

Snug Harbor Waterway Improvement District (SHWID) Membership Meeting January 22, 2025

Meeting was held at the Snug Harbor Community Center and called to order at 7:15pm

Attendees:

Scott and Karla Alford (Chairperson)
Peter Bell (Vice-Chairman)
Gayle, Terry, and Joe Hillery (Secretary)
Dave Miller (Treasurer)
Jack Harris (Harbormaster)
Nick Triantis
Anthony and Tracy Lee
Liz and Andy O'Mahoney
Jeff Callaway (Guest)

Quorum not established (8 voting members present - 11 needed for quorum).

Minutes of the last membership meeting (Oct. 16, 2024) handed out, reviewed and approved.

Treasurer reported the current balance of \$64,548 at Sandy Spring Bank, \$20,453 at Truist Bank and \$248,782 being held for SHWID at Anne Arundel County. Expenditures totaled \$9,623, \$5,000 of which was for the Bayland Snug Harbor Study..

Topics discussed

1. The budget to be submitted for FY2026 will have the same tax rate as the past several years, \$1669 for each of the 44 SHWID households per year.
2. The procedure for handling SHWID finances was discussed. The bulk of SHWID money is held by the County and does not earn any interest. The County collects the SHWID tax assessment yearly and SHWID pays a \$2,000 fee each year to the County to administer these funds. It is available to SHWID only with a formal request to the County justifying the use of the funds consistent with the purpose of the organization. Additionally, there are two bank accounts which are used for expenses such as minor harbor repairs, Association mailing, etc.
3. After a multi-year effort, the State has finally given the approval for harbor repairs. Requested permits are to replace a 10 ft. section of bulkhead near the marina bridge, replace 195 ft. of bulkhead on the North side of the harbor channel, reconstruct and replenish 175 ft. of the North jetty and 295 ft. of the South jetty and mechanically dredge the harbor entrance channel and the entire marina basin. It is possible that some repairs such as tie-back replacement on the North side might be sufficient to avoid having to replace the entire existing North side bulkhead at this time. The consensus was that we should get bids for all the work identified on the permit, and then decide what work should be performed and in what order.

4. The issue of paying for the harbor repair work was discussed. For many years, SHWID has been accruing money for harbor repairs and for the last several years the Snug Harbor Citizens Association (SHCA) has budgeted money for dredging the harbor channel. While SHWID is taking responsibility for the vast majority of the work, SHCA was identified as responsible for the North side channel bulkhead. It was discussed that in dredging the original harbor, the North side channel bulkhead failed and SHWID used their money on an emergency basis to rebuild it but this was not intended as a continuing SHWID responsibility.
5. SHWID has formed a working group to oversee the project. Appointed to the working group were Peter Bell, Andy O'Mahoney, Joe Hillery and Jeff Callaway (SHCA liaison).
6. A question was raised about a 15 foot buffer around the harbor. According to two of our long-term residents, this buffer was to allow SHWID access to repair bulkheads, piers, etc. but not to imply ownership or responsibility of SHWID to maintain that area. In addition a similar harbor buffer is identified in the proposed County rezoning, in order to maintain marina use.
7. The SHWID Secretary volunteered to review the SHWID Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and identify suggested changes.
8. A joint meeting of SHWID and SHCA Boards of Directors will be convened in the near future, to discuss harbor repairs and other community topics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm