

MINUTES
General Meeting of the SPIA
August 19, 2017

The meeting commenced at 9:41 on August 19, 2017. Quorum confirmed. Dan Serpico called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

1. Opening Remarks

Covered that DS was standing in for Charlie, some pleasantries discussed, nothing remarkable.

2. Treasurer's Report

“We’re doing very well.” Revenue at 29,900. Expenses – lower than expected. No expenses for road work. Insurance – small refund from Worker’s Comp (52.00) Expenses (insurance, security, tents & taxes) totaled 12,507. This resulted in a net profit of 17,393 and a cash balance of 83,500.

Dues participation declined.

63.3% of residents paid dues. Of 234 homes, typical participation is about 185 homes, though we budget for 170 homes. For 2017 the number of participants stands at 148.

This is a polite reminder to pay your dues if you have not done so.

The per household payment averages ~ 200.00.

The top three percentages contribution by avenue and streets breaks down as follows:

- 1 – Third Ave – 76%
- 2 – Cross Streets – 72%
- 3 – First Ave – 64.3%

After Dan reviewed the low participation, Jim Harrington began a discussion about “resident involvement.” There has been some turnover of residents, and suggestions were shared on how to engage the newcomers, some of whom are younger.

- Denise suggested it would be helpful to organize some way of sharing baby sitters amongst the Avenues. Perhaps something could go in the newsletter or the community bulletin board.
- Sue Donald suggested sending out flyers (something like done in the past).
- Tom Scott offered that the community yard sale was communicated well, with a combination of flyers and phone.
- Activity related signs could be posted at the beach & Post Office.
- Newcomers could be welcomed in the newsletter.

3. Security

Joe Curran reports the situation “better than usual.”

Rate for staff: \$12/Hr. We had Sara & Dennis (weekends).

Thanks offered to Joe for his cleanup efforts through the summer, with acknowledgement to Eileen Moroskey and Jack Sweeney for their help as well.

Jim Walsh confirmed that the light had been moved, and that he and Charlie had talked with the Barnstable Police about consistent patrols.

Action Report: At 09:56 hrs a large Herring Gull was observed alighting on the picnic table. With deft precision, said gull swiftly pilfered 3 defenseless Munchkins™ before the aerial assault was successfully repelled by an alert SPIA patrol. Jim Harrington promptly posted a Marine guard on the surviving Munchkins. There were no further incidents or casualties in the picnic area.

4. Infrastructure

Bob Faulkner clarified that ongoing discussion regarding possible gate at the beach be postponed due to lack of proposals. Some discussion ensued.

5. Activities

Again, the 4th of July parade was a huge success. Thanks to all for helping.

For tonight’s picnic, Jordan Renzi will be singing again. We’ll also have a balloon artist. Still could use some help with the grilling and trash removal.

Movie Nights are a hit, get the word out.

Continuing with earlier discussion on engagement with “younger families,” it was reiterated that we should be posting activities digitally.

Welcome Pails – 3 have been given out, 3 more to be delivered.

NOTE: PLEASE INFORM THE BOARD OF ANY NEW NEIGHBORS

* Approval of Minutes – Motion made and seconded to approve minutes from the June meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

6. New Business

Elections - Charlie and Rob's terms are coming up.

Kayak Racks – It was suggested that we move up the lottery application process. Perhaps send out something at the beginning of the year with a deadline for the application. Maybe combine with the dues form in the newsletter. 4th rack as yet not approved by Conservation Commission. A census was mentioned, in the interest of determining if all watercraft are actually the property of residents.

Flag Pole – Questions involved the lighting and location. Running a/c approved.

7. Other Business

Halls Creek – Jim Harrington presented an update. The campaign is “still alive and well.” Permits have been filed for the dredging and for jetty repair. Still waiting for permission to be granted from land owners of the barrier beach to deposit dredge spoils on the beach. Currently planning to file w/State EPA for plan of depositing spoils at an approved inland site. “But it remains our intent to put the sand on the beach!”

Dan Serpico asked what if we purchase the land? He suggested there may be a community appetite for such considering the upside, and thought it financially possible given our consistent financial position of positive revenue.

Move to adjourn, 2nd Motion made, unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy McCann