the Ferry Company lease would be up for renewal at the end of the year, that negotiations were ongoing, and that the DPA would have a voice in the process.

Tim provided an update on privatization of the Marina, noted that a decision was likely to be made as to a contractor within the next two weeks and that Ken Stein was likely to be recommended. Again, Tim advised that before any contract was signed, the DPA would be given a voice in the process.

Similarly on the renewal of the garbage contract, the DPA would have a role in the process.

Tim noted that he was working with the Town Finance Department to assist in getting the FEMA/SEMO repair project off the ground.

Tim then responded to questions from the members, including ongoing concerns about the derelict house on Dune Walk in Ocean Ridge, issues regarding ferry parking, and ongoing problems with the condition of the playground in Davis Park. Tim promised to follow up on each of these issues and advised the membership that if they had any problem regarding ferry parking, they should contact him.

#### FERRY

Various schedule enhancements were announced. The membership was advised of the ferry at 8:30 p.m. for the next two Friday nights, jointly subsidized by the DPA and Pam Parrish/Barrett DiPaolo.

#### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Linda Spencer recapped the projects completed this year, and thanked the members for their donations and support.

#### FIRE DISTRICT/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Mary Parker addressed the meeting. Mary noted that repairs had been made to various Fire Department vehicles, the truck bay and the firehouse.

The Commissioners are projecting a 2-3% increase for the 2011 budget, necessitated by the need to replace aging equipment, including turnout gear and breathing apparatus, in order to meet legal requirements. The plan is to replace portions of the equipment each year so as to avoid a large outlay in any one year.

The Commissioners are also reviewing upgrades to the siren system and are investigating the possibility of a grant or loan.

#### NOURISHMENT UPDATE

The President noted that the FINS General Management Plan (GMP) must address the question of preservation. The Army Corps of Engineers is working on the Fire Island-Montauk Point Project (FIMP), which is closer to realization than at any time over the last five decades. Public scoping meetings for both the GMP and FIMP are ongoing regarding possible alternatives to be incorporated in those plans. The GMP process is considering four alternatives for managing Fire Island over the next two decades: maintain the status quo; allow Fire Island to return to nature; strike more of a balance with the residential communities; or provide for additional development. Most of the constituencies on Fire Island favor the third alternative of balancing the needs of the seashore with those of the residents.

The President provided a recap of FIMP. The Board will keep the community advised of developments.

The President reported on the status of the FEMA/SEMO repair project, and efforts to include Suffolk County in the project. Approximately \$1.8 million in FEMA/SEMO funding is due to the Towns of Islip and Brookhaven for the last nourishment project. FEMA/SEMO will also pay 87.5% of the cost to replace sand lost after the project was completed. The planning is in flux and further updates will be provided.

The President also announced that we will be within our budget for the nourishment project, with some possibility of reducing the tax burden on the community toward the end of the 6 year payment period. The President also noted that we were awaiting information from the Town Law Department regarding the status of ECD taxes after the 6 year project period.

#### COASTAL CLEAN-UP

Mary Parker reported that there was a very good turnout this year and thanked all participants. She noted that given the pristine state of the ocean beach, the focus was on the bayside this year.

#### INSURANCE

Gerry Benson updated the members on the status of the federal flood insurance program. A recent one-year extension has been approved by Congress. Premiums are increasing. Gerry reminded the membership that the policies provide for cash value which equals replacement costs less physical depreciation, with

physical depreciation running somewhere between 10-25%. Gerry will circulate further information by email.

YEAR END EVENTS

The Covered Dish event will be held on the Saturday of Columbus Day weekend. Tickets are available from June Haskins, Mary Parker and Joanne Spencer.

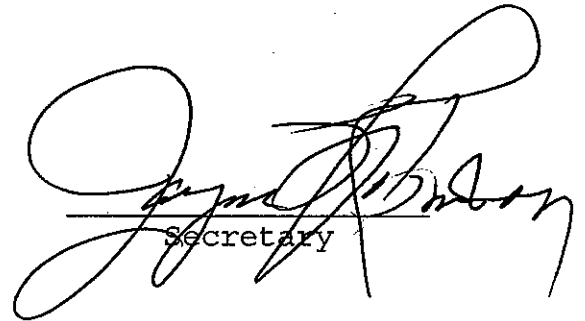
MOSQUITOES/DAMMINIX

Suffolk County Vector Control is working with FINS on a protocol for mosquito control for the 2011 season.

Carole Kulman reported on another successful Damminix program this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

  
Secretary