

## Oak Grove Beach Community Association

April 3, 2022

**Members present:** Jim Weaver(JW),Chris Jagel(CJ), Stacey Stevens(SS), Thene McIntire(TH), Ryan Williams(RW), Mark Konney(MK), Maddalena Scrivano(MS),Tom Gardner(TG), Carole Capodiece(CC)

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by JW at 7:07 pm. JW gave the financial report from Allison Murphy as follows: Checking Account: \$10,545.09

Savings Account: \$11,980.29

Pond Account: \$7,440.00 (3 more checks totaling \$700.00 are ready to deposit =\$8,140.00)

The town received an extension to produce the grand list. We must wait for that to produce bills. The insurance policies are up for renewal. A check was sent to Rol Haven Horse Farm in the amount of \$100.00 in good faith as we had to cancel the horses for the Holiday Party in December. Allison will work to prepare the budget for next year. The lot purchase has been paid in full so there will be no tax need to cover that.

### **Old Business:**

**Short Term Rentals:** The board discussed considering adding to our bylaws a section regarding short term rentals/ long term rentals. John Schweizer has been in contact with the town to encourage some rules be set to address the short-term rentals in East Lyme. CC noted that parking and safety of our residents is a main concern. The short term (1, 2 days...) rentals have really affected our community neighborhood feeling, making it more of a business/ hotel area. The town is researching what can be done. Other communities have adopted rules. Should OGBCA to do the same? After much discussion, MS made a motion that we add to our bylaws a paragraph stating, "we as a community recommend a one week minimum for short term rentals". TG seconded. The vote was passed unanimously. JW will draft a paragraph. Any change to our bylaws requires community approval so this will be brought up at the annual meeting.

**Seawalls:** There are two areas that need to be addressed regarding the conditions of the seawall and stairs on our ROWs. 1). The stairs by Caponi ROW needs a new railing and the walkway has nothing underneath to support it. This could collapse if not addressed properly. MK and RW volunteered to build and install a new railing. 2). The seawall between Leisure's and Tabor's is beginning to collapse. We believe this will need a permit. OGBCA owns a portion of the area and is willing to work with the owners on each side to fix. We will need quotes for concrete work- Tim Leisure has been in contact with Classic Concrete and MK will get another quote. JW will contact Tim Leisure and let him know that OGBCA is happy to work with him and allow him to take the lead so we can correct this matter as quickly as possible. There is also sand on the ROW that OGBCA will contract Mike Nebelung to clean up.

**Beach Cleaning:** JW received a call from Davis beach asking if we get a general permit from the state for beach cleaning. Our interpretation is that we do not need a permit from the state as we clean the beach

area above the high-water mark. JW suggested to the Yacht Club that we split the cost of debris taken away from the beach cleaning and that OGBCA will pay the \$85.00 weekly fee to Mike Nebelung.

**Entrance Signs:** The signs are up and look great. The total cost was \$2,135.00, up a bit from the original cost because the two posts and speed limit sign were done as well.

**Marsh/Pond:** CJ reported that the 3-year permit has been submitted but not yet issued. The algae has arrived earlier than expected this year. The pipes are also still clogged. RW inquires why the boards can not be pulled during winter to have tidal water flush the pond and restore water to the entire pond? The community really needs to be aware of ways to keep pond free of debris such as leaves, fertilizer overrunning, to help further healthy pond life. CJ continues to collect donations for the pond account and expects the monies to be sufficient this year. RW spoke about possible grant money that can be applied for in the future.

**New Business:**

Chris, Stacey and Jim all have expiring terms this year. Chris has agreed to stay another 3 years as did Jim. These positions will need to be nominated at the annual meeting.

TM made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. MK seconded. The next meeting will be held on May 2nd, 2022, at CC at 7:00 pm.