

NBCA Annual Meeting – July 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 pm in the yard of Nancy and Jim Beckmann. 42 members (including proxies) were in attendance, which constituted a quorum. Nancy and Jim were thanked for their hospitality.

The following business and matters of concern were discussed:

1. Minutes from 2021 annual meeting were previously distributed by email to members. There were no suggested edits to the Minutes. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes, and the minutes were accepted by unanimous voice vote.
2. The Nominating Committee, led by Nancy Beckman, offered the following slate for open Trustee roles: Incumbents Kathy McGraw, Dave Gale, Sheila Doherty, and NBCA member Larry Merritt to replace outgoing Trustee John Cullen. Nominations from the floor were solicited and hearing none the Nominating Committee's slate was accepted and elected unanimously. Larry was welcomed, and the incumbents were thanked for their continued service. The Executive Board will be determined by the Trustees per the terms of the By-Laws.
3. John Cullen provided a Treasurer's report to the membership. NBCA general operating funds are in good shape, and several nice donations have been made to the scholarship fund.
4. Linda Prizer then provided an update on the proposed purchase by Suffolk County of land adjacent to the Preserve. The purchase has been on hold and Linda has been unable to reach Al Krupski for an update. Al Wickland shared that his understanding is that the developer would still like to sell to the County but they cannot agree on a purchase price. The land has gone up in value over the past three years so the County's offer is no longer competitive. Meanwhile, permits are in place to allow for development, which need approval from Planning Board. The members then discussed engaging the other local Civic Associations to join the opposition to the development of this parcel of land.
5. John Cullen provided an update on helicopter noise. 80% of traffic is now using the South Shore route. The East Hampton airport is no longer under FAA control and will require permission to fly in and out with limited traffic. Closing of the East Hampton airport is still under consideration to avoid the 5 pending lawsuits the airport is facing. While noise remains a problem for other communities such as Wading River, Mattituck and Orient, Northville Beach has relief. The membership thanked John for his vigilance and commitment to this issue.
6. The annual Scholarship Party will take place on August 13th at 4 pm in the beautiful yard of Larry and Mike. There are two winners of the scholarship to be announced, and their essays will be read at the party.
7. Linda Prizer led a discussion on pumpkin season traffic and noted that the Riverhead Police Chief has been helpful with controlling traffic down Sound Shore Road.

8. Jodi Cook gave an update on the NBCA off-season cocktail parties. The gatherings organized by Nancy Winkler and hosted by various members have been a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your neighbors. Anyone interested in hosting can reach out to Nancy.
9. The passing of Joseph Hoffman Sr. and George Luce was noted and lovely anecdotes and memories about both were shared by members.
10. Linda noted that NBCA is interested in developing a web site and asked for any volunteers who have an interest.
11. Linda thanked John Cullen for his 17 years of service to the NBCA as a Trustee, former President and Treasurer and all of his work fighting the helicopter noise on behalf of Northville Beach. John graciously noted that it is important to make a community a little better each year and he acknowledged all of the help he received in that regard from the members over the years.

The meeting was then opened to the membership for new business, and the good and welfare.

1. Al Wickland shared that the playground at Iron Pier Beach has been dedicated to his daughter Keri Lynn Stromski. He thanked the membership for its support and generosity in contributing toward the dedication.
2. Bruce McFarland discussed members of the public trespassing up on the bulkheads at the homes near Iron Pier. A fence is not allowed, but signs have been erected reminding people that the property is private. Bruce noted that this issue is somewhat better than past years.
3. A member advised that the property across from Garden of Eve has been sold and may be used for a vineyard. This led to a discussion around the 3 serious car accidents that have occurred over the last several months at this intersection.
4. There was a discussion about a virus that has been attacking beech trees as well as damage being cause by beetles. Someone advised that the Cornell Extension can be called for advice on how to salvage and/or care for trees.
5. Finally, members were encouraged to provide and/or update their email addresses to receive NBCA notifications and updates.

With no other business raised, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1 pm.