

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2021

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

Also in attendance: Karen McCutcheon (Community Manager) and Sharon Bunting (Administrative Assistant)

Virtual meeting called to order by President Henry Robin at 10:34 am on Zoom. All board members were aware that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of creating the first draft of the minutes and then deleted.

Ed Schulhafer motioned to approve the December 13th Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jay Pagano, and the motion carried.

President's Report

Fire Island Boulevard

- FIPPOA will be overseeing the entire length of Fire Island Boulevard when the Phase III license agreement is completed; the Phase II license agreement has been renewed
 - The Phase III license will be presented at a January public hearing followed by a Town Council vote
 - FIPPOA will pay fees to Brookhaven as part of these agreements
- Once the license agreements are in place, FIPPOA will build additional contractors' enclosures
 - Representatives of FIPPOA, the Pines Chamber of Commerce and contractors are working on FIB regulations
 - The rules will be enforced by the Community Manager, with assistance from Chris Lovito
 - FIPPOA will take action against non-compliant renters by regulating the use of FIPPOA property, including the boat slips, parking corrals, freight dock, etc.

The Board reviewed and approved the draft regulations.

Finalization of FIMI

- The project must be formally turned over from the Army Corps of Engineers to New York State and Suffolk County
 - Suzy Goldhirsch, FIA President, is working to make sure that Intermunicipal Agreements (IMA) are in place
- Once turned over, homeowners can begin to build private walkovers; FIPPOA anticipates that 14 homeowners will apply
- The Army Corps will manage our beach for the next 25 years
 - Costs for routine maintenance and nourishment are estimated at \$150 million

- Financing includes: 50% from the federal government, 35% from New York State, and 15% from the Pines Erosion Control District
- The legislation has been signed by President Trump

Garbage Contract

- The new garbage contract with Brownie Companies LLC went into effect on January 1, 2021
 - FIPPOA will post Brownie's schedule within the next few weeks
- The dumpsters have been overflowing this winter, because of numerous winter residents and illegal dumping of contractors' debris

Sayville Ferry Service

- The Friday 3:15 pm boat has been very popular, averaging 30 to 40 people
- The Board hopes that it is permanently added to the winter schedule

220 Bay Walk

- The five-year agreement giving Ken Ruzicka the use of 220 Bay Walk ends on January 31, 2021
- Ruzicka has been formally notified that he needs to be out of the property by that date
- FIPPOA may put the property up for sale

Communications

- Due to her professional workload, Tami Hausman will be stepping down as the Communications Director
- Hausman will work on 311 emails, the website, and The Sandbook, as well as other projects, time permitting

Robin thanked Hausman for her invaluable service to FIPPOA.

Treasurer's Report, Eric Sawyer

- The [2020 Year End Review](#) was circulated by email prior to the meeting
- The 2021 budget will be presented for the Board's approval at the February Board Meeting

Eric thanked Ken Pollard for compiling the data.

Membership Report, Chris Mai and Matt Tague

- FIPPOA has already received \$42,000 in dues for 2021
- Duplicate memberships have been merged in FIPPOA's Neon database
- FIPPOA has not increased its membership dues since 2014; an increase is under discussion by the Committee

AIDS Memorial, Jay Pagano

- The Task Force is looking for a location in the Pines, perhaps along the bay for high visibility; the memorial can't be built on FINS property

- The memorial will have an archival component that includes stories from caregivers, leaders, and AIDS activists

Trailblazers Park

- The Task Force has received 60 nominations for potential trailblazers with connections to the Pines
- The Task Force has also circulated its Request for Proposals to artists for the design of the physical commemoration
- The installation is anticipated to take place in spring or early summer 2021

Internet

- The Internet Task Force received 691 responses to its survey, sent to residents of the Pines, Cherry Grove, and Water Island
- 75% of respondents were Pines residents, representing about 40% of the total Pines homes
 - 70% of respondents had inconsistent or unacceptable internet service, and 90% of respondents said they would switch providers to get higher speeds and reliable service
- Verizon is very interested in bringing high speed internet to the Pines, depending on timing and infrastructure

Quality of Life Task Force

- The Quality of Life Task Force meets every other week to discuss noise, trash, yard waste, and general appearance of the Pines
 - The Task Force will discuss beach activities at its next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 pm.