**Board Members present:** Gary Heal, Dan Mathias, Curt Larsen, Max Munger, Larry Reich, and Aubrey Mumford

**Board Members not present:** Duane Heidemann, Amy Rispin and Fran Borsh

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster, Manager

Gary Heal, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners’ Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order a 10:00 a.m. He stated that the meeting is being recorded and that all meetings are held according to Robert’s Rules of Order. He reminded those present not to speak until recognized by the Chair. With 35 Association memberships in good standing represented, a quorum was present, and business could be conducted.

**President’s Remarks:** Gary Heal reported on the passing of three stalwart members of the community who served for many years on the Board of Directors: John Gray, John McCall and Dawn Jaeger. All three were dedicated members of the community and will be missed. He continued:

1. The change to the fee structure is a multi-year plan which began last fiscal year with the replacement of the voluntary dues with a Mandatory Assessment. This change was ratified by the community during the September 2014 Membership meeting, with the approval of the budget. The second part of the plan took place this year with an increase in the Covenant fee, from $10.00 to $98.00. The amount of the increase was calculated using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculator. The final phase of the change is to reduce the amount of the next Special Tax District (STD). Ultimately, the total amount of the fees paid per lot should be similar to that paid prior to 2014.
2. There has been some vandalism in the community, with one of the security cameras being destroyed. The posts, which were placed on the Laurel Causeway to prohibit people from parking in the area reserved for the fire department, were also damaged and have been replaced. We do have pictures of the vandals, which have been turned over to the Sheriff’s Department.
3. The election for the Board of Directors will be taking place in the coming weeks. Turnover on the Board is good for the community in that it brings new ideas and assets to the Board of Directors.
4. Appreciation was extended to Ralph Swartwood, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Club, for allowing the DPPOA to use the facilities for its meetings. Mr. Swartwood responded, stating that the Club will be holding a movie night on July 3rd and a family day for the Fourth of July. Both of these events will be open to the full community.
5. New community members were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** Dennis Baker made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously as distributed.

**Nominating Committee:**

June McCall, the Chair of the Nominating Committee was introduced. Ms. McCall introduced the slate of candidates for election to the 2015/2016 Board of Directors as follows: Jack Andre, Anthony (Tony) Spakauskas, and Vincent Barazzone.

[Due to a parliamentary procedural error, the request for nominations from the floor and the actions which followed are null and void. As she requested, Tricia Powell’s name was, therefore, added to the slate of candidates.]

**Committee Reports:**

**Roads Committee:** Gary Heal reported as follows:

* The three-year cut back has been finished. This involves trimming all rights of way as far back as possible in order to keep vegetation from encroaching on the roads.
* Nearly $60,000 was spent on snow removal. Cost of the snow removal was funded from the STD.
* The Board is considering a rotating paving schedule, with up to one mile of road repaved and repaired each year. Jeff MacDonald, the DPPOA Project Manager, has recommended portions of Deer Drive and Johnson Drive be repaved this summer. Approval by the Board will depend on the budget. Rejuvenation has served to maintain the asphalt, so that repaving can be done less often.
* The Board approved swale improvements in three areas in the amount of $8,300.
* There are some areas in which tree roots are beginning to damage the road. An arborist will be consulted in order to determine the best option to address the problem.

**Planning Committee:** No report

**Environmental Committee:** No report

**By-laws Committee:** No report

**Finance Committee:** The Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and combined report were distributed. Gary Heal reported the following:

1. Spending has been within the budget.
2. Money was spent on the Association office with replacement of the water pressure tank, the addition of supplemental insulation to the attic and the replacement of the refrigerator. These upgrades resulted in a 40% reduction in energy costs.
3. The 2016 fiscal year budget is being drafted.

**Security:** Peter Holt reported the following:

1. The DPPOA Board of Directors approved the formation of a Safety Committee as a standing committee of the Board. This committee replaces what had been the Community Emergency Response Team. The Safety Committee acts as a liaison between the community and the County first responders during an emergency.
2. Despite one camera being destroyed, the other three are functioning well and have been well received by the Sheriff’s Department. There has been some drug activity observed.
3. There is a Community Emergency Service Center located in the office at 401 Lake Drive, with emergency supplies and power as well as ham radios for communication during an emergency. The Drum Point Radio Club is also located within the office.

Alejandro (Alex) Velasquez stated that he is a member of the Solomons Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He suggested that the Fire Department may be able to station one of its older Automated External Defibrillators (AED) at the DPPOA office, in order to provide quick access to Emergency Medical Technicians who live in or near Drum Point. The Fire Department may also be able to offer training sessions for anyone wishing to learn how to use the equipment.

Gary Heal stated that the beach gate has been left open throughout the day for the past two months. The Board will revisit this issue at its next meeting. He asked for volunteers to open and close the gate should the Board approve reverting to the usual summer schedule of opening and closing the gate.

Old Business – None scheduled

New Business – None scheduled

Public Comment: The following property owners commented:

1. Tricia Powell commented on the Attorney opinion regarding the increase to the Covenant fee.
2. Joe Ruggeri thanked the Board for the job done with regard to snow removal during the past season.
3. Maria Miller commented on whether there has been any legal action regarding the increase to the Covenant fee.
4. Peter Holt thanked the Nominating Committee and the new candidates for the Board.

With no further business to discuss, Dennis Baker made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The next meeting of the General Membership is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at the Drum Point Club.