

## **Oak Grove Beach Community Association**

### **Annual Meeting Saturday May 27, 2023, 10:00 am**

The annual meeting of OGBCA was called to order at 10:05 am by President Jim Weaver (JW) with 45 members in attendance. Jim thanked Rick and Laura Conley for hosting the meeting in their yard. Minutes were recorded by Carole Capodiece.

**Presidents Report:** A moment of silence was held for member Gary Heard who passed away this year. Jim reported that the board accomplished many things this past year: reconstruction of the seawall between Leisure/Tabor ROW, repair of ROW between Walsh/Schweizer, Acker beach lot was cleaned of invasive plants, Waffle Wagon event, and great attendance at both the summer picnic and winter holiday gathering. The board also spent the year discussing short-term rentals, beach cleanings and the marsh/pond. The summer picnic is scheduled for Saturday July 15, 2023. The holiday party will be held December 15, 2023, with the horses already booked.

A motion to approve the 2022 annual meeting minutes was made by John Schweizer, seconded by Annette Leisure. Motion passes unanimously.

**Board of Directors:** JW thanked all board directors for their dedication to OGBCA. Thene McIntire and Carole Capodiece have terms expiring and will not continue. Mark Konney has volunteered to stay on. The board nominated Dan Hynes and Bryce McIntire. All three directors were voted in unanimously. The board of directors for the 2023/2024 year is as follows:

Tom Gardner, Ryan Williams, Maddalena Scrivano – terms expire in 2024

Chris Jagel, Stacey Stevens, Jim Weaver – terms expire in 2025

Mark Konney, Bryce McIntire, Dan Hynes – terms expire in 2026

Allison Murphy – Treasurer (non-voting)

Pam Moriarty – Beach Council (non-voting)

**Pond/Marsh:** Chris Jagel explained the progress made over the past year trying to maintain a healthy pond. The pipes are opened, then clog with various storms. Tidal flow was tried through the winter. He continues to work with DEEP to assess the situation. The board has voted to go with a new company “Ecological Laboratories” out of Florida to try a non-chemical approach to maintain a clean and healthy pond. No permits are required. Five treatments of liquid microbes will be spread in the pond which we hope will keep the algae under control, eliminate some muck from the water and prevent smell. John Schweizer said the town has put in new bulkheads that help drain the water from Shore Road. Diana Whitelaw asked about dredging costs. Jim Weaver is researching grant opportunities and hopes to work with Davis Beach, Attawan Beach, Crescent Beach and the Yacht club over the next year.

**Budget:** JW reported on the budget for Allison Murphy. The board approved the preliminary budget that was emailed out to members. The mill rate stays the same, however the bills change according to your assessment. Our grand list is up. The board added three items: \$2,000.00 contribution to be made to the separate pond account, \$3,000.00 for anticipated driveway/ROW reserve, and \$2,000.00 to

rebuild our reserve. Nancy Marino motioned to approve the budget, with Pam Moriarty second. Motion carries unanimously.

Checking Balance: \$160.51

Saving Balance: \$12,008.84

Pond/Marsh Special Account: \$990.00

JW thanked Allison for her diligent work, and she received a round of applause.

**New Business:** John Schweizer asked to have the ROW railing repaired at Caponi Way. Mark Konney and John will build/repair.

Nancy Marino inquired about how we could keep our residents safe if an emergency arose at times when our streets have flooded from storm overflow. The board will look into this.

Judy Acker inquired about our main beach cleaning. Cindy Konney noted that she does not feel Mike Nebelung is cleaning appropriately according to his contract. Discussion followed. Dan Hynes asked about Mikes contract and what it entails. Rick Conley said the town and Yacht Club used to use the shells; however, they have not continued that process. Jim Capodiece wondered if the town could be contracted to work with us and if the board is unhappy with the work being done, can the board get other quotes? Gary Ziomek suggested a company "SandMan" and he will get his contact information to Jim Weaver. JW explained that we only had two contractors to choose from – Mike Nebelung and Harry Plaut. Madalena Scrivano stated her reason for staying with Mike as Harry Plaut has been fired from beaches in Old Lyme as well as Black Point. Jim Weaver concluded that the board voted numerous times, walked the beach to assess, and checked with the Yacht Club about their concerns. Ultimately there were only two choices to work with and the board felt it was best to stay with Mike as he not only does our beach but is also willing to help us out in any emergency situation. Marg Weaver asked if any member knows of other beach cleaners to please forward to any board member.

Short Term Rentals: Marcy Schweizer asked if there are any changes to our bylaw request for seven-day minimum rentals. Greg McIntire said the state legislature is working toward a bill to enforce more control on STR. We are still working with the town for stricter enforcement and encourage people to contact the town with concerns.

Betsy Hall thanked Jim Weaver for his leadership and a round of applause followed.

Motion was made by Marcy Schweizer to adjourn at 11:03, seconded by Christine Jagel.