

2020 NPA Annual Meeting  
10 AM - Neptune Court  
6/24/2020  
**(Approved 6/26/2021)**

The 2020 Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Alan Budkofsky, Chairman

**Agenda Item: Discussion and Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting**

- Chairman Budkofsky requested comments on the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting. No discussion was made. Sandy Ziplow made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Fred Paxton. Minutes were approved by the community unanimously.

**Agenda Item: Moment of Silence**

- Chairman Budkofsky requested a moment of silence in honor of members Ron Bernstein and Barry Weinbaum who passed away since the previous meeting.

**Agenda Item: Staff Introductions**

- Judy Salm introduced the 2020 Beach Crew. The members of the Beach Crew include:
  - Spencer Romain – Lead
  - Garrett Matson – Lead
  - Daniel Reilly
  - Perry Belfiglio
  - Ava Muise
  - Jaden Campbell
  - Tristen Thompson
- The beach crew is responsible for raking the beach 5 days/week. A request was made to the community to refrain from setting up chairs on the beach until it has been raked (after 10 AM). A special request was made of all community members to pick up their toys and belongings each evening. **It is not the responsibility of the Beach Crew to pick up after members.**

**Agenda Item: New Members**

- Chairman Budkofsky asked if there were any new members. No one stepped forward.

**Agenda Item: Board Elections**

- Chairman Alan Budkofsky announced the four candidates running for the 3 positions for a 3-year term on the Board of Governors. Each candidate, Judy Salm (Incumbent), Anne

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Haviland (Incumbent), Alan Budkofsky (Incumbent) and Brian Drutman were given an opportunity to address the community and then the vote was taken.

- Peter Reilly and Steven Daren collected the ballots from the community, which were counted by Steven Daren and Scott Matson.
- **Action Item:** The community voted to re-elect the following members to 3-year terms:
  - **Alan Budkofsky (42)**
  - **Judith Salm (46)**
  - **Brian Drutman (50)**
  - **Anne Haviland (41)**
- Chairman Budkofsky announced the results and thanked Anne Haviland for her participation on the Board.

**Agenda Item: 2021 – 2022 Budget Review**

- Peter Reilly gave an overview of the 2019 – 2020 expenditures and the proposed 2020 – 2021 proposed budget of \$49,650. The community currently has \$156K in a CD earning 0.9% interest and \$67K in a no-interest bearing checking account. These funds are available for the operating expenses of the community as well as a “Rainy Day” fund to care for the beach and sea wall. The recommendation of the Board was to reduce the “\$15,000 Special Assessment” voted in by the community in 2012 to \$5,000 now that the community had met its goal of rebuilding the “Rainy Day” fund to where it was prior to Hurricane Sandy in 2012. It was noted by Mark Matson that the last time the community had to rebuild the seawall (in 2012) the community spent approximately \$150K. Howard Smith noted that in 2012 approximately 40% of the seawall required work. There was some discussion related to rising sea level as well as the increase of costs the community would face if the same damage were to occur today.
- **Action Item:** Member Mark Matson made a motion to increase the Special Assessment to \$10,000 (and thus increasing the Annual Budget to from \$49,650 to \$54,650). Mark’s motion was seconded by Fred Paxton and approved by a majority of the community.
- **Action Item:** The community then voted on the revised 2020-2021 Budget of \$54,650. Scott Matson made the motion to approve the budget of \$54,650. The motion was seconded by Stuart Roth. The community approved the revised budget unanimously.

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**Agenda Item: Public Comments**

- NPA Community Archivist, Fred Paxton informed the community that all archives are now in his possession and that we are working on adding more information to the NPA Website ([www.neptunepark.org](http://www.neptunepark.org)). Currently on the website is information on our Annual Meetings, Board of Governors Meetings, Our Charter, as well as a new section with “Old Documents and Photos” dating back to 1907. Fred asked the community to check their files for additional documents and photos that may be interesting to the broader community. He noted he was especially interested in seeing any document (Annual Meeting, Board of Governors Meetings, General Correspondence, Etc.) between the years of 1984 – 1996. **Action Item: Please check your family files for old documents, photos, correspondence, etc. related to Neptune Park Association.**
- Howard Gordon requested information on how the community was planning on managing beach security considering the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor of CT’s Executive Order requiring Ocean Beach limit attendance at 40% of capacity. Chairman Budkofsky informed the community that he had been in communication with Dave Sugrue and the folks at Ocean Beach Park, they were aware of the issue and on at least one occasion had sent representatives to stop people from enter OBP from our community – without success. Chairman Budkofsky has been “policing” the individuals who have been turned away from Ocean Beach Park and believes the best we can do given the circumstances (Covid-19 and social unrest) is to guide visitors to the park to the high tide line and let them fend for themselves and Ocean Beach Park.
- Craig Kochanski brought up the subject of the care, cleaning, and maintenance of the Brownstone Monuments. Craig mentioned that he was happy to power wash the monuments if the various community members living near them would allow him access to a spigot. Some discussion ensued related to the deterioration of the monuments and some work that was done 15 years ago. John Mador mentioned he had just completed some brownstone work at his home on Ocean Ave and he would be happy to put the community in touch with his brownstone guy for some advice. **Action Item: Chairman Budkofsky said the Board of Governors will take it up in discussion at our next Board Meeting.**

**The 2020 Annual Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM**

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- A motion to adjourn was made by Howard Gordon and seconded by Cathy Fosnot. Motion passed unanimously.