

MINUTES
General Meeting of the SPIA
August 16, 2014

The meeting commenced at the Little Beach at 9:30 am on August 16, 2014. Charlie Cormay opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Charlie began by thanking Jim Herrington, Bob Falconer, Chuck Villa, Owen O'Neill and Sharon Whitlock for their service to SPIA. Charlie then introduced the new Board Members. He also introduced the Trustees of the two trusts – Madeline McDonald, Jim Walsh, Charlie Cormay, Linda Chisolm and Helen Harris.

1. Approval of the Minutes

Charlie asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made, Jim Walsh seconded and the minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Dan Serpico provided the Treasurer's Report. SPIA is in excellent financial condition. He noted that the Fiscal Year ends May 31. To date, SPIA had received \$32,165 in dues which exceeded the annual plan by \$8,014. Costs through July are \$13,809 - \$10,891 below plan but be advised that the fiscal period is only 3 months old as of the date of this meeting/report. Most notable expenses to date: Security \$2,993 (\$4,067 below plan); Road Maintenance \$1,507 (\$1,193 below plan), Insurance \$6,123 (\$277 below plan); Administrative Exp. \$1,548 (\$522 below plan). Other expenses include electric \$78, beach maintenance \$200, Landscaping \$686, Activities \$201, Water Test/Permitting \$330, Real Estate Taxes \$27, Newsletter \$177.

YTD we have generated a surplus of \$17,356. We can reasonably expect to have a surplus this year of approximately \$6,900. As of July 31, our cash balance was \$44,766. Given that we still have a high expense period and very limited receipts coming in, Dan projects we will end up in the range of \$32,000 to \$33,000. As of July 31, 153 households or 65.4% have paid their dues. There is both good news and bad news in those numbers. The bad news is that 65.4% is below last year's 82% collection rate. A second reminder notice will go this week re: dues. The good news is that the average dues per household is \$206.60, up from last year's \$127.11. Since July 31, Dan received dues from 17 more households, totaling \$2,970, bringing the total collection rate to 72.6% and an average of \$203.41.

3. Events and Fundraising

Marsha Dilk provided an update on events and fundraising. They had the 4th of July parade despite the hurricane. 200+ people attended along with antique cars and a police escort. They handed out ribbons at the little beach after the parade and the parade was a huge success.

The Road Race had 30 people attend and pictures were posted on the Message Board. Four Seas gift cards were provided to the winners.

Six welcome pails have been delivered to new neighbors. The names of new neighbors are on the Message Board.

The SPIA Picnic is tonight from 6-8 with a cook out and lots of food. A musician is coming with amplification. Had extra money from collection jar from last General Meeting and Parade. Still need a third grill and trash bucket. Have set up and clean up volunteers but need grillers. Still have \$160 to buy ice and charcoal.

Charlie noted here that Marsha has done an unbelievable job on the Message Board. Keep an eye out!

4. Communications – Denise Dandrea

Communications go out through Constant Contact. Looking at the list they do not have contact information for everyone. If you did not receive emails last week, please let us know. Start to think of a better way to update information than continually asking.

Facebook – Most of you have heard of Facebook. SPIA created a page several years ago and Denise has now taken responsibility for SPIA on Facebook. There is a flyer in the back telling you the name of the page – SPIA West Hyannisport – and you can “Like” the page. There are pictures of the beach, parade and will include pictures of community events. We also will include a calendar of events and reminders for events will pop up. This is an easy way to connect. Board will also have info if you are not on Facebook.

Website is up and running and is updated on occasion. It includes the minutes from the meetings. It does not change often and is spiacapecod.org. Facebook has a link to the website. Any recommendations for better communications, please let Denise know.

5. Security – Charlie Cormay

Had Dennis Friday and Saturday nights. No big events during the summer. A few cars came by around 1am but see him and leave right away. Joe Curran doing daytime security Friday-Monday works fine because it was a very quiet summer. Same security plan next summer.

6. Infrastructure and Property Update – Charlie Cormay

Took out two posts because Conservation Commission (CC) told us to. Darcy from the CC did walk the whole property and suggested two additional posts and made some suggestions regarding the property. She was concerned with the

number of kayaks. She was also concerned with the height of the posts. We explained to her why the posts must be so high. Darcy suggested putting in the 2 posts and adding kayak shelves/racks. She approved the bike rack and approved spraying around the bike rack for poison ivy. She suggested a larger bike rack.

