**Board Members present:** Gary Heal, Amy Rispin, Max Munger, John McCall, Tricia Powell, Dan Mathias, Dale Maxwell and Dennis Baker

**Board Members not present:** Duane Heidemann

**Staff present:** Rhea Webster

**Property owners present**: Fran Borsh, Peggy Duffy, Mike Snapp, Len Addiss, Roark Shallow

Gary Heal, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He stated that the meeting is being recorded and that Robert’s Rules of Order govern the proceedings. He reminded Board members and guests not to speak until recognized by the Chair.

**Public Comment:** The following property owners spoke:

* Peggy Duffy suggested another survey be conducted to help determine the wants and needs of the community. The survey could be included with the upcoming ballot for the Board of Directors so as not to incur additional cost of postage. Ms. Duffy also suggested a position be created to act as liaison between community members and the Board [this position exists in the form of the Ombudsman].
* Mike Snapp asked about the results of the survey conducted a few years prior.
* Len Addiss remarked that, in his capacity as the ombudsman, he is receiving comments from community members about the recently-held General Membership meeting. He will forward a list of those comments to the Board.

**Office Update:** Rhea Webster reported as follows:

* Board meeting and Membership meeting videos are now being posted on the website. The office is receiving positive feedback on this.
* The report for reimbursement of operating expenses for the first quarter of 2012 will be submitted to the County in the next week.
* There is a need to make a decision on beach security for the upcoming season. After brief discussion of the budget, Dale Maxwell made a motion to, “hire the Sheriff’s Department deputies for the upcoming season, pending the availability of funds.” The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
* Karl Bowen can remove the dead tree from the yard at 401 Lake Drive (office yard) for less than $500. This includes the grinding of the stump.
* A proposal has not yet been received on the cost of removal of the old sunken septic tank.
* Ace Electric can provide a new light and timer for the sign at the Barreda Boulevard entrance for $197, including parts and labor. CMB Electric has not yet responded. A request will also be made for a price on a light which uses a photo cell.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dennis Baker made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 29th meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded. Amy Rispin made a correction to the Environmental Report with the insertion of “Environmental Committee” in front of the word Expert. Dan Mathias made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The minutes were accepted as amended.

**President’s Remarks:** Gary Heal remarked as follows:

1. Regarding concerns voiced at the March 29th meeting of the General Membership about the perception that residents are not welcome at Board meetings, Mr. Heal extended an apology but stated that when a person is attacked or accused that person tends to be a bit standoffish to the person making the accusation.
2. Concerning the decision to move the public comment period to the beginning of each Board meeting, this was done in an effort to allow people to make remarks about agenda items before they are discussed, rather than after they have been voted upon. If this does not seem to be working, the agenda can be changed again.

**Board Round Table:**

John McCall submitted his verbal resignation. He went on to suggest that the By-laws should be updated with regard to Article X, the Removal of a Director. He urged the Board to consider a list of behaviors requiring action of this nature. He also recommended that the code of conduct should be binding on all Directors whether or not they choose to sign it and suggested that additional forms of discipline (to removal) might be adopted.

Max Munger reported that he had worked as a Precinct Captain for the Maryland Election Day (April 3, 2012). There was a strong turnout of voters in the precinct in which he worked.

Dale Maxwell noted that an area on Deer Drive is in need of attention (tree roots are damaging the asphalt). Jeff MacDonald will inspect the area.

**Committee Reports:**

**Action Items:** Jeff MacDonald stated that he spent time over the winter driving around Drum Point to determine which areas are in need of attention. That, along with suggestions from property owners was used to compile a list of projects for the upcoming season. Some of the areas in question include:

1. Ottawa Drive (tree roots causing damage to the asphalt)
2. Oak Lane (storm water maintenance)
3. Bay View Drive (stand pipe in need of repair)
4. Various shoulders throughout the community in need of re-grading and/or hardening
5. Eagle Drive (storm water management)

Mr. MacDonald stated that the overall condition of roads in Drum Point is very good. This is due, in large part, to the rejuvenation and crack filling undertaken by the Board in recent years.

Gary Heal asked that the Roads Committee (Len Addiss, Dale Maxwell and Duane Heidemann) meet with Mr. MacDonald to determine if each project is the responsibility of the DPPOA rather than the adjacent property owner. The Committee is to estimate the cost of each project and prioritize the list of jobs. The Roads Committee will provide a report to the Board, via e-mail, prior to the next meeting.

**Treasurer:** The Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet were distributed for review. Max Munger stated that the approximately $189,000 in Special Tax District funds currently being held by the County on behalf of the DPPOA will largely be spent down by the end of this fiscal year.

**Communications:** No Report

**Environmental:** No Report

**Planning Committee:** No Report

**Old Business:**

**Tabled Motion re: Public Comment period -** Dennis Baker inquired as to whether any research had been conducted regarding the holding of a Public Comment period. Mr. Heal responded that he had done some but others may wish to conduct their own. The motion remained tabled.

**New Business:**

**Request to Establish a Committee to review the possibility of re-acquiring the roads given to the County (Barreda Boulevard, portions of Dogwood Drive and Chestnut Drive)**

Roark Shallow stated that he would like to propose that a committee be formed to explore the possibility of retrieving the roads previously given to the County. The proposal is based on concern about the disparity in the condition of the roads maintained by the County and those maintained by the DPPOA. Research recently conducted by Mr. Shallow found no record of a DPPOA ballot to transfer property, as required in the By-laws. There may be a question, therefore, of the legality of the transfer.

John McCall made a motion to form a committee to explore the possibility of retrieving the roads previously given to the County, with Roark Shallow and Duane Heidemann as co-chairs. The Committee will solicit and pre-approve other members, with final approval to be by the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed by a margin of seven in favor and one opposed (Dennis Baker).

**Creation of position and nomination of a Compliance Officer**

Gary Heal suggested that the position of Compliance Officer be created. The function of the Compliance Officer would be to interpret the Whistle Blower policy of the Board.

After brief discussion, Dan Mathias made a motion, “that in compliance with the Whistle Blower Policy the position of Compliance Officer be created.” The motion was seconded. After discussion, Tricia Powell moved to amend the motion as follows, “in accordance with the Whistle Blower Policy, the position of Compliance Officer is to be created with the selection made from the community at large.” The amended motion was seconded and passed by a margin of six in favor and two abstentions (Gary Heal and Amy Rispin).

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 17, 2012.