

**MINUTES**  
**FIRE ISLAND PINES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
July 16, 2016

**Directors Present:** Allan Baum, Alan Brodherson, Mike Hartstein, Hal Hayes, Greg Henniger, Gary Korr, Nicole Lafountaine, Jay Pagano, Tad Paul, Henry Robin, Russell Saray, Eric Sawyers, Ed Schulhafer, Bob Tortora, Jim Vandernoth, and Randy Wilson

**By Phone:** Garry Korr

**Also Present:** Walter Boss and Bruce Bromley (FIPPOA Members), Ken Pollard (Director of Administration), Jeffrey Staadt (Nominations Chair), Damian Todaro (Director of External Operations)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano at 10:32 am in the Solstice Room, Whyte Hall, Fire Island Pines.

Tad Paul motioned to approve the June board meeting minutes. Schulhafer seconded and the motion carried.

**President's Report**

Peapods

- The number of Peapods being delivered via the ferry has increased significantly.
  - There are too many both on the boats and on the ferry dock.
  - FIPPOA will be asking that Sayville Ferry Service route the pea pods through the freight dock on Fridays and Saturdays.
  - Pea Pod are a product of Stop N Shop.
    - Damian Todaro offered to meet with Stop N Shop
- Besides the peapods, flyers being handed out as the ferry passengers are disembarking is also contributing to blocking traffic.

Ferry Dock Reconstruction

- There was a Ferry Dock Reconstruction meeting about 3 weeks ago
- Pagano, Paul, Schulhafer met with McLean Engineers and Tom Carrano.
- There was another meeting last week and the plans were reviewed with Dave Anderson to review the ease of maintenance.
- The next step is the bidding process and then the finance will be put in place.
  - The property owners approved up to \$2.75M so the project can proceed if bids come in less than that amount.
  - We must be careful not to add extras to the project so as not to exceed the maximum amount.
- The project is on track and the current ferry dock will be out of service after Columbus Day.

## **Nominations**

Jeffrey Staadt, 2016 Nominating Chair, reported.

- The entire Executive is up for re-election this year and all incumbents are running:
  - Jay Pagano for President
  - Ed Schulhafer for Vice President
  - Tad Paul for Secretary
  - Henry Robin for Treasurer
- There are 3 director slots open to be filled.
  - Two incumbent directors, Randy Wilson and Nicole LaFountaine are not running.
    - With LaFountaine's retirement the FIPPOA Board will have no female representation.
      - LaFountaine has been invaluable with the Boulevard Project; with contract negotiations for the ferries; for her understanding of Whyte Hall.
    - Wilson retires as the second longest serving director.
      - Wilson has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Foundation with his dedication to the Pines Party.
    - There was a round of applause for LaFountaine and Wilson.
  - The slate for the directors are:
    - Gary Clinton
      - Gary has come forward and volunteered to help with the Membership Committee.
    - Garry Korr (Incumbent)
    - Eric Sawyer (Incumbent)

Hartstein motioned to approve the slate of candidates. Lovito seconded and the motion carried.  
[Subsequent to this meeting, but within the 45 days prior to the annual meeting as stipulated in the by-laws, John Cassese asked to be added to the slate of candidates and the board approved.]

## **Treasurer's Report**

Henry Robin, Treasurer, reported:

- It is still too early to say if the Harbor will reach its budget numbers.
  - A number of slips have not yet been paid and there are a number who historically pay in installments or late in the season.
    - Regardless, boaters should provide the required executed agreement and insurance documentation.
    - An analysis of the magnitude of the problem will be done.
- Whyte Hall looks like it will be within budget.

## **FIPPOA PAC**

- FIPPOA PAC mission is to support candidates who would benefit the Pines and and the LGBTQ community.
  - FIPPOA PAC has donated both to Republican and Democratic candidates.
  - Anna Throne-Holst won the Democratic Primary and will oppose Representative Lee Zeldin of the First Congressional District in the general election.
    - The First Congressional District is considered to be one of the most contested districts in the country.

- In the last 5 years FIPPOA PAC has spent \$45,000, both in contributions directly to candidates and in tickets to fundraisers.
- A conference call between Hartstein, Brodherson and Paul will occur to make a decision on the FIPPOA PAC contribution strategy.

#### Mobility Access Cart

- Kent Dillon, MAC Manager and Lead Driver, informed the Executive Committee that it is time to replace the Rabig Cart which is 17 years old.
  - Dillon estimates the cost of a new cart to be \$20,000 and another \$5,000 to outfit it to our needs.
  - The old cart has an estimated residual value of \$1,000 but not sure we can sell it.
  - The annual cost to run the carts is between \$5,000 and \$6,000.
- Dillon did a USPS fundraising letter to the community and the current balance from this effort is \$36,000.
  - There will be another electronic request in the next newsletter.

Robin motioned to approve the purchase of a new Mobility Cart. Saray seconded and the motion carried.

#### Pinesfest

- FIPPOA Member Bruce Bromley appeared before the Board to speak about the Pinesfest event.

The Board had a confidential discussion on FIPPOA Procedures and The Boulevard Project beginning at 11:50 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:43

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Pollard  
Director of Finance & Administration