

# Harbor View Association – General Meeting Minutes

## June 18, 2106

The general meeting commenced at 10:35 AM by Bill Greim, HVA President.

Review of August 2015 Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and the motion approved.

President's Report: (Bill Greim)

Bill introduced the HVA officers and BOD members present.

Bill reported that we have ~ 200 homes in HVA and in 2015 the association had ~80% Member in Good Standing (MIGS).

Bill reminded members that the modest annual dues go a long way in protecting all home/property owners within HVA.

Treasurer's Report: (Barri Belfanti)

Barri distributed and reviewed the account balances as well as the 2016 proposed budget.

It was reported that the annual dues will remain at \$100 for 2016.

A motion to approve the proposed 2016 budget was made, seconded and approved.

Secretary's Report: (Christine Marotta)

Christine reported that ~ 50 people replied to the winter survey on the HVA activities. Several suggestions were incorporated into the 2016 calendar of events. Thanks was expressed to all who replied and participated in the 2015 activities.

General meeting minutes will be posted at the beach as available. Also, all draft/approved minutes are posted on the HVA website.

Committee Reports – Neighborhood Watch (Bill Viggiano)

We will have a presentation by Officer Lee on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The Belfanti's have graciously offered their guest house at 2 South Parkway for the meeting. The Social Committee will provide pizza but ask attendees to RSVP and bring own drinks.

Bill V reported that the watch committee would ideally like 2 people per HVA street to serve as captains. Interested persons should contact Bill V (or e-mail the association at harbor.view.association@gmail.com).

It is recommended that association members should get to know their neighbors, advice of long absences and keep an eye out for others.

Election of Officers:

The Treasurer's position is open as Barri will not be running again. Barri has done a tremendous job in the position and will be difficult to replace. She will remain in the position until a replacement is identified.

Old Business: Jetty/Beach Restoration (Bill G)

Bill G reported that this project has been in the works for nearly 5 years.

In the Fall of 2015, HVA received approval for four new jetties and the restoration of the center beach.

The Jetty Task Force (JTF) was formed from association members and met over the winter months.

HVA is not a taxing authority and therefore there will be no "special assessment" to fund this project. Phase I is now complete with the restoration of Center Beach. The grade will naturally level out and the sand will bleach out like the other sand. This same sand was used for other nearby projects and is approved by the DEEP.

Bill confirmed that the jetty/beach restoration plans will proceed as funding allows.

A question was raised as to budgeting for on-going maintenance of the jetties but Bill reported that we are very restricted by various government agencies.

A question was also raised on the sea grass which is invading the beaches – specifically the center beach. Bill reported that it cannot be removed/damaged.

#### Old Business: Sand Loss

The question of sand loss at the South and North beaches was raised. Additional barriers to present sand loss were discussed but this topic will be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

#### New Business: Speeding in HVA

A member reported a "close call" with kids on bikes and suggested a Clinton Bike Rodeo at HVA to teach kids about bike safety rules.

The topic of speeding on Uncas was raised. Several current and past BOD members reported that several options have been looked into including but not limited to: speed bumps, stop signs, electronic speed monitoring. It was also discussed that there are limited speed limit signs and some are not highly visible. The topic of a speed limit reduction (to 20 MPH) was also discussed.

A member passed a petition to sign if in support of addressing this issue at the town level.

- Bill G to take up this topic with the First Selectman (since he was responsive on the Hammock Pkwy water topic – see below)

It was suggested that HVA investigate the cost of an electronic speed sign vs attempting to secure the one shared by the Clinton Council of Assns. Solar versions were also discussed.

- Bill to investigate speed sign options

A member suggested that HVA should send a note of "thanks" to the town for the fine work done on the re-paving of Uncas Road.

- Bill to issue note of thanks to town for the paving efforts

#### New Business: Water on Hammock

Bill reported that his concerns expressed to the First Selectman regarding the standing water at the bottom of Hammock Parkway were addressed. The town has this area on its target list to address but timing was not specified.

#### New Business: Kayak Racks

A member suggested adding kayak racks for members and also for potential rental. The association discussed and decided not to pursue. This has been investigated in the past and had issues regarding abandoned equipment, mess, impact on views, etc...

#### New Business: Renters in HVA

A member raised the topic of HVA owners who rent and reminded tenants of HVA beach rules and regs as well as speed limits etc... The meeting attendees agreed that adding a "Renters" section to the HVA website would be valuable.

- Carol Scarfo to share some info for such a sub-site

#### Social Committee: (Christine Marotta)

Christine reviewed the plans for 2016 which include several new activities based on the survey feedback.

New activities this year include: happy hours, walking group, earlier beach clean-up/Rock Party.

Christine reminded HVA members of up-coming events including:

- Rock Party – tonight (June 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Assn Tag Sale – June 24<sup>th</sup> (set-up) & 25<sup>th</sup> (tag/bake sale) – volunteers needed for both days as well as bakers and tables.

HVA t-shirts and sweat shirts with the current HVA logo will be available this year. Christine shared the imprint and advised those interested to watch for sale dates/locations.

HVA was contacted by a member regarding a contribution to the Clinton Chamber of Commerce in support of the planned August town fireworks. The BOD suggested a modest donation of \$250 from the Social Committee budget since HVA does have prime viewing.

A vote was taken with the members present and no opposed. Therefore the donation was approved

- Barri to coordinate payment to the Chamber on behalf of HVA
- Christine to advise the requesting member of the association's plans

Members are encouraged to watch for e-mails and check the website for upcoming events.

Website:

Members are reminded to check the HVA website for all of the latest association news, meeting minutes, events, and photos: [www.hvact.org](http://www.hvact.org)

The HVA general meeting was concluded at 11:45 AM.

*Submitted by Christine Marotta.*

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