**Board Members Present:** Tony Spakauskas, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Gina Swartwood, Asha Andreas and Ginny Rice

**Board Members Not Present:** Gary Heal, Mike Snapp and Alyssa Holiday

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

**Property Owners and Guests Present:** Peter Holt, William Nichols and Max Grimes

**Call to Order:** Tony Spakauskas, 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.

Tony introduced the guests and stated that each will be allowed five minutes to speak. He also noted that Curt Larsen was unable to be present as requested but will attend a future meeting in order to present information regarding plans being discussed to control erosion at the community beach.

**Street Light Relocation – Cove Drive -** William Nichols was introduced and presented a request to have a streetlight on Cove Drive either moved or turned off, as it shines directly into a bedroom located at the front of his house (the light had been out for a number of years and was recently repaired). Charlie Herbert of SMECO was contacted by the Association office. According to Mr. Herbert, the light has a shade attached to the globe that functions to direct light downward. He stated also that the light can be moved once at no cost or turned off if the Association makes the request. He recommended, however, that anyone who might be impacted be contacted for their input. After discussion, it was decided that Rhea will contact people on the street who would likely be affected by a change. The Board will consider input from all residents before making their decision.

**Vandalism and Harassment – Chestnut Drive –** Max Grimes was introduced and presented a petition to the Board, signed by himself and seven neighbors. The petition is a request for help in the “removal of a nuisance neighbor” who has been harassing them and vandalizing their properties for an extended period of time (this gentleman is not fully fit mentally). Efforts have been made by Mr. Grimes and his neighbors to resolve the issue through the Sheriff’s Department, court system and State’s Attorney office. However, solutions offered by the courts are temporary (peace orders expire after six-months). Mr. Grimes suggested that the corporate documents (Articles of Incorporation and By-laws) require the Board to act on behalf of the petitioners. He suggested that the Board can have this person removed from the community by requesting the courts issue an “abatement of a nuisance.” After discussion, it was decided that Tom Schild, Attorney for the Association, should be consulted with regard to any legal obligation or ability the Board may have to act.

**Approval of Minutes:** Gina Swartwood made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting, distributed previously via email. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The minutes were approved as written.

**President’s Remarks:** None offered

**Office Update:** Rhea Webster reported the following:

* Statements have been printed and will be processed and mailed in the coming weeks. The Covenant fee increased from $106.00 to $109.00. Total fees for a developed property for FY 2021 are $164.00 ($109.00 Covenant fee and $55.00 Mandatory Assessment). Total fees for an undeveloped property are $129.00 ($109.00 Covenant fee and $20.00 Mandatory Assessment).
* An application for a Vegetation Removal permit for hand-removal of the cockle burrs at the Community beach, has been submitted (cockle burrs are considered an invasive species). A Simplified Buffer Management Plan was also required. However, no mitigation will be required as the County Critical Area office allows two years for natural regrowth of native plants. Robin Munnikhuysen, Calvert County Critical Area Officer, suggested we keep the information on file so that it will be easier to have the permit renewed. Permits expire after two years.

**Committee Reports and Roundtable:**

**Action Items:** No report

**Operational/Roads Committee:** No Report

**Finance Committee:** The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements were distributed. All accounts are as expected for this point in the fiscal year. The amount listed on the Balance Sheet for County-held STD funds is as of the end of September, as that is the last report received from the County Finance Office. $122,000 was withdrawn in October for this year’s re-paving contract. Therefore, the amount held by Calvert County on behalf of Drum Point is approximately $191,246 as of the end of October.

The amount listed under Doubtful Accounts on the Balance Sheet is the amount billed to property owners who have “disappeared” and whose mail is either returned or left uncollected by the owner. All of these properties are undeveloped, and many of them are in tax sale. The accountant has advised that if we wish to have the amount removed from Accounts Receivable, the adjustment must be approved by the Board. After brief discussion, it was decided that no adjustment should be made. One must simply subtract this amount from Accounts Receivable in order to gain a better understanding of how much can feasibly be collected.

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

* Asha Andreas reported that the treatment for the killing and removal of Phragmites exposed a great deal of trash on the Bay Drive Causeway and in Lake Charming. Once it warms, the office will have someone wade into the water and clean the area.
* Another invasive plant species has been detected in Drum Point (Japanese stiltgrass). Information was provided and will be kept on file.
* An opinion piece from the editorial board of the Wall Street Journal about the safety of Roundup was also provided for the file. Previous studies on the safety of Glyphosates, thought to be carcinogenic, are now being disputed. The Association has contracted with a state-approved company to treat an invasive plant species (Phragmites), and a formulation of Roundup, also approved by the state, is used.

**Safety Committee:** Ginny Rice asked about a community sign that was stolen (as reported in the Calvert Recorder). The sign was one of the signs placed at each entrance, announcing upcoming meetings. A police report was made.

**Welcome Committee:** No report

**Planning Committee - Beach Erosion Control:** No report

**Old Business:** None scheduled

**New Business:** None scheduled

**Public Comment:**

Peter Holt commented on the issues present by Mr. Grimes and stated that he has witnessed similar problems to that being experienced by property owners on Chestnut Drive. The response from the Sheriff’s office was less than helpful. The community beach has recovered approximately 90% of its sand in the last week or two.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.