

DAVIS PARK ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
May 15, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the President called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. A financial statement and an agenda were distributed.

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

The Treasurer presented a financial report. New owners were introduced.

FINS

The President introduced FINS Superintendent Chris Soller, who was appointed in November 2008. Superintendent Soller has an extensive history with Fire Island and Gateway National Park in New York City. He has been with the National Park Service for 33 years, served as a management assistant at FINS in 1988-89 and has been a homeowner in the Pines since 2000.

Superintendent Soller informed the membership that as both FINS Superintendent and a community homeowner he sees both sides of the dynamic on Fire Island and his goal is to find a balance between the residential communities and the National Park.

Superintendent Soller discussed the General Management Plan

process, beach nourishment, and pest control (deer, ticks and mosquitoes). Each National Park must prepare a General Management Plan. The FINS GMP is now thirty years old. The Park Service understands that residents want to be partners in managing Fire Island. The GMP process will consider four alternatives for managing FINS: preserve the status quo; return the park to a natural state; create a balance between man and nature; or lean more heavily toward development and recreation.

Regarding beach nourishment, the Park Service is working with the Army Corps of Engineers on FIMP, the long-delayed project stretching from Montauk to Fire Island. With respect to individual beach nourishment projects, FINS partnered with the eleven communities that took part in the original project, and is working with the communities on the FEMA restoration project. A likely target for the FEMA project is October 2011. The communities must understand that when federal money is used in a project, endangered species restrictions come into effect.

The Park Service has been engaged in an immune-contraceptive program for several years to control the deer population. They intend to start tagging deer this year. They are concerned about the impact an expanding deer population has on the local vegetation, particularly in areas like the Sunken Forest.

FINS is also working with Suffolk County Vector Control on a protocol for mosquito control. As a matter of national policy, FINS will only treat for disease prevention, not to abate a nuisance factor. The lonestar ticks are becoming more prevalent, and are carriers of a new and more debilitating disease. Among other things, it was noted that if dead birds are found in the community Jordan Raphael, a FINS wildlife biologist, should be contacted (631-687-4750).

Superintendent Soller responded to questions from the community.

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Councilman and homeowner Tim Mazzei addressed the meeting. Tim informed members that the Town of Brookhaven Parks Department was looking into privatizing the Davis Park Marina. RFP packets would be available shortly. The Town anticipated a decision by June, with the marina being leased to a private contractor as early as this year, but more likely for the 2011 season. The award will be the subject of a public hearing and a vote by the Town Board.

Code enforcement would remain with the Town if the marina is privatized. However, the Town lacks sufficient personnel adequately to police code enforcement.

The white lines on the boardwalk are slated to be repainted in May. The community expressed concern about the long-

unfinished and derelict house on the dunes in Ocean Ridge. Tim promised to have a building inspector on site to examine the situation.

The Town is planning to refurbish the playground at the marina this year. There was also discussion about garbage collection and recycling.

The President expressed the community's thanks to Tim for his efforts with the Town in obtaining our FEMA reimbursement and working on bonding for the nourishment project.

GARBAGE

Homeowners were urged to have sufficient garbage cans with tight fitting lids, to drill holes in their cans for drainage to prevent breeding mosquitoes, and to inform their renters of the early morning collection schedule, the need to separate recyclables and make certain the garbage is properly placed so that deer and other wildlife do not get at it. Homeowners were also reminded that the public garbage racks are not a dumping ground for household discards, old appliances and the like. The garbage service must be called and informed of the need for a pick up, and the items left at the homeowner's garbage rack.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Linda Spencer provided an update on the many beautification projects completed and to come, and thanked the members for their support.

POLICE

The community was advised that police protection would continue at its current level.

VECTOR CONTROL

Suffolk County has larvicided, and begun fogging, which will occur weekly throughout the season.

BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT

The President reported that the best current estimate of project costs is \$3,126,000 (including bond interest). The cost to replace the approximately 60% of sand that was lost in the subsequent declared storms amounted to approximately to \$3.5 million, of which FEMA and SEMO are to contribute 87.5%, with approximately \$360,000 to come from the community ECD. These cost figures are net to our ECD after the Town's 20% contribution. The President noted that Superintendent Soller was in favor of a 2011 FEMA repair project.

The President announced an upcoming meeting of the 11 communities that participated in the original project, 10 of which have money coming from FEMA. The general sentiment is that \$360,000 is a very reasonable cost to the community to replace approximately 60% of the nourishment project sand.

The President will look into the status of our ECD taxing authority at the conclusion the 6 year project period approved by the community.

FIRE DISTRICT

Commissioner Mary Parker addressed the meeting. The Commissioners work hard to keep the Fire District budget under control. However, some equipment is reaching the end of its useful life and will need to be replaced.

FERRY

Mary Parker reported for the Ferry Committee. Among the matters accomplished are better signage, bulletin boards, lines organized at the Sand Spit, and schedule enhancements, including a Sunday morning boat through November; a Monday 8:00 a.m. boat from Davis Park through September; and weekday boats, a 6:20 p.m. boat from Davis Park on Sunday and a 6:30 p.m. boat from Patchogue on Friday, all through the end of October.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

First Assistant Chief Pete Hutchins addressed the meeting. Pete reminded the membership that fire prevention is crucial, including the following: check fire extinguishers and have at least two on hand (available from the Fire Department at cost); make sure to change batteries on smoke detectors; have adequate flashlights; post emergency phone numbers; have an escape plan; make sure adequate garden hoses are available; clean up brush, logs and other potential fire hazards under and around houses; and make sure fireplaces and flues are in good working condition. Pete urged people to call the Firehouse if they

observe a problem and noted that the DPFDD will inspect homes on request and provide suggestions for fire prevention.

Pete also reminded the community that the Department is always in need of new members and that the DPFDD's traditional lottery drawing will take place on Labor Day weekend.

DAMMINIX

Carole Kulman reported that the first Damminix treatment would occur this week, and that homeowners should find a tag on their doors with the number of tubes in place. Carole reported that 213 out of 284 homes participated in the Damminix program, and that an additional number of homeowners self-treat.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

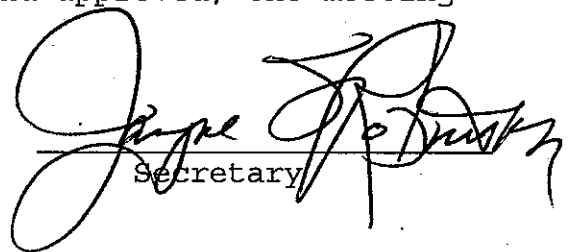
The school budget vote is on May 18 this year. The strong recommendation is to vote for the budget. The district currently serves 49 students, 19 on the island and 30 who are bused off in the higher grades.

COASTAL CLEAN-UP

This worthwhile environmental event will occur in the Fall on a date to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.


Secretary