

## **Minutes BBCA Town Meeting**

**September 16, 2010**

**Attendance:** Bruce Hellstern, Betsy Lynch, Terry Berg, Diane Olsen, Jeff Sykes, Jennifer Galloway, Ludwina Olsen, Dot Mynahan, Steve Oliver, Greg Greenwell, Amy Bleich, John Lynch, Rick Anthony

**Call to order and minutes of the last meeting:** Diane called the meeting to order. A motion was made and approved to wave the reading of the minutes from the last town meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The general fund has \$4,264.92. The Tax Benefit Fund has \$1,470.02. We have gotten our leases renewed. The County has no record of receiving our annual budget. Because of this they did not include the community assessment on residents' tax bills. This means that we will have no tax benefit fund for next year.

Since we have been ahead in our loan payment, these payments will not be an issue for next year. Marina fees will cover the cost of most of our normal expenses for the coming year. The group discussed the options for dealing with our loan payments—1. to double the tax for next year, 2. to continue to make payments for the full seven years rather than making payments in advance. Residents voted unanimously to continue to pay for the full seven years.

The Board will create a finance committee and put financial policies with specific tasks in place to ensure that this doesn't happen again. Diane is investigating using Quicken to keep financial information and make it accessible on line to Board members.

**Police Liaison:** There was no report. However, community members noticed a car parked illegally on the beach as our meeting was occurring. Police were called and responded in a timely way. Rick Anthony also called the park ranger to report the incident.

**Dock Committee:** The wait list has not changed. The average wait is 5 years. He anticipates that there will be one slip opening up next year. Jeff will determine the date of the committee next meeting and post it on the

community sign. Marina slip holders have completed community service as directed.

**Beach Committee:** Beach guards Renee and Mary did a good job during the season. The mowing contract has worked well. The gate has been damaged again; Jeff is willing to fix it again. Steve is getting new chains for the broken swings and will install them. He asked community members to suggest ways to bring the community together through events at the beach.

**Environment Project:** Amy Bleich informed us of the result of her asking Councilwoman Trish Johnson for help with restoring our beach. A meeting was held a few weeks ago at the beach with Rick Anthony and Mark Garrity of Recreation and Parks and Jim Johnson of the Office of Permits and Zoning. Rick reported on the results of that meeting: The department of Permits and Zoning is willing remove invasive species and trim overgrowth to protect the salt marsh and the Recreation and Parks Department is willing to remove the fencing and debris at the end of our beach. BBKA needs to submit a request to the Department of Permits and Zoning to fund this project as part of their Forest Conservation program. We will submit the letter next week. We could move forward with this more quickly if we are willing to hire contractors to carry out the work. Residents voted to wait for the county's response to our request.

**Community Clean-up:** The dumpsters filled up quickly when they were here in August, but there is a problem with littering in the community. Dot suggested that we have a community clean up day. She volunteered to lead this effort. Others volunteered to support it.

**Children's Committee:** Planning has begun for the Halloween Party. This year, many more people have volunteered to help. It will be a 2 part party with an early session for the younger children and a later "scariest" ones for the older children. The Party will include hot dogs and a bonfire on the beach. Steve will get a liquor license for the adults at the bonfire.

**Newsletter and Website:** So far 80 people have signed up to get the newsletter on line. Several people picked up the hard copy at Lou's. Sharon will put more there this time. We hope to get more people to sign up for the electronic version.

**Traffic Survey:** Resident Rhonda Gray contacted the county about getting calming strips in the community. The county's study concluding that we don't qualify for them. However, we are allowed to install them at our own expense.

### **Old Business**

**Board membership.** Everyone was encouraged to help recruit new board members. Many of the current members have been on the board from 6 to 14 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Town Meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2010.

Submitted by Terry Berg