

Drum Point Property Owners' Association
Board of Directors Meeting
401 Lake Drive
August 6, 2024
Final

Board Members Present: Tony Spakauskas, Mike Snapp, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Ginny Rice (by phone), Allen Fine, and Susan Rork

Board Members Not Present: Asha Andreas and John Latham

Staff Present: Rhea Webster – Association Manager

Property Owners and Guests Present: Steve Rowe – Project Manager

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 6:30 p.m. All meetings of the DPPOA are recorded, and Robert's Rules of Order govern the proceedings.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Mike Snapp made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2, 2024, meeting, distributed previously via email. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The minutes were approved as written.

President's Remarks: Tony Spakauskas reminded the group that reaffirmation of the Roads Committee had been postponed during the July meeting, pending a response from Sal Icaza as to his continued participation. With Sal no longer able to participate, Steve Rowe's name was suggested as Chair, given his work as Project Manager for the Association. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Mike Snapp made a motion to nominate Steve Rowe as Chair of that committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Office Update: Rhea Webster reported the following:

- The cost of food for this year's Drum Point Day was \$419.40.
- Mid-year statements were mailed to 304 property owners whose accounts are in arrears.
- The tractor was picked up and repaired by Smith Repair Shop at a cost of \$318.18. This is the second repair (over and above the cost of yearly maintenance) this calendar year (\$144.85 in May 2024), however, the mower continues to be sufficient for the job.
- Joe Bateman has a push mower to donate, although some repairs may be needed. Jimmy Volonakis, a property owner in Drum Point, does small engine repair and will be asked to look at the mower [Steve Rowe also has a mower he can donate].
- Joe has also suggested he use material left from the fence originally erected at the beach (since removed) to build two new picnic tables (using some material from the existing tables). He will be asked to provide additional information.
- It is time to schedule a fall cleanup. The Calvert County Appeal Landfill will be contacted to ascertain whether the Board of Commissioners will continue to allow the delivery of trash bins. The point of contact at the landfill stated in the spring that this service may be discontinued.

Allen Fine reported that the monthly cost of the internet for the cameras at the beach will be \$90.00 per month rather than the previously projected amount of \$70.00 per month. This is due to the fact that Verizon will not honor the lower price since the cameras were not purchased through Verizon. However, the overall cost for the year will be less than budgeted, as the cost of installation was significantly less than expected. Prices from other providers will be investigated as the end of the contract year approaches.

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Committee Reports and Roundtable:

Operational/Roads Committee: Steve Rowe reported as follows:

- Work to be done at 12695 Mill Creek Drive will need some additional clearing of the drainage area. A backhoe will be needed at an additional cost of \$500.00. The original proposal from Grover's Lawnscape was \$1,895.00. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Mike Snapp made a motion to approve the additional cost of \$500.00 for work at 12695 Mill Creek Drive, bringing the total cost of the project to \$2,395.00. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- The paving work to be done by R. E. Sheehi Trucking and Paving, LLC will begin the week of August 19th, weather permitting. It was noted that the proposal from Sheehi Paving was approved on July 23, 2024, via an email motion made by Bonnie Blades, seconded and approved unanimously.

Finance Committee: The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements were distributed. Jack Andre, Treasurer for the Association, noted that all expense lines are within budget thus far for the fiscal year, which began July 1.

Environmental Committee: Bonnie Blades reported that photos of some areas where Phragmites have begun to grow again were sent to Mark Smith of Phragmites Invasive Control. A response should be received in the coming weeks.

Safety Committee: No report

Welcome Committee: Rhea reported that one welcome bucket has been distributed in the last month. There are enough supplies on hand for the assembling of four additional buckets.

Planning Committee: The following was noted:

- Mike Snapp and Rhea measured the distance from the light pole to the mean-high water line and found the distance to be 29'. This was done at the suggestion of Curt Larsen (retired coastal geologist) as a way to gauge and monitor any erosion that might be taking place, although none has been detected. This will be done on a regular basis, perhaps aligning with the equinox at high tide, and any changes will be tracked.
- The Department of Public Works will be contacted for guidance on whether Lake Drive in particular is a candidate for the installation of a speed hump (mesa). There are guidelines that must be followed, and the County will work with communities such as Drum Point in order to determine if a street meets the criteria.
- Steve Rowe was asked to look at a strip along Calvert Drive to determine if there is a need for a guardrail or perhaps some work along the edge of the asphalt.
- An area on Surf Street was cleared to the water by a property owner. The area that was cleared is located on a lot owned by a different owner or on an easement, near the footbridge, owned by the Drum Point Property Owners' Association. Regardless of ownership, the person who cleared this area did not have permission, and the properties along that street are in the 100' buffer of the Critical Area. Additional research will be conducted to determine where the DPPOA easement is located, and signage marking that easement may be erected.

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Unfinished Business: None scheduled

New Business: Improvement of footbridge area

See above under Planning Committee: After discussion about the exact location of the easement to the water, near the footbridge, it was decided that more accurate information is needed. The area under the footbridge is one that often becomes clogged during high tides and from storms that bring in excess sand. The dredging and/or clearing of this area may not be feasible given that it continues to simply fill back in.

Public Comment: None offered.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30.