

ARPOA November 2011 (Annual) Board Meeting

November 10, 2011

Directors Present: President Jake Vandergrift, Vice President Angus Phillips Treasurer, Jimmy Hammond, Secretary Will Cravens, Walter Bigelow, Stan Samorajczyk, Pam Buckenmaier, Greg Strott, Alan Legum, Geri Nicholson, Freda Powell, Dave Buemi

Directors Absent: None.

The meeting was held at St. Anne's School

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The President welcomed new neighbors/ARPOA members
- Explained that the Annual Meeting was for the purpose of electing 8 new board members, voting on the budget, and hearing from the committees
- Floor will be opened at the end of the meeting
- Key School issue
 - All surprised to hear that there was a contract, although LUC leaders and some board members did know that Key was interested.
 - Will convene a Board Meeting next week to discuss and gather facts
 - Will hold community informational meeting after Thanksgiving to provide information, answer questions
- Need to make plans on how to repay \$55,000 borrowed from non-tax funds
- Thanks to Pam Buckenmaier and Walter Bigelow for their contributions to the Board

MOTION TO MOVE LAND USE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION BEFORE ELECTION

- A motion was made to move the Land Use Committee presentation before the election in order to provide information regarding the Key School issue.
- The motion was discussed
- A vote was taken from the floor and the motion failed.

ELECTION

- The following candidates were introduced: Dave Buemi, Jay Donnelly, Misti Dragano, Brian Goodrow, Alan Legum, Lisa Lunt, Maureen McArdle, Geri Nicholson, Mike O'Toole, Frank Peterson, Freda Powell, Stan Samorajczyk, Greg Strott, Kendall Tant, and Hank Weed. Jay Donnelly and Mike O'Toole were absent.
- No nominations were made from the floor
- Ballots were collected and were counted while the meeting continued

BUDGET REPORT

- The treasurer explained the budget process, including:
 - Explanation of line items.

- Revised assessment base
- Methodology used
- Presentation of options A, B, and C
- The treasurer answered questions from the floor regarding the budget
- Ballots were collected and counted while the meeting continued

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

- Barrier/warning rods are available to be installed
- Dumpster days successful
- Beach clean-ups successful
- Trees – if you have problems, let Steve know
- Thanks for storm clean-up
- Phragmites and kudzu eradication
- Forest steward taking lead on Forest clean-up

LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Offered \$1.3 million for both parcels in June
- Owner said he needed \$3.5 million
- Subject to confidentiality agreement, Land Use Committee was told in August that the Key School proposal was in early planning stages, that there was a Key School committee that was preparing a written proposal and would provide it to the Land Use Committee
- Written proposal was never provided, and Land Use Committee learned that there was a contract and informed the Board on November 1

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

- Improvements in transparency
- Advertising available in Bay Breeze to defray costs
- Received three good bids on website maintenance that will be submitted to the Board in December

WATERSHED REPORT

- Detailed explanation of the problems and potential solutions at the railroad embankment
- Explanation of Heron Lake pilot project

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

- Post-Irene, formed to study options for power restoration after storms.
- Committee has been in communication with BG&E, and has asserted that ARPOA and other grinder pump-reliant communities should be higher up the priority list for power restoration. Those efforts will continue.
- Committee will also be distributing as much educational material as possible about how to deal with these and other issues associated with prolonged power outages.

FOREST STEWARD REPORT

- Historical summary of 33 acres -- purchased to prevent development of woods and golf course. Now a conservation easement on the woods.
- Clean up efforts and trail work – a lot of damage from the hurricane and the tropical storm.
- Educational opportunities for kids in the community regarding wildlife identification, habitat creation, invasive species education, etc.

LANDSCAPING

- New plantings – perennials. __
- 50th anniversary of the Garden Club_

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made to study and formalize the election process, including issue of proxies vs. absentee ballots
- Motion passed

ELECTION RESULTS

- The following eight candidates were elected to the Board: Jay Donnelly, Misti Dragano, Brian Goodrow, Lisa Lunt, Maureen McArdle, Mike O'Toole, Frank Peterson, and Hank Weed.
- Budget option B was approved

Meeting adjourned at 2055h

Prepared and submitted by William S. D. Cravens, Secretary