

FIRE ISLAND PINES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
AND THE PINES FOUNDATION, INC.

Whyte Hall

Minutes of meetings Saturday, June 10, 2023

Directors participating in Whyte Hall: Allan Baum; Alan Brodherson; Gary Clinton; Greg Henniger; Charles Montorio-Archer; Jay Pagano; Nate Pinsley; Henry Robin; Russell Saray; Eric Sawyer; and Ed Schulhafer (who joined mid-meeting).

Directors participating telephonically: Andrew Kirtzman; Chris Mai; and Matt Tague.

Directors absent: Leland Rechis.

Also participating: Karen McCutcheon (Community Manager); Gabriela Casella Nicosia (Office Administrator) (who left mid-meeting); and Jennifer Suh-McCormack (Finance Manager).

Henry Robin called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

Greg Henniger moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2023 meetings of the Boards of Directors. Motion was seconded by Alan Brodherson and was unanimously approved, except by Matt Tague, who was not present for the May 13, 2023 meetings.

FIPPOA Discussion:

- DRA
 - Henry Robin discussed recent developments with DRA's rental of Whyte Hall.
 - FIPPOA will be a sponsor of the DRA weekend.
- FIPPOA Archives
 - Russell Saray and Gary Clinton made a presentation concerning their ongoing review of the archives.
 - Throughout the late 1950s there was rampant homophobia reflected in the minutes of the FIPPOA board meetings; while there is missing documentation from much of the 1960s, evidence of homophobia and related discriminatory attitudes was also present in documentation from the early 1970s.
 - The Board will consider how best to digitize and archive these materials so that they can be made available not only to the Fire Island Pines community, but to the LGBTQ+ community nation-wide.
 - The fact that we were able to overcome these hateful expressions and attitudes, when combined with the fact that the Board currently consists entirely of members of the LGBTQ+ community, is a remarkable sign of perseverance for which we should all be proud.

- Beachcomber contract
 - Henry provided a status report with respect to the negotiations with Beachcomber concerning a new agreement for the use of the freight dock.
 - Henry explained efforts that he was taking to address certain concerns raised by members of the Board concerning the negotiations.
 - Henry noted that he is not aware of any other freight carriers who are licensed by Suffolk County and who are providing cross-bay freight deliveries to the Pines.

Foundation Discussion:

- Pines 70th
 - Nate Pinsley provided an update with respect to the events that have been planned for the 70th anniversary celebration.
- Pines Party
 - Allan Baum updated the Board with respect to the Pines Party.
 - Ticket sales are going well and corporate sponsorships far exceed those of last year.
 - Piping plovers are nesting east of the Pines and, as a result, the beach party will have to take place on the west end of town.
- Juneteenth Weekend Events
 - Charles Montorio-Archer and Henry updated the Board with respect to events that have been planned for the weekend of Juneteenth.
- Solar Town Hall
 - The Environmental Stewardship Task Force, which is chaired by Steven McGee, will be having a solar town hall on Saturday, June 17, 2023.
 - Two vendors of solar equipment will be present, as will homeowners who have installed solar cells at their homes.

Joint FIPPOA/Pines Foundation Topics:

- Community/Employee Interactions
 - Henry explained to the Board that there have been recent incidents of members of the community engaging in unacceptable behavior which was directed to our employees.
 - Henry made quite clear that we will have no tolerance whatsoever of anyone who acts in an abusive manner towards any of our employees.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.