

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
January 9, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Waters, Phil Jones, Mike Wurst, Jeri Singleton, David Miles, Steve Vanderbosch, Claire Corcoran (Absent: Gene Gross, Jay Harper, Ray Sullivan)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Paulette Schwallenberg, Tom Schwallenberg, Chris Grim, Bill Cone, Helene Raven

Mike Waters called the January General meeting to order, and the continuation of the November General meeting to order, at 7:05 pm. No quorum present.

MINUTES: Steve Vanderbosch moved to approve the September General Meeting minutes. Tom Schwallenberg seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved. Steve Vanderbosch moved to approve the November General Meeting minutes, with the following change: “Zoning –replace sentence #6 as follows: “We have homes that have 12 or more people, with multiple families or workers, living in a 3-bedroom house.” Tom Schwallenberg seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mike Waters welcomed our new Board members – Jeri Singleton and Jay Harper. Robin Clark Eilenberg is stepping down. Mike Waters will nominate a replacement at the January Board meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mike Waters went over the Treasurer’s Report for Gene Gross. A list of checks written are included in the Treasurer’s Report. The Special Tax budget has been submitted to the County and we don’t anticipate any changes. The Special Tax rate remains at \$249 per lot. Dues will increase to \$25 for 2020. The extra dollars can be spent in ways that Special Tax money cannot be spent, especially legal fees. Two main capital projects are the Hillsmere House at 119 Great Lake Drive and maintaining our waterfront. Pool resurfacing will be moved out to a future fiscal year.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Mike Wurst reported that Come And Get It Day is February 8. Mike will have a projector active for any committee chairs or board members to use.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Jean Somers reported that Come And Get It Day is Saturday, February 8, 10 am to 2 pm. Residents can renew memberships, pick up car and trailer stickers, purchase boat ramp keys, pay for slip rentals, dinghy rack rentals, boat park storage, and pool membership and learn more about the HSIA. Many Board members and committee chairs will be available to answer questions. Please join us.

POOL: Nothing to report.

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch showed a very old license plate that was retrieved at the Sunset Drive boat ramp during the reconstruction. Steve reported that the ramp reconstruction is done, except minor details. Steve also reported on the following:

1. Coating of parking lot delayed until warmer weather
2. Along with ramp reconstruction, we also put in three finger piers and did electrical work. Heinsohn did a great job on the ramp reconstruction and Steve is very pleased.
3. Piers & Harbor got approval from MDE for a day marker with one piling with and osprey platform. We have the wetlands permit.
4. The kayak dock at 541 Beach Drive is rotting and cracking. Steve is looking into replacing in kind. Estimate cost is \$15,000 to \$20,000. Also looking into incorporating a floating launch which will add another \$10,000 to the project.
5. The marina gate works about 95% of the time, so we will probably replace the gate in a couple of years.
6. Steve is interested in getting sills about 50 feet off the rip rap. This will help protect the sandspit.

SHORELINE PROTECTION: Mike Waters reported for Kevin Green that we've been added to the Arundel Rivers Federation application for a grant for shoreline protection and restoration. Steve met with a contractor who is creating a landscape design for the kayak rack area.

HILLSMERE HOSUE: Tom Schwallenberg handed out info on the community house. Tom will ask the Board to approve four motions at the January Board meeting, as follows:

1. Gravel for a parking pad
2. Money approval for feasibility study for building permit issues, sprinkler system, R2 zoning, exits from basement and fire-retardant material.
3. Request for bids – House Committee will provide preliminary drawings for approval
4. Not finalized yet

Mike Waters recommends we get gravel for all Hillsmere areas at one time. Mike will talk to other committee chairs.

BEACH: Jeri Singleton reported on work done in 2019 and discussed the 5-year plan. Smoothed out gravel – more will be added. West side fence repaired. Report on beach signs.

SECURITY: Claire Corcoran reported that everything is quiet and we are on a winter schedule. Claire is coordinating patrol hours between Mac and our Anne Arundel County off-duty police officer. Mac is having knee replacement surgery in February. We do not have a replacement guard yet.

ZONING: Claire Corcoran reported that all is quiet since the Fall meeting with County Council Rep. The neighbor next door to a recovery house has concerns. This specific house has changed from all women to all men and there could be as many as nine men in the house. How do we control the number of residents in a recovery house? Claire said we need to strengthen our Covenants and we need legal guidance.

PERMITS: Dave Miles reported that instructions for obtaining a HSIA building permit are on our website, along with a list of permits issued. Contact Dave before getting the Anne Arundel County permit because our setbacks are different from the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Mike Waters reported that we will have small contracts for rain gardens.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Mike Waters is looking for a volunteer to Chair and coordinate with sponsors of all our Recreation events.

DEAR MANAGEMENT: Mike Waters reported that the petition is ready to go.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of opening the pool more than once a month for residents because special tax money is used at the pool.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator