

NBCA Annual Meeting – July 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15 am in the yard of Nancy and Jim Beckmann. [58] members (including proxies) were in attendance, which constituted a quorum. Nancy and Jim were thanked for their hospitality in again providing use of their beautiful yard for the meeting.

The following business and matters of concern were discussed:

1. Sandy Gruner provided a report out on the annual scholarship application process. Applications may be submitted through July 31st and information is available on the web site. The scholarship committee consists of Sandy, Eileen Benthall, Jody Cook, Linda Prizer, and Bridget Moran. The scholarship winners will be announced at the annual scholarship cocktail party, which will be held on August 12, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the home of Larry and Mike. Prizes have been increased to \$1,000 for first place and \$500 for second place. The scholarship will be named in honor and memory of Noel Gale to reflect her many years of service and contributions to the Northville Beach community. Any contributions to the scholarship fund are appreciated.
2. Minutes from 2022 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.
3. The Nominating Committee offered the following slate for open Trustee roles: Incumbents Don Miller, Albert Hakeem, Nancy Beckman, and Roy Dower. Nominations from the floor were solicited and hearing none the Nominating Committee's slate was accepted and elected unanimously. The Trustees took under advisement suggestions for soliciting interest in Trustee roles from the general membership in advance of the annual meeting and will solicit input in advance of the 2024 annual meeting. The Executive Board will be determined by the Trustees per the terms of the By-Laws.
4. NBCA welcomed guest speaker Kelly McClinchy from EPCAL Watch to provide a report on the proposed plans for the EPCAL site. Ms. McClinchy has worked over the years to demand clean water for the residents living near the site as the site has created significant contamination. Ms. McClinchy detailed the plans for Triple 5, which is in contract with Riverhead to buy the site. While the intended use is still unclear, it is expected to be a substantial development, and EPCAL watch believes Triple 5 intends to us both a rail cargo hub and air cargo hub as the site has one of the largest runways in the Northeast (2 miles). Use of the site will impact Northville Beach as the site is 12 miles away and cargo planes require a 10-mile radius, and there additionally will be significant vehicle and truck traffic on the roads.

EPCAL Watch is encouraging the cancellation of the contract with Triple 5 outright, or, at a minimum, that the disposition of the site be transferred back to the Town from the Industrial Development Agency (IDA). Determination of the extent of the contaminants and remediation/clean up of the site needs to occur before further development moves forward. The US Navy is working to clean up the site, but it is a slow process. Ms. McClinchy encouraged members of the NBCA to write and call the Town on this issue. Linda offered that she would send the membership form letters that could be used for this purpose.

5. John Cullen provided an update on helicopter noise and routes. The noise over our community, while not perfect, remains very good with different routes being used by private jets and helicopters. The route may shift over Northville and be lower in the sky in the event of heavy fog/inclement weather. While East Hampton town should have control of its airport, there are several lawsuits pending requiring the airport to remain in operation. Companies such as Blade are suing the town to ensure continued access.
6. Sheila Doherty provided the Treasurer's Report. Sheila explained that NBCA has three accounts: general operating funds; the scholarship account; and the legal defense fund. Funds in all three accounts total \$27,709.00. Sheila thanked Larry and Mike for their work on the T-shirts and calendars to add money to the scholarship fund. The Trustees voted for 2024 to raise dues to \$20 for family and \$15 for a single with \$5 going toward the scholarship fund.
7. Nancy Winkler provided an update on the NBCA cocktail parties, which are held about once a month. All are welcome and anyone who is interested in hosting should contact Nancy. On July 15th, Jody Cook will welcome everyone to her home to hopefully catch a sunset. The next party will be hosted by Mike Tockman and Linda Prizer on September 9th.
8. Linda shared with the membership that our web site is up and running with special thanks to Roy Dower. www.northvillebeachcivic.org. Sign up to receive information directly from the web site on all the happenings with the NBCA.
9. Linda opened the meeting to the membership for new business, and the good and welfare.
 - a. There was a discussion around the tree clearing on the 13-acre development on Sound Shore Road. The plan is to build 13 houses but there is little information on status or next steps.
 - b. There are also plans for 4 more houses on Pier Avenue, which led to a discussion around concerns around traffic and the need for a traffic light.
 - c. The membership discussed what is planned for the corner of Sound, Penny and Northville Turnpike, including what will be going in at Eve's former site. Again, concerns center around traffic and vehicle safety.
 - d. There was another accident with a car driving in to the Sound off of Pier. Suggestions were made for a "dead end" sign or speed bumps to slow cars down on Pier.
 - e. The discussion then turned to noise concerns and common sense rules of the road for being a good neighbor – clean the beach, keep music down, ensure your garbage cans are secure, obey the speed limits on the roads etc.
 - f. A member shared that there is a cool relic on the beach near the terminal pier – an old giant chain of approximately 50 feet with 2 x 1/5 ft links.

With no other business raised, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 am.