



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2020

Directors Present By Zoom: Allan Baum, Gary Clinton, Greg Henniger, Tami Housman, Chris Lovito, Chris Mai, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Henry Robin, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, Jeff Staadt, Matt Tague, Jim Vandernoeth

Absent: None

Also Present by Zoom: Karen McCutcheon (Community Manager), and Ken Pollard (Finance Manager)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano at 10:32 am on Zoom.

Tad Paul motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Jim Vandernoeth seconded, and the motion carried.

President's Report (Jay Pagano)

- The Spring Membership Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.
 - The time will be limited to one and a half hours 10:30 am to Noon.
 - The four FIPPOA officers, Community Manager Karen McCutcheon and Ken Stein of Sayville Ferry will be speaking.
 - Members will be able to submit questions in advance.

Beach

- The Town has reported that the Pines beach is 100% open for beach activities.
 - Social distancing must be maintained, or masks/face coverings must be worn.

Masks

- Due to COVID-19, all FIPPOA communications encourage residents to wear masks at all times.
 - This is especially true in the harbor, because of the greater density of people.

- According to Town Councilman, Neil Foley, FIPPOA could have, as owner of the harbor made wearing of masks mandatory in the harbor.

Residents Concerns

- Questions/comments about the ferries are the most frequent.
 - Expecting a lot of questions from the membership about the ferry.
- Concerns about group houses is the second priority.
 - The concern is how they will operate in a safe manner for them and for the rest of us.
 - FIPPOA has been advised by counsel to be very cautious on any involvement in tenant/landlord issues.

Fire Island Boulevard

- The Western end of the boulevard tends to become a quagmire and some residents find it difficult to get to their homes.
 - There was a terrific response from Brookhaven and Ed Romaine was instrumental in getting the Town Highway Department to grade the area.
 - The Town has put up signs prohibiting truck traffic going west past Coast Guard Walk.
 - The Town has been bringing dirt blend for application throughout the roadway.
 - There is also some interest in putting down a hard surface.
 - The new surface at the Coast Guard cut has improved vehicle traction significantly.
 - Brownie is scheduled to remove their equipment from the roadway by Memorial Day weekend.
- Homeowners on the south side of Fire Island Boulevard between Teal and Nautilus have been complaining about the squatters in front of their property.
 - One homeowner has sent an official letter and will sue FIPPOA for damages if something is not done.
 - Short term, FIPPOA has provided a dumpster for the squatters to clean up their area.
 - Long term, FIPPOA will build new enclosures just west of Teal Walk for the squatters to relocate to.
 - Steve Young has agreed to build the enclosures.
 - Alternate long term is to leave the squatters in place, do extensive landscaping and charge them for rent.
 - All are willing to pay rent which will bring equality to all contractors on the boulevard.
 - Having a community manager has allowed us to deal with this issue.

- Karen has done a commendable job of learning the issues of the community and coming up with solutions.

Pines Celebration (Henry Robin)

- Since so many Pines events have been cancelled this season, there is a need for something to provide a sense of community.
- The Human Rights Campaign Fund hosted a prerecorded event on Zoom that was very successful.
 - Henry hosted an HRC event with a pre-recorded message with the script provided by HRC.
 - Pagano could provide a similar message representing FIPPOA.
- The concept is similar to the Pines 50th Celebration, only virtual and free of charge.
 - Goal is for FIPPOA to provide a community event where we can be together in the time of COVID-19.
 - The target market is FIPPOA members.
 - The community will submit pictures/videos and a montage will be created.
 - Envision reaching out to other community groups (Pines Care Center, FIPAP, Chamber, DRA, Broadway Bares) for clips of their prior events.
 - Business owners can also submit videos.
 - We can include a video of prior Invasions.
- Tony Impavido and Scott Bromley, who were the creatives behind the Pines 50th, are interested in the concept.
 - Impavido would have editing rights.
- Board Members with any appropriate ideas should get in touch with Henry.
- Although there was no official motion or vote, Robin was given the go ahead to proceed.

Community Manager (Karen McCutcheon)

- McCutcheon will attend next meeting of Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- The dune fencing was delivered to Whyte Hall at 6 am this morning.
 - Bobby Palermo, who has installed our sand fencing before, will be doing the install.
- A sample of the new beach bins will be completed soon financed by Seashore Defense fund.
 - Russell Saray has honchoed the creation of new Seashore Defense Fund signs for the bins.
- There were many water leaks in the harbor from the last closing for the winter.

Dredging Permit

- Getting the dredging permit has been quite a procedure...
- The permit date range for when dredging was permitted was changed without our knowledge.
 - FIPPOA has requested a modification to the permit.

- At this point we are caught between a federal agency and the state agency.
- Karen McCutcheon has done a great job navigating this dilemma.

Whyte Hall

- The Fire Marshall came to Whyte Hall this week and left a list of items that need to be addressed.
- Cameras have been installed at Whyte Hall and access to the video will be completed soon.
- On Tuesday, the elevator and alarm companies are coming to service Whyte Hall
 - The elevator call button will be repaired.
- The floors at Whyte Hall are scheduled to be done.
- New seat tags will be installed in the theater.
- A new flag is on order and a lockbox will be added to the flagpole to prevent theft.
- The lighting and sound systems are working.
- The shades and the Kalwell doors need servicing.
- Bill Santangelo is installing the canopy.
- Planning a Dumpster Day for the community where residents (not contractors) will be allowed to toss out their stuff in a roll-off container provided by FIPPOA.
 - This should help avoid dumping on the boulevard.
 - Unsure of date at this time, but perhaps the weekend after Memorial Day.
 - Someone put a stereo in a contractor's dumpster and the contractor then removed from the dumpster and left on the boulevard.
- The Pines needs to implement an e-waste policy.
- Tony's Barge is strict with what they want to be thrown out and how.
- The Highway Department has a new machine for painting the lines on the boardwalks and will be doing so again this season.
- New signs prohibiting trucks going west past Coast Guard Walk seems to have helped down.
- The Membership appeal letter was sent out.
 - Some wagon stickers have been distributed from Whyte Hall.
 - The member is asked to sign-off that they have received the sticker.
- Kim McGlone is now a FIPPOA employee.
 - Kim McGlone is at the freight dock at every docking and ensuring that freight is quickly removed.
 - Tony's was charging FIPPOA to take off large pallets.
 - McGlone is marking each skid with the contractors name and the contractor then has to pay Tony's for removal.
 - New vehicle was delivered to the Pines without FIPPOA's knowledge.
 - A reminder of the new policy will be sent to Coastline.
 - McGlone will also be power washing the Lepage Deck at Whyte Hall.
- Weekend cleanups were started as the result of complaints from homeowners.

- It became apparent that we were charged exorbitant amounts.
 - Last year we were billed with an increase of 50%.
- With her attention to detail, Karen has eliminated that expense, proving the worth of a community manager.

Pines Party (Allan Baum)

- The Pines Party Committee has been discussing some very ambitious plans for the Pines Party.
 - Although smaller in scale than the usual Pines Party it could continue to be a fundraiser for Stonewall.
 - Looking for underwriters, would have an electronic journal and the auction would still occur.
 - Discussions include drone footage, house parties, pre-recorded shows and lasers beamed over the entire Pines.
 - There is another Zoom meeting of the committee this coming Monday.
 - Will report back to the board with more details.

Adjourned at 11:56