

HOLGATE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION MEETING – APRIL 2nd, 2016

ATTENDEES:

Rand Pearsall, Bob White, Yani Kaloudis, Tom Beatty, Al Vallese, Eileen Bowker, Marianne Hurley

ATTENDANCE BY PHONE:

Bill Hutson, Dan Macone, Ted Stiles Bill Cannon

The meeting was called to order at 11:11AM by Dan Macone. Acceptance of the minutes from the prior meeting accepted as read and previously distributed via email. Trustee contact list was updated and Bill Cannon's Treasury Report was accepted as presented.

Neighborhood Crime Watch

A committee was formed consisting of Eileen Bowker, Al Vallese, Tom Beatty Rand Pearsall and Marianne Hurley to see what could be done to attract seasonal and year round residents to join. A short message will be written for the May Newsletter, as done in previous years, to bring attention to the membership of our need for volunteers. Officer Megan Keller, the Watch liaison for the Police Department, will work with the committee to write a press release for the Sandpaper as has been done in previous years.

LED LIGHTING

Using led lighting in Holgate was discussed as an alternative to street lighting and the idea of saving money. However, the lighting is extremely bright and might cause more of a negative impact on residents than any problems it solves. Ted Stiles volunteered to look into the use of this form of lighting and report back to the association at our June meeting.

LEGAL INQUIRIES

Bob White presented two letters from lawyers he contacted (Carla J. Norwood and John Caruso) regarding he associations being a sponsor of various activities, i.e., a surfing contest. He stated that it is of utmost importance that the association has sufficient liability insurance protection for our non-profit organization. This is something that the association has always been doing. He also stated that the membership might consider having their own umbrella on their existing home policy to make sure that they are covered sufficiently. It was also stated that being a sponsor vs. a participant brought the liability matter much lower. The bill for this interpretation of this legal matter, and our By-Laws, was \$810.00 and it was approved for payment.

BY LAWS

A signature page was created for the By-Laws and they were accepted with the changes made by Tom Beaty and seconded by Rand Pearsall. The trustees unanimously approved. A committee to further review and recommend changes was formed and will be chaired by Eileen Bowker. Bob White, Bill Cannon, Bill Hutson and Rand Pearsall volunteered to be on the committee.

BEACH REPLENISHMENT

As of this date beach replenishment in Holgate is scheduled to be completed by June 23rd. Dredges are scheduled to arrive by April 10th. Sand will be taken from the inlet instead of off-shore following analysis of sand, however, the dredging of the Inlet has yet to be approved and a meeting with the Mayor and Commissioners along with the DEP was scheduled for the next day, and hopefully, approval will be given.

DUNE VEGETATION

We have to utilize the many and very positive associations we have on the Island with regards to the planting which is normally done in Spring and Fall, and of course, in this case, it will be the Fall, i.e., Angela Anderson and the LBI Garden Club to come up with a plan. A committee was formed and will be chaired by Dan Maccone with Tom Beaty, Bob White and Yanni Kaloudis' assistance and propose to the membership in June the ideas that they have. Laveneder, lemongrass and citronella (annual) are a few of the plantings suggested. Yanni Kaloudis will be in charge of seeking volunteers for the Fall planting and ask volunteers to email Dan if interested. Besides the Mayor and Commissioners, invites to attend and speak at the June 4th meeting, will be extended to Angela Anderson and Andy Barron by Yanni Kaloudis

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter, as usual, will be double sided and information to be included should be sent to Ted Stiles by April 16th, i.e., Neighborhood Crime Watch, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was accepted by Tom Beaty and seconded by Al Vallese. The final figure will be amended, however, to reflect the \$810.00 charge for the lawyer's fees. Tom Beaty with Yanni Kaloudis second.

REVIEW OF BOOKS

Due by next month, Tom Beaty.

GREENHEAD FLY TRAPS

Need to be baited by the first week in June, and the second baiting will be completed by the 3rd week of July.

WATER TOWER

The water tower has had some rough starts due to the weather, however, it is still on track to be completed by June 1st. It will be dark blue on the bottom and light blue on the top and contain the name "HOLGATE" WITH THE Bond's Life Saving Station as a symbol.

HOLGATE TAXPAYERS WEB PAGE

Marc Slovak has graciously offered to continue with its updates and someone needs to take charge to route any information to Marc, however, it still needs to go through Dan Macone for approval.

FALL BARBECUE

It is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th at the tennis courts. Rain date is to appear on the invite, however, the rain date location has yet to be determined.

Concert

Concerts on July 19th (Bayview Park) and July 21st (the parking lot in Holgate) have been scheduled. There will be face painting for example for the kids, along with a surfing movie. A one-time donation of \$300.00 was requested by Eileen Bowker and it was approved by Al Vallese and seconded by Rand Pearsall. The trustees unanimously approved. The only requirement by the HTA will be that their name appears on the flyers and t-shirts.