Mike Carey looked into racks and you can build them but they are heavy – about 500 lbs. Aluminum racks are more expensive but are portable. Two things we have to do: (1) do we go to CC and ask for an extension of a bike rack; or (2) do we go to CC and ask for 2 more kayak racks and an extension for the bike rack? The additional question is where to put the kayak racks. We could get to a point that it is no longer a suggestion by the CC but a requirement to change kayak storage and bike rack.

Members asked about the cost and where money would come from. There would be a lottery to get a storage spot and a fee for storage. We have money to build them with dues. The wood runs about \$1000 and the aluminum are about \$2200 each. They are 8X8X10 so they take up some space. Could put them between the rocks and the cars in the parking lot. Could push cars back and the parking spaces would remain the same in number. CC will have some say in where we place the racks. Madeline noted a concern about visibility for stealing. The racks are an excellent idea because the kayaks float during high tide. We can secure the racks but cannot lay concrete. During this discussion a motion was made to identify ourselves before we speak so everyone will know who is talking. We can get 4 wood kayaks for the price of 2 aluminum racks. The racks are heavy and can sustain high winds. Andy McCann noted we cannot embed them in the ground. Charlie also said we cannot cut anything to put them in. We could also put them up the road.

Jim Walsh made a motion for a bike rack and kayak racks with discretion on location. Bob Falconer asked that they get permission from trustees. Charlie read the letters from trustees approving bike racks and kayak racks. A discussion followed as to whether the trusts allow kayak racks. Charlie Smith noted that the trust for the grassland states that you cannot install a permanent structure. The kayak racks are not permanent structures. Kasha Leighton of Third Avenue noted that if the kayaks are put on the street, would people park by the homes?

Sherry Collins asked that if we approve 2 more today, would we vote in June where to put the kayak racks? Charlie responded that the Conservation Commission would have a say in where we put the kayaks. If we wait until June to build and install the kayaks we lose a season with the racks. We are hoping they will be built and installed in the Spring. At the June meeting people can let us know if they do not like the location. Could report at June meeting where CC allows the rack. Could start with 2 and see how they work. Jack Durkin asked if it is cheaper to get four at one time. 20% discount if we get 4 at one time. If we build them there is no discount.

Jim Walsh made a motion to seek approval for 4 racks and the placement would be at the discretion of the CC and the Board. The motion was seconded. All were in favor; no opposition.

Charlie noted that we need a bit of flexibility in location because we are not sure what the CC will suggest.

Martha Serole(?) noted that the kayak racks would hold 32 kayaks. The remaining kayaks can go where the posts are?

Sherry Collins made a motion to expand the bike rack, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

7. New Business

An analysis should be done re: cost of buying a tent vs. renting one. \$1500 to rent the tent for 2 meetings; if buy we would have to store and install. They will do an analysis and report back in June. We discussed whether it was worth it to get a storage facility to hold everything SPIA has accumulated over the past 100 years. The cost is \$80 per month for a storage facility.

Madeline noted that the rock used to be 3 times the size it is now. She would like the Committees to go slowly and carefully when making suggestions/decisions and not to lose the beauty of the space. Keep it simple – keep that first in mind.

Charlie noted there is a You Tube video of President Kennedy playing golf and the camera faces our beach and marsh. It was a big white sandy beach.

Sue Donald said the erosion was really scary but she is definitely interested in cleaning up the kayak area.

Jim Herrington gave an update on Hall's Creek. Ready to file permits but they have not yet been filed. Staff at CC will introduce the project. There is a not so well known initiative to dredge estuaries. Town Officials let us know that the town architect/town engineer were very impressed by Hall's Creek and were intrigued by that. At the second meeting, there was interest on the part of the town to take dredging project as part of town dredging project. There may be some financial benefit from town. We still must make a contribution. They may allow us to use the county dredge which is 1/3 of the commercial cost. \$800,000 to fix the jetty and dredge. Not yet approved to work with town. Asked Jim to make a formal request via letter and that has been done. The jetty must be fixed before the dredging. Proceed separately on the jetty work and then consider working with the town on the dredging. If we can fix the jetty and do filing with the town, looking at dredging in Fall of 2015. Need to get approval from Town, State, Army Corps of Engineers. Along with application have to send documents from property owners authorizing work. Verbal approval from 2 of 4 property owners on Squaw Island. Quality of the

sand is sufficient. If you are a full-time voting resident, we ask you reach out to your councilor to show support. They will give Denise information for the SPIA website re: Hall's Creek.

Paul Clayton is retiring from the Board. We acknowledge his service.

Charlie asked if there was any new business. Moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Horton Luongo

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