



Chesapeake Haven Home Owners Association
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Fall General Meeting – October 15, 2016

President Dave Cross called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

The minutes of the April 23, 2016 Spring General Meeting of the Association were distributed and approved without objection.

Dave recognized Bret Gilbert, former Board member, for his service. Brett recently moved from the neighborhood. He served as Road Master for a number of years and did an excellent job troubleshooting and coordinating common property maintenance as well as coordinating snow removal. Tom Kehler, director, will assume Brett's responsibilities for the remainder of his term.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the report were distributed. Natalie Rees, Treasurer, reviewed the report. The 2017 budget was reviewed in detail. In summary, expenses have increased due to higher legal costs and common property maintenance; therefore dues will increase for 2017 from \$235 annually to \$260 annually. (A copy of the 2017 budget is attached.)

Old Business:

1. Beach Revetment: latest status of the project
 - a. All permits were received as of Spring 2016 meeting
 - b. Funding has been now been obtained
 - c. Contractor has been secured
 - d. Contractor is booked thru end of November 2016; if weather beyond November remains good, work will begin; otherwise we are first on the list for Spring 2017
 - e. Work is anticipated to take approximately two (2) weeks
 - f. Dave displayed the plans again for attendees; he explained that huge boulders would be placed against the cliff starting at the bottom and working up; under the steps will be stone
2. Road/Common Property Maintenance: recent accomplishments, future projects
 - a. Roads have been raked and 4 loads of stone spread; this should carry us through Spring 2017.
 - b. Mosquito spraying was completed in early October; spraying has proven effective. The Board thanks the Morrows and Montisanto's for opening and closing the beach road gate for spraying.
 - c. Trees have been removed by the CHHOA in some instances to preclude damage where trees were on community property. It is not the CHHOA's desire to do widespread clearing, however. We have accounted for this additional cost in the 2017 budget. Property owners are still responsible for their trees; neighbors help neighbors when cutting/removal is required. That's what makes Chesapeake Haven such a great place to live.
 - d. Residents are reminded that they should not blow leaves and grass on the road; the result of putting this debris on the road makes it difficult to do the road/stone raking. Grass deteriorates into dirt; weeds grow and the overall appearance deteriorates.



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3. Property upkeep: Individual property appearance / vehicles
- a. Our guest was Jason Boothe of the Cecil County Department of Planning & Zoning. Jason informed us of the following:
 - i. In March 2016 the Department of Planning & Zoning received information from the Department of Emergency Services that they couldn't make service calls in our neighborhood (encompassing both sides of Chesapeake Haven) because they were unable to locate some properties. Various departments that coordinate information had conflicting address information; one of those departments maintains the database for 911; if that information is not correct they cannot locate a house. Therefore the County is working to confirm, and in some cases, change/renumber addresses. Therefore it is vital that you post your address clearly on your home. This is actually a new County ordinance; some homeowners have already been informed that they need to clearly post their address. When the new County administration is installed in 2017, bills will be sent and fines will be issued by the County if you don't post your address; that is the trend in the state of Maryland. You could be denied a building permit if you do not post your house number.
 - ii. **Clearly posting your address reduces ambulance response time.** Remember the ambulance has to get here, find you, then drive approximately a half hour to Middletown, DE so keeping response time to a minimum is critical. The GPS system is not foolproof!
 - iii. The proper posting is to have your house number visible from the street; placed either on the house or on a sign. Needs to be visible in either direction of the street where emergency responders can see it; especially at night; but in any condition, it should be visible.
 - iv. The County is very pleased we have the defibrillator; it is now in the 911 system so that dispatchers are aware of its location; it is on the GPS.
 - v. Jason brought copies of the Chesapeake Haven's old and new plat plans; any questions should be directed to Jason Boothe at 410-996-5220.
 - vi. If we want services in the County to improve we must attend County council meetings; visit this page on the County's website: <http://www.ccgov.org/about-us/county-council/council-meeting-agendas-minutes-audio-recordings>
 - vii. Jason did not have any information on where Grove Neck Road stands on the master plan for improvements.
 - viii. Regarding untagged vehicles in the community, complaints should be made to the County Code Inspector. Residents must comply with County ordinances or you can be fined by the County or serve time in the County detention center. For more information search ordinances here: <http://ecode360.com/15794229>
 - b. Dave spoke to encroachment on common property of the community. Community roads are 50' wide. It is not our desire to clear a swath so that it looks like I95. However we do want our roads to be clear of any safety hazards and obstructions. These types of obstructions hinder contractors and present a safety hazard to cars and people. If there is an obstruction in the roadway in front of your property, be considerate and remove it.
 - c. Please clean up after your pets. Dogs may harbor intestinal parasites that can be transmitted to you or your child. Cecil County does have a leash law; information is listed on the Cecil County government website; code <http://www.ccgov.org/home> in subsection <http://ecode360.com/16162996>
 - d. An outside fire requires a permit from the county. Small recreational fires such as campfires or fires for cooking do not require a permit. Only open burning requires a permit, which includes if you use a burn barrel; and then there are specific rules that must be followed. However, burning trash or plastic is prohibited by the County; and it is unhealthy! The County rules are posted on NextDoor. If someone is burning trash report them to County.



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New Business:

1. AED training was suggested. For those who don't know, the defibrillator will walk you thru how to use it, step by step, when needed. The Board will reach out to Richard Brooks at the County to explore a possible CPR/AED training that could take place at our Spring 2017 General Meeting.
2. Fall CleanUp scheduled for 10/22/16. We will do some general road cleanup followed by lunch at 1:30 p.m. at Cross'. Meet at the top of the Beach road at 9:00 a.m. Bring tools, gloves, trash bags. Check NextDoor for the last minute updates should we need to reschedule.
3. Vehicles speeding through neighborhood are still a concern; everyone should heed posted signs. Don will remind neighbors via NextDoor. Some years ago the CHHOA purchased a quantity of small green safety signs for those who had small children. Don will put note on NextDoor asking if any still exist in the neighborhood and are no longer needed; could be given to another neighbor who has young children.
4. We were pleased to welcome the following new neighbors who were present at the meeting:
 - a. Kent Tittle – 125 Ohio Ave
 - b. Brian and Teresa Bennett – 124 Cecil Ave

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Thanks to Dave and Francy Cross for once again hosting the meeting. Beverages and baked goodies were enjoyed by all after the meeting.