

**GIANTS NECK HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
At The Clubhouse on Creek Road  
Saturday, June 15, 2013  
10:00AM**

**Present**

**Board Members:** Anthony Starace, Agnes Bellody, Michael Pare, Steve Licitra, Brian Kennedy, Rudy Croteau, Vickey Beauregard and Isabel Georgian.

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

A quorum was assured.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Vickey Beauregard.

**A motion was made by Isabel Georgian to accept the minutes and seconded by Steve Licitra. The motion was unanimously accepted.**

The secretary also read a letter from the Pastor at St Agnes' church thanking the membership for their \$100 contribution on behalf of Nick Caristo, our beatification chair, who has taken ill. Tony Starace made the contribution out of his President's stipend on behalf of our Association.

**Treasurer's Report**

Steve Licitra reported that there is an \$8,000 surplus and there will be some large expenditures coming up to finish the park. The final budget and expenditures will be available at the August 10 meeting.

**A motion was made by Mike Pare to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Bob Waitr of 15 Parkview. The motion was unanimously accepted.**

**President's Report**

President Tony Starace reported that he has been in discussions with the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) regarding an emergency egress road off Giants Neck Road that will connect and provide an alternate escape route via the road in Rocky Neck State Park that runs alongside Giants Neck Road. He has spoken to several people at DEEP and they have either not responded or have not provided viable solutions. When he spoke to the Director of Park & Recreations at DEEP his solution was to propose an egress point but it would be north of Dell Road. Tony explained that a north access point before Dell Road would do us no good. The director said he would look at some maps and get back to him shortly. When President Starace did not hear back, he wrote a letter to the DEEP Deputy Commissioner, Susan Whalen. The Commissioner's office replied and there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the clubhouse with the DEEP. President Starace will press for a solution. Several Association members expressed interest in attending the meeting. A report out on this meeting will be provided at the August meeting.

President Starace also reported that a representative from AT&T contacted him about a U-Verse program they are offering called "Connect with Communities". This AT&T program will give us free internet in our clubhouse. Jay Nilsen, of 89 Hillcrest Rd., asked if this program would be retroactive. It was noted that unfortunately it is not. It is only valid for Association members that do not currently have AT&T U-verse. However, for every Association Member who signs up for AT&T U-verse going forward, they will be providing our Association with money. For example: if any member signs up for television access, the association will receive \$100; for internet access, \$50; and for phone access, \$25 as a thank you from AT&T. A listing of our association street names has been sent to AT&T and this program will become effective shortly. Please be sure to sign up for AT&T U-verse and help bring income into our community while enjoying their great services!

Tony announced that FEMA has approved our request for assistance and that we will receive approximately \$7,700 in relief funds from super storm Sandy. This money will go back into our community's Capitol Improvement Fund. Tony noted that with all the repairs to the jetty and beach, the clubhouse basement and doors and the sand removal from the turnaround at the beach the Association ended up paying approximately \$10,000. All remaining money from the \$20,000 approved Capitol Improvement Fund expenditure in December that has not been spent will be returned to the fund.

### **Elections**

Tony Starace announced that he would be continuing as President of the Association for another year. An Executive Board meeting was held after the meeting to approve his presidents. He also announced that three board members positions were up for new terms: Agnes Bellody our Club House Chair, Vickey Beauregard our Website Chair and Isabel Georgian our Events Chair. Both Vickey and Agnes requested to run for another term. Isabel announced that she would not be running for another term but would continue volunteering and helping with upcoming events. President Starace thanked her for doing a great job throughout the past three years.

**Steve Licitra motioned to nominate Agnes Bellody and Vickey Beauregard to their second terms on the board.** He also mentioned that Tim Fox of Parkview would be interested in the open position for the Events chair. While Tim could not make it to the meeting today, Steve said he has known him for 4 years and that Tim has helped him with the clubhouse and other chores at the beach and around the community.

**A motion was made by Tom Hayes of 2 Bayview to close the nominations and was seconded by Steve Licitra. The motion was carried.**

### **By-Laws**

President Starace announced that the Association would now be addressing the By-Laws which were going to be scheduled for the August meeting. However, it was discussed by the Board of Governors to bring it up today because of the lack of a quorum during the past several years at the

August meetings. The By-Laws had been sent out to all the members in the May meeting package and have be reviewed and revised several times by attorneys.

**A motion was made by Vickey Beauregard to accept the new By-Laws. The motioned was seconded by Mike Pare. The motion was unanimously accepted.**

Rudy Coutreau, our By-Laws Chair, gratefully thanked all the members who were present for adopting the new By-Laws. He also thanked everyone who worked on the By-Laws Committee so tirelessly for the past several years. He pointed out that our new By-Laws are now concurrent with our State's Laws and the Freedom of Information Act.

### **New Business**

President Starace announced that the new Finance Committee that will reviewing our bookkeeping and tax collection processes will be chaired by Mike Pare and Vickey Beauregard. Other Association committee members will include Bob Wiatr of Parkview, Mary Perron of South Edgewood, Joe Stiano of Bay View, Joe Lis of Oakwood and Steve Licitra, our Treasurer, will provide input on the current financial processes in place. The Committee's ultimate goal is to provide standardized practices and transparency on the Association's financial practices.

### **Good and Welfare**

President Starace commented that he has been getting quite a few complaints about speeding in the neighborhood. He has therefore been in contact with the East Lyme Police Department and they will be issuing tickets in the neighborhood. He reminded everyone that the speed limit is 20 mph on all streets inside the Association.

Tony also mentioned that there are children trying to get into the new tennis courts before they have been completed. Because of the rainy weather, the courts have not yet been painted and are not ready for use. He asked that anyone who sees anybody trying to enter the fence around the courts should call the police.

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:34AM. The motion was carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Vickey Beauregard, Secretary