

**Drum Point Property Owners' Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Drum Point Club  
September 27, 2022  
Final**

**Board Members present:** Mike Snapp, Tony Spakauskas, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, Gina Swartwood, Maggie Johnson, Mike Chaconas, and Susan Rork.

**Board Members not present:**

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster – Association Manager

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 38 Association memberships in good standing represented, a regular quorum was present, and business could be conducted.

**Approval of Minutes:** Karen Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022, meeting, distributed at the door and posted to the Association website. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**President's Remarks:** Mike Snapp introduced Ted Hanie and invited him to present information about his group, The Friends of Mill Creek. Mr. Hanie presented the following:

- The Friends of Mill Creek was organized by the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT), which has coordinated a variety of "Friends" groups, to include the Friends of Hunting Creek and the Friends of St. Leonard Creek.
- The Friends of Mill Creek, includes areas that are part of the Mill Creek watershed, including St. John's Creek, Solomons Harbor, and Mill Creek as well as other creeks.
- The group advocates for good practices to keep the area "swimmable and fishable" and sponsors events in order to encourage people to appreciate the waterways in this area. They work with other organizations in a "partnership" capacity in order to spread the word and educate the community about the importance of the watershed.
- The group currently operates without a dues structure, and there is no fee to become a partner.

A brief question and answer session followed. Brochures for anyone interested in volunteering or who wishes to receive additional information were provided. A link to the Friends of Mill Creek website has been placed on the DPPOA website.

Mike thanked Mr. Hanie, and the meeting continued.

**Office Update:** Rhea noted the following:

- Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Oktoberfest event, scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Drum Point Club.
  - Eric Andreas provided times and the schedule of events for Oktoberfest.
- The cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a possibility the event will be cancelled if the predicted rain is heavy. An email will be sent if the cleanup day is cancelled.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Operational/Roads Committee:** Rhea reported the following:

- The following streets are scheduled for re-paving at the end of September or first of October depending on weather conditions: Anchor Drive, Mill Creek Drive, Park Lane, Hilltop Drive, Calvert Court, and Calvert Terrace.
- Proposals have been received for six areas in need of storm water management. Estimates are being drafted for additional areas on the list.
- The dry hydrant on Laurel Way was repaired by J. Calvin Wood at a cost of \$2,200. This is a repair recommended by the Solomons Volunteer Fire Department, upon their annual inspection and flushing of the pipe. The contractor will schedule a reinspection with the fire department.
- Ward's Marine will be providing an updated estimate for the cost of repair to the Bay Drive Causeway. A storm in the early spring of 2022 caused some erosion that needs to be addressed.

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

- All line items are within budget.
- The cost of this year's paving work will be \$184,321.50.
- The current budget includes \$24,000 for erosion control at the community beach.

**Safety Committee:** Maggie Johnson remarked on the upcoming hurricane season and emphasized the need to be prepared. The Community Emergency Service Center, found in the Association office, is equipped with some emergency supplies. She and another member of the committee met to inspect the "go bags" for items no longer needed or out of date. Any outdated items will be replaced.

**Environmental Committee:** The following was noted:

Bonnie Blades reported that Mark Smith (Phragmites Invasive Control) will be conducting this year's treatment in the coming weeks. An area near the boat ramp has been added to this year's list.

Ginny Rice reported that she has started a community Facebook page, and all Drum Point owners are welcome to join (Drum Point Property Owners). She stated also that the Ivy League will begin work once the weather is cooler and the likelihood of ticks has been reduced. English Ivy and other ivies are considered invasive and will kill a tree if left unchecked. The Ivy League works to remove ivy from trees by cutting the ivy at the base and at shoulder height. Once the ivy dies, it can be easily removed. This is an ongoing task, and people are encouraged to join the Ivy League and/or do this on their own trees.

**Welcoming Committee:** Rhea stated the committee continues to work to collect items for and assemble Welcome Buckets that are distributed to newcomers. Cindy Andre collects items included in the buckets, and Gina Swartwood, Asha Andreas, Ginny Rice and Susan Rork work to assemble the buckets. The distribution of buckets serves to welcome newcomers but also serves to collect contact information from new homeowners.

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**Planning Committee:** Mike reported the following:

- John Johnson is looking at and working on ideas to help create a more inclusive community.
- The restoration efforts for the beach:
  - A contractor from northern Virginia has worked with the Association for more than a year to design a spur and other structures to preserve the community beach. A plan has been finalized and is posted to the Association website.
  - Permits have been applied for and are progressing.
    - This is a joint permitting process and goes through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers. Once approval is received from these three agencies, the County will be consulted for approval.
    - MDE and the Corp of Engineers have approved the project, and an announcement regarding the permit request has been published for public comment and input.
  - This year's Special Tax District request included funds for the beach erosion project and was approved.
  - The application for grant funding through the state of Maryland was rejected:
    - The amount of funds requested by 21 organization totaled more than \$14 million. The amount of funds available was only \$2 million.
    - Requests were granted to those organizations that could show an improvement to infrastructure such as roads and homes.
    - We may qualify for a zero-interest loan, and that is being pursued. Funds are available, but a loan would help extend the cost over a period of time.

**Unfinished Business: Community Beach Erosion** – See above under Planning Committee

**New Business:** No Report

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**Public Comment:** The issue of children playing in the street and the danger presented by people who speed on Drum Point streets was raised for discussion. The following was noted:

- Suggestions to install speed bumps, additional three-way stops and/or lower speed limits were made. State law dictates speed limits, and the question of whether a community can post a speed limit lower than 25 mph will be investigated.
  - Speed bumps have been considered in the past and rejected due to concerns voiced by school bus drivers, snowplow drivers, and emergency response vehicles. It can be considered again.
  - Anania Fine suggested she will help form a committee to investigate some of the options available.
- The issue of golf carts on the street was also addressed. As stated in the past and in an email to the community, golf carts are generally not street legal. If one has a street-legal “golf cart” or similar vehicle, it must be registered, insured, and operated by a licensed driver.
- The option of installing a playground has been investigated and found to be too much of a liability should someone be hurt. This issue can be revisited if someone wishes to do so.
- Regardless of the above, the Association cannot enforce traffic law. It is important to contact the Sheriff’s office and request increased patrols. A letter will be sent from the Association office to Sheriff Evans to ask for additional and regular patrols throughout Drum Point. This has been requested in the past. Sheriff Evans will be invited to attend a future meeting of the general membership.

Carol Trudo announced that she holds yoga classes on Tuesday evenings at the club.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting of the membership will be scheduled for December 2022 (date to be determined).