

GPOA Open Meeting, at the Emerald

Monday, 20 January, 2025, 5:30pm

Roll Call at 5:28pm

Taylor Andersen (TA)

Renee Brochu (RB)

Julia Burke (JB) absent, excused

Doug Cheek (DC)

Andy Early (AE)

Vickie Ryckman (VR)

Hoben Thomas (HT)

Except as noted, Board members were present.

1. Minutes Approval

The 10 January 2025 working meeting minutes drafted by AE were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

a. DC reported current balances were \$23,252 checking and \$30,429 savings. New is the establishment of a contingency fund. While there is no immediate need, because the Board cannot spend savings funds without the membership's approval, it seemed prudent to have available a source of funding, besides the checking account, to access should the need arise. While DC made no suggestion as to how much money should be so sequestered, Mike Waring suggested the amount should be rule-based, on e.g., some percentage of perhaps of annual revenue received.

b. Following a detailed sorting of votes, DC reported there were 143 "yes" and 4 "no" votes, exceeding the required quorum number of 122. The 2025 budget was approved.

3. Communications

RB reported on her continuing GPOA's greenbriernc.com website efforts. She noted there is a large amount of material which remains to be added which will take time. Her efforts were widely acknowledged, and Mike Waring suggested that the Board hire someone to assist her.

4. Vice President's Report

a. At several points during the meeting VR noted the importance of finding GPOA members to participate in the association's activities by joining committees and running for Board seats. But finding folks willing to do so remains daunting.

b. A new yard sale sign was displayed, lighter in weight than the older versions and thus more easily handled. It is expected this new design will replace the old signs.

In addition, small “No Trespassing” signs will be purchased and permanently installed at Greenbrier’s two entrances. These postings are necessary following the Board’s agreement with the New Bern Police Department to allow their patrol to act in the case of obvious inappropriate activities, e.g., camping or sleeping in Greenbrier, and to allow the police to investigate, in their judgment, questionable observed activities.

5. Committee Reports

There were no formal reports given. It was noted that a Gazette piece will likely appear reporting on the luminaria; John Brochu indicated his efforts to obtain Directory advertisements were now just beginning, with it appears, six businesses already committed.

6. Old Business

The 1239 Pine Valley Feury unkept residence issue been partially resolved. Feury’s sister it was reported, has assumed the debt incurred over some years with some likely repayment of the Board’s past yard keeping expenses when a suitable bill can be submitted. Unfortunately, these actions do not address the community’s concern: Namely the appearance and upkeep of the property.

7. New Business

a. In an 11 January email distributed to the Board, Rick Krauss suggested that there should be deer signs, as are often seen on highways to alert drivers of possible dangers, placed on Greenbrier roads. JB added her suggestion of *deer crossing* signs. And DC reported seeing vehicle-deer encounters or near encounters. Alternatively, (in emails) TA viewed signs as “tacky” and VR opposed them. Unsurprisingly, there seemed limited support for any Board action. The posting of road signs is outside the purview of the Board. Anyone familiar with or living in Greenbrier well knows of, and has likely encountered, deer in the roadway. It is unclear that signs would alter driver behavior which is the only plausible motivation for their posting. TA noted there were no (police reported) deer/vehicle accidents over some extended time period, and consequently it seems unlikely any action would be taken on any request. However, Rick Krauss indicated he would inquire about the matter with the city.

b. TA noted that for a modest amount, electronic devices were avail-

able which when place along the roadway, such as Greenbrier Parkway, photographed vehicle license plates. The motivation for doing so would be to allow, when appropriate, the police's ability to identify vehicles if there was a need to do so, such as following a residential robbery. TA addressed some obvious concerns about the matter. No action was taken, and the Board will likely revisit the matter.

c. Travel or other obligations often make Board meetings difficult or impossible for all Board members to attend. And perhaps as a way of making running for Board seats more palatable, the Board has adopted an every other month public meeting calendar.

The next public GPOA Meeting: 17 March, 2025

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

Hoben Thomas, Board Secretary
24 January 2025