

**Drum Point Property Owners' Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Drum Point Club  
March 27, 2021  
Final**

**Board Members present:** Mike Snapp, Tony Spakauskas, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, Gina Swartwood and Maggie Johnson

**Board Members not present:** Alyssa Holiday

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster

Mike Snapp, 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 25 Association memberships in good standing represented, a regular quorum was not present. However, per the motion made and approved during the December 12, 2020 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.

**President's Remarks:** Mike clarified the state law, stated above, that allows a meeting to be held in accordance with Maryland law governing quorums and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held in September 2020.

**Motion - Approval of Minutes:** Gary Heal made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded, and after review, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

**President's Remarks continued:** Mike thanked all for coming and welcomed spring. He reminded all present to clean up after their dogs and stated that the County does have a leash law. He thanked those who pick up litter along the streets during their walks and encouraged everyone to do the same.

**Committee Reports:**

**Operational/Roads Committee:** Gary Heal reported the following:

- A culvert on Surf Street will be replaced in the coming weeks, pending the weather.
- A drainage swale on Bay Drive (at Lake Charming) will be cleared and refurbished. Requests for Proposals will be sent to various contractors.

Rhea reported that Gary Heal will be "retiring" from his volunteer duties and is in the process of guiding Sal Icaza, another Drum Point property owner, to take his place. In addition, our Project Manager, Jeff MacDonald, is retiring. Chris Franklin, who is employed by the Calvert County Department of Public Works, is in the process of obtaining approval to replace Jeff. Once Mr. Franklin has full approval, Jeff will provide guidance through the transition. The work on Bay Drive will be delayed until Chris Franklin is on board.

Mike Snapp thanked Gary Heal and Jeff MacDonald for the work done the past number of years and their continued willingness to aide in the transition to their replacements.

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**Environmental Committee:** Bonnie Blades and Ginny Rice attended a webinar sponsored by the Smithsonian. It was confirmed that in order to eradicate Phragmites completely, it is necessary to continue treatment on a regular basis. The webinar also discussed which native plants might thrive in place of the Phragmites. Anyone who sees an issue that is of concern with regard to the environment should bring it to the attention of the Association office.

**Safety Committee:** No report

Mike related that Peter Holt has been experiencing some health issues, and Maggie Johnson has stepped in. All present were asked to keep Peter and Susan in their thoughts and prayers.

**Finance Committee:** The Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and were distributed at the door. Jack Andre, Treasurer for the Association, stated that the Finance Committee will meet soon to discuss the budget for the upcoming year fiscal year - FY22. Anyone wishing to serve on the committee should contact Rhea at the office. The following was also noted:

- The Profit and Loss Statement shows all but one item in line within budgeted amounts. The amount spent on legal expenses is over budget due to a need for legal opinions on procedures governing Quit Claims. The by-laws allow the Board to overspend the budget by just 15%. Therefore, a request was made for approval of this overage:

**Motion:** Doug Donegan made a motion to allow the amount spent on legal fees only to exceed the budget by the amount spent. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Welcoming Committee:** Rhea Webster reported that Asha and Gina have been assembling welcome buckets on a regular basis, with Ginny stepping in when needed. Cindy Andre continues to collect the goodies for the buckets, and more than a dozen have been distributed in the past quarter. All who receive their welcome bucket are quite pleased, and their contact information can be collected when they come into the Association office.

**Planning Committee:** No Report

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**Unfinished Business: Erosion at the Community Beach** – Mike gave a brief photo presentation and noted the following:

- Erosion at the community beach is an ongoing issue with conditions worsening in recent years. Sand was brought in last summer in hopes that it might remain in place. It was washed out within two weeks.
- While sand accreted between the years 1848 and the early 1900's. However, the photos show significant loss of beach from 1942 – 1993.
- The Board contracted with an engineering company out of Virginia, Coastline Design, to conduct a study and report on what options might be available to address the possible complete loss of the beach.
- The beach began to recede significantly in 2011 and has continued to do so each year.
- Coastline Design presented an option similar to that done at Swan Point in Charles County.
- The owner of the adjacent property to the north of the community beach is also addressing erosion on his beach. This may be able to be done in conjunction with any structures placed on the community beach, which could defray the cost somewhat. The Drum Point Club is also being consulted with regard to impact on their beach, which lies to the south.
- Anything that might be done must have the approval of the membership, and additional information will be presented at the June meeting of the membership. Cost of the project as proposed is approximately \$250,000 and includes the removal of the old asphalt (remaining as a part of Overlook Drive), installation of a spur and breakwater, additional sand and permits and oversight. The state has some loan options available that are being investigated.

The following comments were made:

- Curt Larsen a retired coastal geologist and property owner in Drum Point, voiced concern about the impact on adjacent properties. He presented information and documentation that supports this concern and spoke about the effect of the rise in sea level, tides, and storm surge on erosion.
- Bruce Fall asked about other structures in place that may have had an impact on adjacent properties. It is not known whether these were permitted, and their removal is unlikely.
- Judy Larsen suggested coordination with the Drum Point Club to allow additional access by all property owners. Members of the Club may object to this solution since they have paid for membership. The purchase of a seasonal pass may be an option.
- Robert Rowe, who has worked with the Corp of Engineers and has experience in this type of erosion issue. He suggested the community beach be moved south to where erosion has not been as much of an issue. This cannot be done easily as this is not common property, rather it belongs to the Drum Point Club.
- Mary Ann McGowan commented that the Club had received a proposal from Coastline Design, as requested by the Association. The options presented are much too high for the Club to consider.

Photos and sketches of the presentation will be placed on the DPPOA website for review and additional information will be made public when it becomes available.

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**New Business: Presentation of Board Candidates:**

Ralph Swartwood presented the following candidates: Jack Andre, Alyssa Holiday, Maggie Johnson, Ginny Rice, Mike Snapp and Tony Spakauskas. Requests were made for nominations from the floor. Hearing no additional nominations, the following motions were made:

**Motion:** With no nominations from the floor, Gary Heal made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Dennis Baker made a motion to accept by acclamation the Slate of Candidates as presented by the Nominating Committee. With six open seats and six candidates, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment and Response:** Bruce Fall stated that the Club has made a decision to hold a scaled down version of Drum Point Day on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Deanna Dove band is scheduled to perform from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Rather than the usual food brought in for the event, vendors will be invited to bring their trucks and sell food on an individual basis to those who attend. A coupon may or may not be provided. Additional planning is needed, and Bruce will coordinate with the Association office.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June, with the date to be announced.