

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION OF ARUNDEL ON THE BAY, SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2015**

The meeting was held at the West Street Library. Due to an environmental issue, the Library closed at 11:00 a.m. and therefore the meeting was held outside on the library porch.

Call to Order: In attendance were: Lori Strum, Board Chair, Board Members Mike Adams, David Zeman, President David Delia, Vice President Donna Watts-Lamont, Secretary Pamela Duncan, Parliamentarian Philip Allen. Residents in attendance were Gail Adams, Aris T. Allen Jr., Pamela Bennett, Kinley Bray, Cheryl Burgess, Ed Cassidy, Wilma Coble, Ed and Kathy Conaway, Dawn Davis, Oye Ling Margaret Delia, Marian Kratage, Karen Neale, Dick and Peggy Payton, and Joseph Phillips. A proxy was presented for Susan Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. and the balloting closed. Marian Kratage and David Zeman were the volunteer ballot counters.

At the motion of Aris T. Allen, Jr., and the second of Donna Watts-Lamont, the draft minutes of the April 4, 2015 General Membership Meeting were approved as prepared.

Approval of Constitutional Amendment: On the motion of Ed Conaway and the second of Margaret Delia, the proposed amendment of Article X, Section 4 concerning the duties of the Treasurer and the appointment of Bookkeeper was unanimously approved by a vote of 20-0.

President's Report: Capt. Vaccaro of Anne Arundel County Fire Station Company 8 will attend the December 12 General Membership meeting. He has agreed to obtain official no parking signs for the fire drafting sites. James Strum will weld handles to the removable bollards between Oyster Harbor and Arundel on the Bay.

County dumpsters were available in the spring, better publicity will be done for the next dumpster arrival anticipated for Fall 2016.

The POA-AOTB website is being updated by Elvia Thompson, Webmaster; any updates to the community directory should be given to Sheri Reno. Any suggested website changes should be sent to David.

A fundraising event will be held at Sin Fronteras in July. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AOTB 5K Run organized by Board Member Allison Buckler raised \$610 for the social fund.

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Approximately 80 persons attended the annual Wine & Jazz Party. The annual picnic, complete with Moon Bounce and Water Slide, burgers and hotdogs will be held on the beach on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should contact Marc Apter, Social Chair.

The abandoned property at 3465 Rockway Avenue is being repaired. The abandoned property at 1315 Magnolia has been sold. The Property Maintenance Committee chaired by Roy Karten has been given a legal memorandum prepared by Counsel Susan Ford as to the possibilities for action including the enforcement of county regulations.

A revised list of priorities for road repairs is now on the community website and the Board has appropriated \$10,000 for patches until needed funds for legal fees are known. Road signs denoting those streets for which the community is responsible have been changed from green to blue.

Five of the seagull deflectors installed at the community pier in April have been broken and replaced.

The wall at the entry has been redone; additional improvements will be considered. Frank Florentine is to make additional repairs to the lighting. A temporary "place holder" sign has been created by Margaret Delia for the new sign box; community members are invited to propose a permanent welcome sign for the box.

There have been *no* power outages, over a few seconds in duration, experienced this spring. Two "blinkages" were caused by problems with the underground cables in Oyster Harbor according to Bonnie Johansen, BG&E liaison.

Flat panel LED lamps have been installed in the street lights on Narragansett Avenue. David would like to get more such lighting.

Donna Watts-Lamont chaired the Elections Committee this year. Marc Apter suggested the candidate Town Hall Meeting which will be done next year with more advanced planning.

Tim Hamilton will take over as Editor of *The Pier* beginning next issue. Please send items to him. At the suggestion of Ed Conaway, Philip Allen was commended for his ten years of excellence in service as Editor.

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The Board has met three times in Executive Session since April to discuss the remaining legal claim and has communicated with the claimants Coble/Atterbeary.

David will be away during August, Donna Watts-Lamont will handle the President's duties. David may host a party for community volunteers in September/October.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on November 14, 2015 at the Hillsmere library from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Q&A/General Discussion : It was suggested that a candidate forum could be held at the Wine & Jazz Party. AOTB tee-shirts and hats are available from Roxanne Veal. Any errors to the community directory are to be communicated to Sheri Reno for correction. Other possible sites for AOTB meetings were suggested as the Coast Guard Station and the Pip Moyer Recreation Center. The latter costs \$90 per hour unless rented by someone with a 21401 zipcode.

Committee Reports, Treasurer: Neither Roxanne nor Sheila was available to attend the meeting. David reported that, although budget has been our approved, exact expenditures cannot be firmly set until legal expenses become known.

Donna gave the Traffic Safety Committee final report. The road traffic study done in early April at three points in AOTB did not support any County measures to help with speeding. The study found that most speeding occurred in mid-day; police may patrol with radar at that time. The Committee will recommend to the Board that 1) a Traffic Safety Week be held and a flyer developed, 2) that the community place its own signs on Cohasset Avenue encouraging vehicles to slow down, and 3) that the number and space between existing stop signs was found to be substandard and should be changed.

Ed Conaway reported on the Kayak Special Committee and indicated that the proposed two racks are fully subscribed. A design by Joe Phillips has been completed and a package is ready to be taken to the County Planning for the formal building permit application. Several trips have been made to County government and whether the structures can be called "permanent" and who owns the right-of-way at the Cohasset and Newport Avenues intersections with Magnolia Avenue have been discussed. Consequently the project will exceed the initial cost estimate of \$2,000.

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The original design uses pressure-treated lumber anchored in the earth. Using a concrete anchor would make the racks permanent structures. Lightweight aluminum racks are produced by a Vermont company and might be proposed if the County deems the wooden structures permanent. If the budget allows another rack may be possible. The racks will be 72 inches wide and long and 7 feet high. David noted that the Critical Areas law governs structures within 100 feet of the shoreline.

General Discussion: Karen Neale raised some concerns about property maintenance and was asked to serve on the Committee which she agreed to do.

Election Results: David Zeman reported the vote tallies. David Delia received 106 votes for re-election as President. Donna Watts Lamont received 115 votes for re-election as Vice President. Dawn Davis received 110 votes for election as Secretary and Roxanne Veal received 103 votes for election as Treasurer.

The top four vote getters for election to the Board were Tee Allen at 104 votes, Mike Adams at 75 votes for re-election, Kinley Bray who received 69 votes and Ed Conaway who received 62 votes.

Vote tallies for the other candidates for the Board of Directors were Pam Bennett 48, Dick Peyton 42, Brian Houst 45. Anthony Suggs received two write-in votes. Barry Dempsey received two write-in votes for President. David Zeman received four write-in votes for President and retiring Secretary Pamela Duncan received four write-in votes for Secretary. The elections results were accepted by the electorate.

Adjournment: On the motion of Ed Conaway and the second of Marian Kratage, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Pamela Duncan, Secretary, July 12, 2015

Reviewed by David J. Delia, president POA-AOTB