

DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
May 16, 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, and a financial report for the year ended December 31, 2008, were distributed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the 2007 Fall Meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made the following announcements:

Preakness Party to be held at the Casino Bar open to all.

Swap & Shop to be held on June 6, 2009.

Homeowners were once again urged to register to vote from Fire Island.

Michael Livingston will be graduating from high school this year as the first Davis Park graduate of the Fire Island School District.

New DPA Directors Ray Pynn and Kathy Clifford were introduced.

BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT

Kelly Risotto, Senior Ecologist, Land Use Ecological Services, Inc. addressed the meeting regarding the species

monitoring and environmental assessment required by the nourishment permits, which are being performed by Land Use on behalf of the participating communities. Species monitoring, from 2009 through 2013, requires symbolic fencing and walk closings, together with monitoring for plovers and least terns three times per week, and monitoring for beach amaranth two times per month during the summer months. Currently, there are two plover nests in the community: the first between Fourth and Fifth Walks in Davis Park; the second on the dune east of the Ocean Ridge cut. The Davis Park nest required closing Fifth Walk and suspending the reconstruction of Third Walk, in addition to the original closure of Fourth Walk. The Davis Park nest is expected to hatch by June 3rd with the chicks fledging (leaving the nest) soon thereafter or, in a worst case scenario, by late June or early July. On the later of July 1 or when the chicks fledge, the fenced portion of the beach and the closed walks will reopen. The Ocean Ridge nest is expected to hatch by June 5th and fledge by July 10th. The Ocean Ridge nest has not necessitated any public walk closings, although private beach walks remain closed. Regardless of species activity, monitoring is only required for five years. The cost of the monitoring has been built into the project costs. Ms. Risotto pointed out that it is in the community's interest to demonstrate to federal and state agencies that the nourishment project not only did not

have a detrimental effect on the environment but actually had a positive impact. Ms. Risotto also noted that the plover and tern nesting period runs from April through July, so additional nesting activity is possible. Once the symbolic fencing is removed (on July 1st or when the chicks fledge, if later) the community can proceed with snow fencing and grass planting.

FINS

The President announced that FINS Superintendent Chris Soller was attending the annual meeting at The Pines today and sent his regrets. FINS wants to finalize the proposed driving regulations and have a public hearing. The new FINS General Management Plan is being prepared.

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Homeowner and Councilman Tim Mazzei was not able to attend the meeting. Mark Lesko is the new Town Supervisor. Tim is the Republican majority leader on the Town Council. The Town is in the process of rebuilding the West Bathrooms at the Marina.

A new Town law requiring clean-up after pets is now in effect. The DPA has requested the Town to provide appropriate signage and enforcement.

Police coverage will be about the same as last year.

The Town has received a new AA+ credit rating, the highest available. The Town is considering using bond anticipation notes for the nourishment project, which would be part of a larger

bond issue and therefore get a more favorable interest rate. The nourishment project is anticipated to come in within our budget.

FIRE DISTRICT

Commissioner Mary Parker addressed the meeting. The Commissioners have approved a 5% tax reduction again this year. The Fire Department is being equipped with new radios to increase communication abilities within Fire Island and with the mainland. The Commissioners wish everyone a safe summer season.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Former Chief John Bauer addressed the meeting, thanked the members for their support and reminded everyone that additional volunteers are needed. If anyone requires special needs transportation, be certain to call the Fire Department or John personally and it will be arranged.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Suffolk County will continue its larvicide and fogging program. The DPA is contributing mosquito magnets to the Harbor Store and the Casino, which have agreed to maintain them in the public areas. Members were reminded that the DPA is still providing a \$50 rebate per mosquito magnet for as many machines as a homeowner purchases.

DAMMINEX

Carole Kulman reported that the first Damminex treatment was made on April 30, with the second to be made in early August. We have achieved 76% coverage this year. FINS is continuing its deer treatment program to reduce deer ticks.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

The budget vote will occur on May 19. There is a new Supervisor. District consolidation, which would have increased our school district taxes, will not occur on Fire Island.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The community has been generous in its contributions and Linda Spencer is doing a great job beautifying the community.

FERRY

The schedule is approximately the same as last year with some extra boats sponsored by the Casino.

The ferry terminal in Patchogue was not constructed properly for our use, with an unusable waiting room and no shelter. The sewer lines for toilet facilities are not in place. The DPA continues its efforts to have the Town rectify these problems.

JULY 4th PARADE

The parade will be held on July 4, organized by Joe Miccio once again. This DPA function needs more community volunteers

for set-up and clean-up to assist the Fire Department. \$1200 in donations have been collected so far.

COASTAL CLEAN-UP

This annual program will be held in September or October. More information will be forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Secretary