**Board Members Present:** Gary Heal, Paula Walker, Tony Spakauskas, Jack Andre and John Rovero

**Board Members Not Present:** Amy Rispin, Curt Larsen, Vince Barazzone and Libby Fall

**Staff Present:** None Present

**Property Owners and Guests Present:** Peter Holt

**Call to Order:** Gary Heal, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being recorded, and Robert’s Rules of Order govern the proceedings. He reminded all present to not speak until recognized by the Chair.

**President’s Remarks:** Gary Heal reported that a meeting of the Board officers was held on September 8th and noted the following items from that meeting:

1. Gary spoke with John Norris, Attorney for Calvert County, and clarified the position of this Board with regard to reduction in the amount of the Special Tax District (STD) assessment, which the DPPOA Board has agreed is not practical. Mr. Norris suggested a meeting be held with Commissioner Hart.
2. Gary reminded Mr. Norris that the STD Agreement has not yet been finalized. Mr. Norris requested another copy of the STD Agreement along with the addendum.
3. Various signs have been posted along the shoulder of River View Drive in order to deter drivers from driving in the unpaved portion of the right of way, which creates ruts.
4. Work to address storm water runoff on Parran Drive and Raine Road is complete. There was an overrun cost of $200.00 due to the need for additional stone (this was expected).
5. The Lending Library will soon be in place. Gary and Paula met with a gentleman who constructs the boxes used for these outdoor libraries, and one has been ordered at a cost of $310.00.
6. Financial Statements as of last week indicate we are within the limits of our budget for the year, with 13% spent to date on administrative expenses, 14% on general operating expenses, 7% on operations and maintenance and 0% thus far on capital projects (payment will be made to Grover’s Lawnscape for work on Parran Drive and Raine Road). These percentages are within the 17% threshold of the budget to date.
7. A property owner requested the Attorney’s written opinion regarding the ability of this Board to increase the Covenant fee and impose a Mandatory Assessment. The discussion surrounding the Attorney’s opinion was held in Executive Session. The Maryland Homeowners’ Association Act allows for items discussed in Executive Session and written opinions from our Attorney to be withheld from public scrutiny. The property owner subsequently paid $10.00 toward the amount owed for Covenant fees.
8. The General Membership meeting is scheduled for September 21st. Gary may not be able to attend the September meeting or the December meeting scheduled for the 10th.
9. The standpipe on Anchor Drive has been repaired. No trespassing signs will be placed on the Anchor Drive Causeway standpipe and the Bay View Drive Causeway standpipe.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Rovero made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16th meeting of the Board, previously distributed via e-mail. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Public Comment:** None offered

**Office Report:** No Report

**Round Table:**

**Tony Spakauskas** commented on the severity of the Phragmites problem at the footbridge on Surf Road. There is a possibility that the Phragmites, which is an invasive species along many of our waterfronts, may be harboring snakes. Tony suggested black snakes will kill copperheads and posed the idea that black snakes be released (John Rovero will get information from the wildlife management expert at Patuxent River Air Naval Station about the effectiveness of a step of this nature and ask about other options). Tony will continue investigation as to options to address the problem of the Phragmites.

**Committee Reports:**

**Action Items:** In Jeff MacDonald’s absence, Gary reported that the re-paving of Deer Drive has been delayed and will begin the week of September 19th. That date will be confirmed prior to signs being placed at the intersections.

**Roads Committee:** No report

**Finance:** No report

**Environment:** No report

**Planning Committee:** No report

**Safety Committee:** Peter Holt reported that he will be checking the communications equipment after his extended absence. He said also that a “repeater” in the northern end of the County, as well as one in Prince Frederick, has been malfunctioning. The equipment at the northern end of the County is the primary central link for this area. However, the DPPOA radio tower is working well.

Gary reported that the security cameras at the beach are also working well.

**Welcoming Committee:** Paula Walker said there will be another newcomer event in the coming months.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Beach Gate – Seasonal Opening:** The gate to the beach was left open during the off season last year, with little problem; and a suggestion has been made to do the same this year. Peter suggested additional signage regarding beach hours be posted.

**Motion:** John Rovero made a motion that the gate will remain open during the off season. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 11th at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None offered

With no further business to discuss, John Rovero made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:52.