

**Drum Point Property Owners' Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Drum Point Club  
June 29, 2021  
Final**

**Board Members present:** Mike Snapp, Tony Spakauskas, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, and Gina Swartwood

**Board Members not present:** Alyssa Holiday, Ginny Rice and Maggie Johnson

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster

Mike Snapp, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 43 Association memberships in good standing represented (24 in person, 19 by absentee ballot) a regular quorum was present, and business could be conducted.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dennis Baker made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting (posted on the website and distributed at the door). The motion was seconded, and the minutes from the March meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

**President's Remarks:** Mike Snapp thanked everyone in attendance and reported the following:

- With the retirement of Gary Heal from his duties on the Roads Committee, Sal Icaza has volunteered as his replacement.
- Chris Franklin will be replacing Jeff MacDonald as Project Manager. Chris works full-time for the Calvert County Department of Public Works and is experienced in asphalt work as well as storm water management. Jeff, who is retiring, will work with Chris during the transition.
- With the uncertainty about possible continuing Covid-19 restrictions and belated scheduling of fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Drum Point Day will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Drum Point Club. Boomerangs will cater the event, and the Deanna Dove Band will play from 5:00 – 7:00. The event is restricted to property owners and their guests as well as members of the Drum Point Club
- The Board members introduced themselves.

**Committee Reports:**

**Operational/Roads Committee:** Rhea reported that the following projects were completed and funded from the Special Tax District:

- A storm water management project was completed on Lake View Drive at a cost of \$6,332. Work was done by Karl Bowen.
- A pipe was replaced on Surf Street, at a cost of \$5,900. Jeff MacDonald volunteered his time to oversee this project, which was done by Great Mills Trading Post.

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**Environmental Committee:** Bonnie Blades reported the following:

- We are in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of Phragmites treatments. Phragmites is an invasive species that will choke out native plants, and the state of Maryland encourages communities to continue with eradication programs.
- Ginny Rice is asking for volunteers to serve on an “Ivy League.” The group would work to remove invasive ivy from trees using a method of “girdling” the ivy, with a cut at the base of the tree and a cut several feet above the base. This allows the ivy to wither and eventually die out, but the process would have to be done on an ongoing basis to keep the ivy from regrowing. More information will be forthcoming.

**Safety Committee:** Maggie Johnson will be working to inventory the supplies in the Community Emergency Services Center.

**Finance Committee:** The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were distributed at the door. Jack Andre, Treasurer, reported as follows:

- The Finance Committee met to formulate the budget for FY 2022, which begins July 1 [the rollup of the budget was published in the summer newsletter and made available at the door, with the full budget posted on the website].
- Funds, in the amount of \$7,000 are included in the FY 2022 budget for the beach erosion project, should we decide to go forth with proposed options. In addition, there are funds, in the amount of \$5,000, earmarked for the possible acquisition of a vacant lot across from the office. The vacant lot is used for events such as the community cleanup and overflow parking for the office. Both items will be brought before the membership for approval.

Approval of the budget for FY 2022 was held until after the presentation of the proposals to address erosion of the community beach.

**Welcoming Committee:** Rhea Webster reported that 95 Welcome Buckets have been distributed since October 2017 when the committee was formed. Fifteen of those have been given since the last membership meeting in March with three being distributed today. Asha Andreas and Gina Swartwood continue to assemble Welcome Buckets for newcomers, and Cindy Andre gathers most of the contents for the buckets. New owners have been very enthusiastic about the program, and it has served us well in the collection of contact information for newcomers.

**Planning Committee:** No report

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**Unfinished Business: Erosion at the Community Beach** – Mike Snapp gave a brief photo presentation regarding the possible loss of the community beach through erosion. The following was noted:

- Overlook Drive originally came out onto Beech Drive, and asphalt pieces from the deteriorated pavement are periodically exposed with the incoming and outgoing tides and as a result of wave action and storms on the beach.
- Coastline Design, a coastal engineering design company based in Virginia, has submitted two proposals:
  - The first proposal is the construction of a spur and a breakwater off the shoreline with sand brought in to fill behind. The sand should continue to accrete behind the structures. This option could adversely affect property to the south of the community beach, the Drum Point Club.
  - The second proposal is the construction of a spur only, which would be built at an angle to the community beach. Sand would have to be brought in with this option as well. The sand would continue to accrete in a spiral fashion. This option would be less expensive and have less impact on Drum Point Club property but may not be as effective as the construction of the breakwater and jetty.
  - Curt Larsen, a property owner in Drum Point and retired coastal geologist, has worked with the Board to try to determine the best option going forward.
  - There is currently \$7,000 allotted in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year for plan completion and the securing of permits. The project itself will have to be approved by the membership.
  - Funding may be available through the state in the form of no interest loans and grants, and next Special Tax District could also come into play, pending approval by the public.

A question and answer session followed the presentation, and a motion was made as follows:

**Motion:** James Barton made a motion to approve the FY 2022 budget. The motion was seconded, and by a show of hands of those present, was approved unanimously. A count of the 19 absentee ballots was done, with all in favor.

**New Business:** None scheduled

**Public Comment and Response:**

- A request was made by a property owner to have a “SLOW, CHILDREN AT PLAY” sign placed on Beech Drive.
- A stop sign is missing from Sachem Drive at Vista Lane.
- Concern was voiced about the many golf carts being used in Drum Point. The Calvert County Sheriff’s office will be contacted, and information concerning restrictions will be requested. The information will be placed on the Association website and sent to the community via email.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September, with the date to be announced.