

**SBIA Meeting**  
**Date: May 27, 2017**  
**Time: 10:00 am**  
**Location: Tennis Court**

Board Members in Attendance: Ron Fernandes, Lindsay Doherty, Allison Hutchins, Courtney Affanato, Jay Affanato, Amy Delaney, Andy Doherty, Tom Malloy, Jill West, Michael McCarthy, Johnny Hasson, Carolyn Halloran

Meeting Called to order at 10:07 am by Michael McCarthy (ex-officio, filling in for President David O'Keefe)

President's Report (Michael McCarthy)

- Board Introductions – no one was introduced, board relatively stayed the same
- Vice President is still vacant – a call to have Joe Keenan fill the role
- Harbor Dredging (Dennis O'Connell)
  - Still hasn't been completed, hasn't been done since after Hurricane Bob in 1991
  - Harbormaster has been excellent, all neighbors have agreed to have sand put on beach from dredging which is very helpful to process
  - Can't dredge after October because of flounder (correction: January)
  - Feels its doable for Fall 2017
  - Since it's still not done there's a danger to people (especially children) swimming with a deep drop off
  - Concerns that it's also dangerous to people (especially children) jumping off of the wall into the harbor because of its shallowness – possible to get the word out about dangers via email or a sign placed at harbor?
  - If anyone has a contact at the town please get in touch with them and nudge them about getting the harbor dredged this coming fall
  - Bill Dynan offered to help Mr. O'Connell and work with him and town hall to get it done
- Boat/Kayak Rack Program (Tom Malloy)
  - 24 responses thus far
  - 3 are paddle boards
  - Drawing (if necessary) to take place on June 6<sup>th</sup> for stickers (correction: June 24<sup>th</sup>)
  - Private donor, Mark Chapman, interested in giving money to construct an additional rack (correction: Chapman, Cole, and Gleason Funeral Homes are interested in donating)
  - Getting prices and ideas for the additional rack
  - On June 24<sup>th</sup> all kayaks/boats without a sticker from the Association will be removed from the racks and will be locked up until the end of summer; if not claimed will be donated at the end of summer

- Lloyd Beckett noted that it took 9 months to have the town approve a permit to build the existing rack the last time
  - Possible location for rack could be inside the tennis court to avoid the lengthy permitting process (would be deemed a “temporary structure” in order to build it)
- Seaweed Removal (Johnny Hasson)
  - Have contacted a landscape company to remove seaweed this summer
  - Johnny and Dave meeting with the company on May 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss price, schedule, etc.
  - Town of Falmouth won’t remove seaweed; don’t want their equipment on our beach
  - Are also considering hiring teenagers/children to rake during the week and leave it on the beach so the landscape company can then remove it on Saturday
- Security Patrol (Michael McCarthy)
  - Talked with Nyes Neck and Seascape about hiring the security guard(s) they use
  - Police details are difficult to obtain because we request them during holiday weekends/busy days and officers aren’t picking up the detail
  - Should hire a private firm (like surrounding neighborhoods) for busy weekends (first weekend of summer, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Road Race) and weekend nights
  - A lot of teenagers/kids are here at night, and many of them are not from New Silver
  - Need to have security to keep kids and trouble away
- Store (Michael McCarthy)
  - Same person as last year will be running it this year
  - Trying to add some new items and getting pricing on the following: sun shirts, wine glasses, beach towels, sailor bags, Tervis Tumblers, Yeti Tumblers
  - Having defined times for the store to be open during the week and at events helped to boost sales and was successful
- Clubhouse (Michael McCarthy)
  - Worked with Falmouth Engineering to keep as much of the tennis court the same
  - It would be approximately a 1,500 square foot structure constructed (correction: footprint would be 750 square feet) in the corner (closest to Tassinari’s/Ocean View Avenue)
  - Haven’t discussed anything with the town at this point (correction: Zoning Board of Appeals Administrator is receptive to the clubhouse idea would require us to apply for a special permit for this type of change in use)
  - Structure would be 16 feet high with open storage underneath (similar to the Megansett Yacht Club)

