

**GIANTS NECK HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
At The Clubhouse on Creek Road
Saturday, May 18, 2013
10:00AM**

Present:

Anthony Starace, , Michael Pare, Steve Licitra, Brian Kennedy, Rudy Croteau, Vickey Beauregard, Mike Fogarty,

Meeting was called to order by President Starace at 10:05 a.m.

A quorum was assured.

Secretary's Report was read by Annette Ciavarro. The minutes were motioned and unanimously approved.

Secretary also read an email from Ruth Ames regarding a salary increase for the tax collection services she provides.

Treasurer's Report was read by Steve Licitra. Total Surplus for fiscal year 7/1/12 to 6/30/13 is \$21,006.05. Checking Account - \$82,405.19. Total is \$103,411.24.

President's Report

President Starace reported on the meetings held to create an egress road off of Giant's Neck Road. (if there is a need for evacuation) Rudy Croteau and Carole Fedina have been working on this. They will start a second year of meetings this August. Carole Fedina has been in conversation with First Selectman, Paul Formica. Tony then reported on an email from Susan Whalen, Deputy Commissioner of DEEP. Tony noted the State is dragging its feet and it may be necessary to get a petition together by the citizens of the Association. We may also need to write letters to the Governor. Tony is working together with Giants Neck Beach and we hope to get this done. Robert Vancour suggested introducing a special legislation, order DEEP to allow construction. Mr. Vancour will meet with President Starace to discuss this.

Budget

At this point, Mike Rogers motioned to bring the budget to the floor and Steve Divinitz seconded the motion.

After discussion, it was decided that line 23 (Tax Collector/Office Services) would be changed from \$4000 to \$5890.

A motion was made by Robert Vancour and seconded by Bob Waitr to amend line 23 to \$5890 in the budget.

A motion was made to vote on the Budget.

Amended Budget was passed unanimously

Joe Stiano asked about any projected figures for next year regarding tax collection. Steve Licitra noted there are approximately 52 properties that do not pay their taxes resulting in liens on the properties.

President Starace stated that Tax Collector Ruth Ames makes three attempts through letters to collect the delinquent taxes. She is also in contact with an attorney who has taken this case. Tony noted that we had to do this because there are too many people who are not paying their taxes. Tony also reported it looks positive that FEMA will return to us 75% of the money we spent on the jetty from super storm Sandy. Regarding the Clubhouse, spray foam insulation was installed and the Clubhouse basement was cleaned.

Old Business

President Starace gave an update on the Park. The sports turf was done last week. Tony asked all members to keep an eye out for kids who are sneaking onto the turf before it is ready. The padlock is up; kids should not be in there so please ask them to leave. There will be light and dark green lines for the tennis court and maroon lines for the basketball court. We are also looking into bocce and shuffleboard for the old basketball court. Tony will be working on some sort a system to control the use of the courts. Tony thanked the membership for being so helpful with Board regarding the undertaking of the park project.

The President also has quotes regarding pavers in the turnaround. Lou Maglaty has turned in plans for the deck and will oversee the contractor. President Starace is very grateful to the members of the community who have volunteered their time and talents.

President Starace then reported that Rudy Croteau and his By-laws Committee have done a great deal of work. By-laws had to be done over and an attorney has reviewed and made small and large changes. Please show up for the August Meeting so we can review and approve these By-laws.

New Business

President Starace is looking for Association Members who have a background in Accounting. He would like them to look over the Treasurer's and Secretary's positions – look at why we pay what we pay for them – job duties and descriptions – Standard Work. Tony would like to set up a committee to oversee – Joe Lis, Michael Pare and Steve Licitra would like to be on the committee. Tony noted there are 98 names on our email list. We will send out emails looking for members for this committee

Robert Vancour asked about the abandoned homes that are so detrimental to everyone who lives here. Is there anything that we as an Association can do? Joe Lis asked if this also includes vehicles. Tony responded yes, it does. Steve Licitra noted we do not have zoning for these abandoned buildings owned by the banks. Tony noted we will look into this and come back with more info and report on it in June of August.

Good and Welfare

Nick Caristo, Beautification Chair has diligently worked on hill in the parking lot and the turn- around -- removing weeds and debris, spreading mulch and planting new plants and bushes. Unfortunately for him and us, he has taken seriously ill. In appreciation for all his hard work, President Starace has taken \$100.00 out of his stipend to donate to St. Agnes Church from GNHA. Good Luck, Nick and thank you. Rudy Croteau noted that the jetty looks beautiful.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Ciavarro, Secretary