



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2020

Directors Present: Allan Baum, Gary Clinton, Tami Hausman, Greg Henniger, Chris Lovito, Chris Mai, Tad Paul, Leland Rechis, Henry Robin, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyer, Ed Schulhafer, Matt Tague, Jim Vandernoth

Absent: Jay Pagano

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

Meeting called to order by President Henry Robin at 10:33 am in the Fradd Theater, Whyte Hall, Fire Island Pines, NY.

Tad Paul motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the September 12th Board Meeting. Chris Lovito seconded, and the motion carried.

President's Report

Robin reminded the Board of his [100-Day Plan](#) that was circulated with the notice of this meeting.

220 Bay Walk

- The lease for 220 Bay Walk expires on January 31, 2021
 - Ken Ruzicka has been notified of the necessity to vacate the property

The Beach

- Funding for the FIMP project by Congress is still necessary for the future maintenance of New York State beaches
- There are 14 private beach crossovers for which homeowners have legal rights
 - FIPPOA needs to communicate to the community that those homeowners have the right to their crossovers
 - FIPPOA also needs to keep the pressure on to ensure that these crossovers are installed

- Russell Saray did an outstanding job installing the new beach bins this past summer and maintaining them with funds from the Seashore Defense Fund
 - The bins were designed to be removable
 - They cannot be chained or affixed to the beach access structures, according to the Army Corps of Engineers

Fire Island Boulevard

- The current license agreement with the Town expired during the first quarter of this year, and the request to extend it has not yet been granted
 - Councilman Neil Foley is committed to renewing and expanding the agreement
 - Foley has requested a financial analysis of the Boulevard enclosures, and that analysis is underway
- FIPPOA approached the Pines Chamber of Commerce to work jointly on guidelines for contractors concerning use of the Boulevard
 - FIPPOA created a joint task force with three representatives each from FIPPOA and the Chamber. FIPPOA's representatives are Allan Baum, Karen McCutcheon, and Henry Robin
 - The task force will produce guidelines and ways to enforce those guidelines; there will be consequences if the guidelines are not followed
- FIPPOA is sending a letter to the Highway Department, in collaboration with the Fire Department and the Chamber, requesting that the Town grade the Boulevard
 - Grading will address safety concerns; the Boulevard is frequently impassible
 - Brownie & Co. provided an estimate of \$500,000 to grade the Boulevard

Committee on Black Equality

- FIPPOA has created a diverse committee, chaired by Gary Clinton, to create "Trailblazer's Park" in the Harbor
 - The Committee will reach out to the community for recommendations about "trailblazers" to be honored
- Allan Baum is the FIPPOA liaison to COBE for its first Juneteenth celebration [June 19th] in 2021
 - COBE will reach out to other Pines organizations to participate in celebratory events during the Juneteenth weekend

Ferry Service

- FIPPOA is fostering a positive working relationship with Sayville Ferry
 - SFS is committed to the Early Fall Schedule that is currently in place as long as ridership numbers support it
 - Cherry Grove has an arrangement with SFS that the Grove will help subsidize boats that do not have enough riders to cover SFS's cost of running them

Waste Management

- Tony's Barge Service did not bid on the waste management contracts for the Pines and Davis Park
- Brownie & Co. bid on the contract for the Pines and is meeting with the Town this week
 - FIPPOA requested that the docking fee for waste management services be increased to \$150,000, and FIPPOA is working with the Town to determine where that stands
 - FIPPOA has not seen specs or a draft contract

PAC

FIPPOA is supporting two local races: Monica Martinez for State Senator and Nancy Goroff for U.S. Congressperson

- Goroff reached out and the FIPPOA PAC is organizing a meet-and-greet by Zoom before the election
- Allan Baum motioned to support the two campaigns; Eric Sawyer seconded and the motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.