- Question: do we spend more money to set up a subcommittee and explore option further?
- Association members had various questions including the percentage of membership needed to approve the building of the clubhouse, if the tennis court would be lost, and its function
- Michael McCarthy deferred to Ryan Hutchins who said that 66% of membership would need to approve of the structure for it to be built
- Michael McCarthy answered that the clubhouse would be used to hold events regardless of weather, using people's houses for events would not be necessary, renting out venues for events would not be necessary, storage of members' beach chairs, bathrooms, the store, and lifeguard equipment
- Tennis court would not be lost, but it would be possible to only have half court basketball
- Also possible to move fence out ten feet towards the harbor for extra space in tennis court
- Some cost would be incurred by moving forward with the plans
- Bill Dynan: ten years ago the Association voted yes to the sewer tie in thinking that in the future that this type of structure would be a possibility
- Ron Fernandes: there's nothing in the budget to dedicate more money towards this exploration
- Concern that repairing the tennis court keeps being put off because of the possibility of the clubhouse – when will tennis court finally be repaired? Michael feels like another 2 years approximately
- Last quote was \$65, 000 for tennis court repair
- Approximately \$500,000 to build clubhouse (including repair/reconfiguration of tennis court)

#### Membership Report (Michael McCarthy & Ron Fernandes)

- Status is continually changing as people send in dues
- Membership was up last year slightly which contributed to a profit increase along with the store's sales

#### Budget (Ron Fernandes)

- Plan is to break even
- Last year store revenues were up by 1/3, and there were 25 more paid members – board didn't want to count on that again for this year, so set the budget conservatively
- \$3, 800 profit last year
- The bulk of the money spent each year is on beach/lifeguards and insurance (2/3 of all money spent)
- Hope to end up with \$94,000 at end of year
- Call to approve the budget by Michael McCarthy: approved by all

#### Clubhouse (Michael McCarthy)

- Call to vote on whether or not to allot more money to move forward with clubhouse plans
- Amy Delaney concerned about voting without all members present and no one knowing about the vote
- Ryan Hutchins noting that that's why these meetings are held and that's why people should attend
- Confusion about what was being voted on; some people thought that the vote was whether or not to build the clubhouse
- Michael McCarthy and Ryan Hutchins clarified that the vote was whether or not to approve money towards exploring the possibility of building the clubhouse
- Michael McCarthy called for all in favor: 27, and all opposed: 23 (some attendees abstained from voting)
- Llyod Beckett asked for a cap to be placed on the amount spent on this exploration
- Michael McCarthy capped the expenditure at an additional \$2, 500 (some money is still left from the original funds dedicated to the project)

#### Beach Committee Report (Michael McCarthy)

- New guards hired for this summer
- Liz has created a handbook of rules and regulations for the guards
- Is creating lesson plans for each week along with Sophie (returning guard)

#### Activities Committee Report (Carolyn Halloran)

- Similar events to last year
- Hand out with additional information with pricing given to attendees (will also be emailed)
- Boot camp continuing (regular and senior classes available), and demo classes being offered for the beginning of the summer for all who want to try it out
- Golf tournament on August 4<sup>th</sup> coordinated by Joe Keenan
  - 20 people already committed
  - 40 people max allowed
  - Get in touch with Joe to reserve a spot
- Allison Hutchins coordinating tennis lessons
- Carolyn will be using SignupGenius.com for volunteers for activities – very user friendly, and many people have used it for other purposes
- Trying to put together a walking group for seniors
- Food truck night will occur again this summer
- Illumination Night will occur again
- Movie schedule is set by Amy Matthews

#### Grounds Committee Report (Johnny Hasson)

- New megaphone being purchased

- Beach clean-up on June 24<sup>th</sup> - all hands on deck!
- Lifeguards start on June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Repairing lifeguard stands rather than buying new stands this year to allow funds to be used for seaweed removal
- White line being added on Silver Beach Avenue, similar to the white line on Ocean View Avenue
- Attendee asked about limiting parking and adding additional “No Parking” signs or special stickers for members’ cars to stop the number of non-members using the beach
- Michael McCarthy replied that it wasn’t possible because the roads are public, and that members need to park to go to the beach

#### Pickleball (Carol Garvey)

- For members aged 55 and older
- Sixteen people max
- 2 nets used, and John Tarr is painting lines on the tennis court for it
- Will occur Wednesdays at 9 am
- Lots of fun, and very friendly!

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am by Michael McCarthy