

NBCA Annual Meeting – July 14, 2024

Meeting was called to order at approximately 11:15 am in the yard of Nancy and Jim Beckmann at 8 Henry Lewis Lane. 48 members (including proxies) were in attendance, which constituted a quorum. Nancy and Jim were thanked for generously providing use of their yard for the meeting.

The following business and matters of concern were discussed:

1. 2023 Minutes: Minutes from 2023 annual meeting were previously distributed by email to members. There were no suggested edits to the Minutes. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes, and the minutes were accepted by unanimous voice vote.
2. Election of Trustees: The Nominating Committee offered the following slate for open Trustee roles: Incumbents Linda Prizer, Michael Tockman, Molly Tatman, and Chris Clarry. The membership was reminded that there are 12 Trustees, each serving a 3-year term with 4 elected or re-elected at the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor were solicited and Maura Carroll was put forth as a nominee. Following a vote of the membership, by paper ballot, Prizer, Tockman, Tatman, and Clarry were reelected. Carroll was thanked for her interest and encouraged to become more involved with the NBCA. The Executive Board will be determined by the Trustees per the terms of the By-Laws.
3. Treasurer's Report: Sheila Doherty provided a Treasurer's Report. She thanked the membership for renewing their dues, and reminded the membership that \$5 of the \$15 single/\$20 family annual fee goes toward the scholarship fund. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$7,260.65, the business account has a balance of \$9,892.88, and the "war chest" (previously designed to support the membership as needed against URT expansion) has a balance of \$12,652.60. A few questions were asked about the use of funds in the general business account, and examples such as maintaining P.O. box, purchasing stamps and supplies were offered as some of the NBCA operating expenses.
4. New Construction on Sound Shore Road and proposed "Agri-tourism": The discussion then turned to the construction of new housing on Sound Shore Road, and the water run off it is causing across the road. The Town Supervisor has committed to reviewing the matter, and the developer is required to have a working drainage plan in place. Members offered speculation around the status of the project, which is slated for 14 units, but there were no clear answers on why work on the site has seemed to stop. There was a discussion among the membership about the history of the sale of the land and project as well as the beach access for the new units, which should be public beach access only.

Kathy McGraw provided an update on the Town's proposed "Agri-tourism," which would allow for resort properties north of Sound Avenue. While a certain portion of the land would be preserved by the developers, it could result in up to 1,000 hotel rooms across several resort properties. Kathy noted that there is a hearing scheduled for 6 pm on August 20th to discuss rezoning, and she encouraged the membership to participate in the meeting and let the Town

know residents' concerns with this proposal. The various civic associations also have submitted a petition opposing the zoning changes.

5. Helicopter Noise Update: John Cullen provided an update on the status of helicopter flight patterns over Northville. Cullen was happy to report that commercial traffic is using the ocean route as required, materially reducing air traffic overhead. Sea plane traffic has picked up, which generate less noise, but the pilots are less familiar with the restrictions over Northville air space. The town of East Hampton is continuing its fight to take control of the East Hampton airport to further reduce and restrict air traffic. The membership offered John its sincere thanks for his multi-year vigilance to successfully improve the noise pollution in Northville.
6. Scholarship Update: Sandy Gruner provided an update on the scholarship applications. The deadline for submission is July 30th, and the winners will be announced at the annual scholarship cocktail party on August 10th at 4 pm. Larry Merritt and Mike McLaughlin will once again be hosting the party in their beautiful yard. As a reminder, the scholarships are \$1,000 for first place and \$500 for second place and are unencumbered.
7. Pumpkin Season Traffic: Linda Prizer discussed Fall traffic and shared that the Town will not consider installing speed bumps as they are seen as a danger to public safety. However, once again, electric signs warning of speed limit will be placed on Pier, and Pennys' will be blocked on weekends to local traffic only.
8. NBCA Website: Thanks was given to Roy Dower for maintaining the NBCA web site at www.northvillebeachcivic.org. All were encouraged to regularly check the site and contribute content.
9. NBCA Cocktail Parties: Nancy Winkler provided an update on the cocktail parties which occur regularly throughout the year and encouraged members to attend to socialize with their neighbors. The next gathering will be a tiki party on August 2nd on the beach hosted by Roy and Nina Dower.
10. Good and Welfare: The meeting was opened to the membership for new business, and the good and welfare.
 - a. Thanks to Larry, there is more NBCA merch available! Sweatshirts, baseball caps and calendars are available for purchase. Profits go to the scholarship fund.
 - b. There was a brief discussion about the end of year donations that the NBCA members make to RISE, which provides holiday meals and gifts for the staff and residents. The members discussed if this should continue or if other charitable organizations should be considered. As these are personal contributions (not NBCA funds), it was discussed that the contributions to RISE could continue and other organizations could also be considered.

With no other business raised, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12 pm.