

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Property-Owner's- Association of Arundel- on- the- Bay,
Tuesday January 15, 2009**

Call to Order

The meeting, called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Board Chair David Delia, was held in the Hillsmere Library. In attendance were Board Members Andy Grannell, Monique Langston, Tim Hamilton, Marc Apter, Pamela Duncan and Officers Alan Hinman, John Moses and Becky Morris. Absent were Officers Harvey Young and Helene McConnell and Board Member Donald Culbreth.

Approval of the December 9th Minutes

On the motion of Andy Grannell and the second of David Delia, the Minutes of the Board meeting of December 9, 2008 were approved.

President's Report

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Becky presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2009. She noted that a first bill of \$2,900 was received from Andrews Miller for the long-range planning study. \$16,700 remains in the roads' account.

Roads

Alan reported that recent road repairs are completed and paid for including resurfacing of the apron at Chestnut Avenue and the Bay, and on Magnolia at Narragansett. It was found that the drainage pipe was only a few inches below the road surface on Magnolia, hence its collapse. If water remains out of Wilma Coble's garage, the repairs would have been a success. Alan indicated that Carroll Brothers did a good job and that gravel of the same size was used.

It was suggested that markers such as reflectors be put up on gravel areas so the snow plow does not plow those areas. Harvey was to be contacted.

Three road repair jobs have been completed by Carroll Bros: Narragansett south of Magnolia, Chestnut east of Narragansett and Magnolia west of Saratoga. The remaining road repairs have been reprioritized and Alan distributed a list of those jobs. Bids have been received from two contractors for the crest of Rockway and Newport for 4 patches and preventive maintenance and for Cedar east of Narragansett for 3 potholes, apron and gravel. The cost of the former would be \$4,400 and the cost of the latter would be \$3,000. Only one bid was received for pothole repairs on Chestnut between Newport and Rockway and Alan was requested to solicit a second bid before approval could be given to that job.

Whether Board approval of each road project was required was discussed. Harvey had offered his view that the Board needn't approve. David indicated that the community should be notified when road or sign work is taking place. Alan indicated that road projects should be approved at the general meeting and that he will prepare a list for

David. Tim suggested that the Board give a non-binding approval to all projects. Becky noted that the community expected the Board to move ahead with projects under a basic operational plan. Tim suggested that a parliamentarian be invited to a Board meeting to help determine the answer to this question.

David noted that the community would be briefed on road and signage projects by a note in *The Pier*. Monique suggested that a list of completed repairs be presented to show progress to the general meeting.

Alan noted that he is listed in the directory as a Sub-Committee Chairman which may interfere with his being on some email distribution lists. Tim Hamilton stated that since the Constitution does not recognize Sub-Committees, Alan should be listed as co-chair of the Planning, Development & Community Service Committee. The Board agreed and directed that, in the next publication of *The Pier*, Alan and Tim should both be listed as Co-Chairmen since Tim is handling drainage repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Fire Safety

Community resident Milton Harrod, retired Captain of firefighters in Prince Georges County MD, attended the meeting at Harvey's invitation to discuss issues relating to fire safety raised by the recent fire at Oyster Harbor. He cited two issues; the lack of water and the existence of planters which impede access. He noted that responders to Oyster Harbor expected a worse result that evening due to the high winds.

Alan Hinman has discussed the water issue with Anne Arundel County fire officials and noted that the Department has done preliminary planning for dry hydrants, or pipe which runs into the Bay. There is a question as to whether dry hydrants can be used in other than standing water and this will be discussed with the Fire Department contact.

Milton explained that 50% of Anne Arundel County lacks fire hydrants, a high percentage in comparison to area counties. The fire engines have hoses which create a vacuum and can draft water out of the Bay, however, drafting sites are limited to those no higher than 20-30' for adequate suction and the roads used for drafting must be paved so that the engines do not sink into mud. He also indicated that drafting from the Bay picks up rock, dirt and muck.

Whether the ten sites designated for drafting on the map of AOTB are actually appropriate for that purpose was questioned and Alan indicated that the Fire Department was prepared to visit the community to make that determination. Whether a water main could be run down Cohasset without community hook-ups was discussed.

David summarized that 3-4 drafting sites at AOTB be made operational and that we investigate with other communities on the Annapolis Neck the feasibility of a water main. Andy noted that the pier has a standpipe to help fight boat fires. Alan is to proceed with the Fire Marshall and David would request that Harvey lead the effort to discuss this issue with other Communities.

Tim is to determine who is the head of the Annapolis Neck Federation and also find out how long fire hoses can be and still be able to pump.

AOTB Publications to Renters

David has recommended that non-property owners be supplied with *The Pier* and the community directory. Board members agreed.

DNR Duck Permits

Despite the purchase of all nearby permits by the Association, hunters have been spotted nearby. David is to follow-up on this.

AOTB Good Neighbor Fund

David suggested a good neighbor fund to help mow lawns, etc.; Becky suggested that the contributions account could be used for such purposes.

Signage

David will prioritize places for signage and will do an article for *The Pier* on the topic. Andy recommended that dog stations be installed at the playground, at the beach and at several sites along Narragansett. David agreed that at least at the pier and the community beach should have dog stations

Restroom.

Board members agreed that there would not be a portable restroom at the beach this summer but that installing a trash station should be investigated.

Overgrowth

Alan noted overgrowth at Oak and Newport; David will send a letter to the resident involved. Becky noted that there is a problem with homeowners parking on both sides of Newport between Walnut and Sycamore. If there is an emergency, fire trucks could not get down the road. David will ask Harvey to have Deputy Sheriff Harris address the problem.

Adjournment

Tim moved that the meeting be adjourned; Marc seconded the motion and the meeting was voted adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Duncan for Helene McConnell
January 27, 2009