

**Drum Point Property Owners' Association
General Membership Meeting
Drum Point Club
December 16, 2023
Final**

Board Members present: Mike Snapp, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, Ginny Rice, Susan Rork, and Allen Fine

Board Members not present: Tony Spakauskas and John Latham

Staff present: Rhea Webster – Association Manager

Mike Snapp, Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 10:00 a. m. With 17 Association memberships in good standing represented, a regular quorum was not present. However, per the motion made and approved during the September 2023, General Membership Meeting, the next scheduled meeting would be held in accordance with Maryland Law § 5-206 (“If the number of members present at a meeting does not meet the requirements of a quorum, those present may call another meeting to meet quorum requirements. At the additional meeting, the members present in person constitute a quorum”). This is to be considered that additional meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2023, meeting, distributed at the door and posted previously to the Association website. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Remarks: See below under Planning Committee

Committee Reports:

Operational/Roads Committee: Rhea Webster reported the following:

- The cost of this year's paving work was \$247,672. The Special Tax District funded \$180,000, with the balance split between money received from Covenant fees and State Highway User Revenue.
- SMECO re-set a pole that came down at the community beach during high winds on November 16th.
- The final cost for the beach restoration project was \$128,873, including the cost of engineering, permitting, and construction. The Special Tax District funded \$60,000, with the balance paid from the Covenant and Mandatory Assessments accounts.
- Rocks were placed along the River View Causeway in order to keep people from parking along the street, as cars parked in this area make it difficult for other vehicles to pass.
- Karl Bowen will be doing a “three-year” cutback along the rights of way at a cost of \$28,000. He will be trimming tree limbs and ground vegetation that is too high or too large for our equipment.
- The Bay Drive Causeway pipe was cleared by J. Calvin Wood at a cost of \$1,155. Previous attempts by the usual contractor failed as they do not have the equipment that was needed.

Mike Snapp spoke about Steve Rowe, who has a background in project management. Steve is our new Project Manager, replacing Jeff MacDonald. Jeff mentored Steve on this year's paving work and, the project proceeded with little to no issues. Steve is currently working with contractors to address some minor storm water management issues in various areas.

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Finance Committee: The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were distributed at the door. Jack Andre, Treasurer for the Association, reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. All accounts are under budget, other than for paving, which is not unusual.

Safety Committee: In John Latham's absence, Rhea reported that John has been in touch with members of the committee in order to determine their continued level of interest. He's also spoken with Calvert County Emergency Management personnel in order to update contact information.

The generator, located at the Association office, underwent some repairs and is now up and running.

Environmental Committee: Ginny Rice stated that the next meeting of the Ivy League will be held from 10:00 a.m. until noon on January 13th. Details regarding location will be provided in a community-wide email in the coming weeks. The Ivy League works to remove this invasive species from trees, using the "window" method. If left to grow, the ivy can kill a tree.

Welcoming Committee: Rhea reported that although sales have slowed, Welcome Buckets continue to be distributed with 163 handed out since 2017. The committee was formed not only to welcome newcomers but so that contact information could be gathered.

Planning Committee: Mike Snapp presented progress photos of the community beach restoration project and gave a brief overview of the project, which is now complete.

- The first meeting to discuss beach restoration of the community beach occurred in January 2021 between Scott Hardaway of Coastline Design Group, Gary Heal (past DPPOA Board President), and Mike Snapp.
- Coastline Design has engineered projects on the Potomac River and at the Patuxent River Air Naval Station and worked to create a design that would restore the community beach. They applied for all required State and County permits.
- Resource Restoration Group was awarded the contract as the most responsive bidder at a cost of \$92,000. Work began in September and was completed the third week of November, with final surveys being conducted by the contractor at intervals of six feet for future tracking of the shoreline. These surveys are kept on file by the State.
- Marsh grasses were planted as required by the Maryland Department of the Environment, and a "goose exclusion" fence was put in place. A report regarding the health of the grasses must be submitted to MDE annually for the next five years. The initial report was submitted the first week of December.

Unfinished Business: None scheduled.

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New Business:

Nominating Committee: Curt Larsen will serve on this year's Nominating Committee. The Committee's task is to develop a slate of candidates for FY 2025, which begins July 1, 2024. Anyone who would like to serve on this committee or on the Board should contact Rhea at the Association office.

Public Comment:

- SMECO continues to survey areas for possible burying of power lines. There is a five-foot utility easement throughout Drum Point.
- The power poles that remain on Deer Drive, where lines were buried last year, are being sold by SMECO, possibly to Comcast and/or Verizon.
- CR-6 was placed and compacted along the edges of the newly paved streets. This is done in order to preserve the edge of the asphalt and to create a smooth transition off the edge.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:40. The next meeting of the membership will be scheduled for March 2024 (date to be determined).