

# Falmouth Heights-Maravista Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting, Saturday, August 3, 2019

Falmouth Yacht Club

## MINUTES (Draft)

Present: 54 members; 9 Directors; 2 Guests (Town Manager Julian Suso; Dean Lundgren, President of Davisville Civic Association)

1. Welcome - Paula Lichter, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at approx 8:30 am.
2. Standing Committee: Nominating Committee
  - a. Dave Buzanowski nominated Paula Lichter to a 3 year term as a Director. Joan MacClary seconded. Unanimous
  - b. Paula Lichter nominated Sandy Trainor as a new Director for a 1 year term Joan seconded. Unanimous.
  - c. Paula nominated Carol Ziemian as a new Director for 1 year term. Linda Connors seconded. Unanimous
  - d. Announcement: Director Openings: 1 one-year term; 2 two-year terms; 4 three-year terms; and 2 annual Alternate positions.
  - e. Paula notes Lance Kussell's resignation and thank you for serving the neighborhoods
3. Secretary's Report from 2018 Annual Meeting provided by Debbie Scott. Charlie Matteo moved to waive the reading of the meeting minutes as they were provided by email and mail prior to the meeting. Sue Gallagher seconds. Unanimous  
Winnie Grant moves to accept the secretary's report. Susan Gallagher seconds. Unanimous
4. Treasurer's Report was provided by Kevin Smith: (financial information available to members upon request to [info@fhmna.org](mailto:info@fhmna.org).  
Paula Lichter moved to accept the treasurer's report. Dave Buzanowski seconded. Unanimous.
5. Standing Committees
  - a. Membership Committee – Debbie reviewed membership stats. Review of membership brochure and positive results of an additional 57 memberships. Thank you to other members of brochure subcommittee; Greg, Sue, Gerry.
6. Appointed Committees
  - a. Clean Up - Dave Buzanoski noted positive community support and the great job by the DPW with pick up. Thank you to all volunteers and his fellow chairpersons of subcommittee; Mary Jo and Greg
  - b. Hospitality – Debbie notes contributions from The Windfall, Shaw's and Stop and Shop. Also thank you to volunteer bakers Sandy Trainor &, Peg Fitzgerald.
  - c. Social – Lance reviews the FHMNA social events; Paul's pizza in Fall and Soprano's in Spring. Upcoming Dinner Dance on August 15<sup>th</sup> at Coonamessett Inn menu reviewed and casual attire suggested.
7. Liaisons:
  - a. Beach Committee/Department - Jim Downey unable to attend. Paula reviewed reports and noted trash pick-up 4 times a day
  - b. DPW & Conservation Committee -Joan MacClary reports on positive installation of Maravista sidewalks but less than positive reviews regarding hydro seeding. Signs at Little Beach are under discussion. Stair replacement request on Great Bay to occur in Fall. Bristol Beach signs to be removed, need of weed removal and additional lifeguard chair on west end with beach rules.

Heights port-a-potties were fenced. Height's showers were delayed but working now; drainage problem is under review. Finish garden maintenance to take place before road race. Worcester Court members have concerns of large delivery trucks. Privets and landscape work to be done before road race. Hydrants are all serviceable and painting schedule taking place. Members noted that DPW has been responsive.

Discussion of beach signs (rules) on posts insufficient. Need additional visibility and in parking lot. Problems with poison ivy which is indigenous and protected on Cape Cod.

Members note need to be proactive:

- 1 - Vernon Ave with cliff deteriorating
- 2 - Bristol Beach fence - not yet replaced
- 3 - Heights boardwalk

c. Road Race - Gerry Ryan reports on the 47<sup>th</sup> running of the Falmouth Road Race with 12,800 participants. The Road Race has donated back to the community, examples, FHS track, scholarships, and turf field. Medical volunteers still needed. Sports Symposium taking place August 15<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm

d. Traffic and Safety - Gerry reports on moving crosswalk from Grand Ave to Wyoming. Restricting commercial traffic on Worcester court. Speed data collection to be done on Maravista Ave. Maravista barrier to Little Beach under review. Additional stop sign at Crescent and Manchester. Any concerns may be made to Gerry, Officer Porter or attend meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 9 am.

e. Police Department - Dave reported on liaison Jim Cummings. Two issues currently: 1) residents are encouraged to lock vehicles; 2) residents are to be wary of telephone and internet scams being reported weekly.

#### 8. Old Business

- a. Helms Circle 40 B project - (Zoning Board member excused himself at ZBA meeting) - Paula notes court date  
September 2020. Discussion of land location = off Alma. The 300 Committee may get involved
- b. Illegal parking in the Heights - Paula noted Kite Park has been addressed by the Town Manager
- c. Buses in the Heights - (on Crescent) Paula notes that the Island Queen will review approved route with buses
- d. Volunteers - Paula thanks the volunteers that have signed up and will be in contact soon as events take place

#### 9. New Business - none

#### 10. Announcements -

- a. Director Rod Baltz honorary plaque ceremony to be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>
- b. Cape Cod Marathon on Worcester Avenue October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and 10:30 am. Volunteers requested to operate the water station at Worcester Ct.

#### 11. Question & Answer period

- Q. Brian Donelan asked for the current status of Teaticket to Oxbow.
  - A. Town Manager Sosa notes that it is currently under design, 3-5 years

- Q. Brian Donelan notes the Japanese Knott Weed invasion at Randolph street which are not indigenous and could choke off Little Pond.  
A. Joan to address with the DPW.
- Q. Sandy Trainor mentioned planting of scallops in Little Pond.
- Q. Jane Maloney requested Heights Beach port-a-potty relocation.  
A. Joan notes that this is under review due to odor and exposure.
- Q. Mary Driscoll notes no longer able to access recycling at dump.  
A. Town Manager encourages biweekly pick up. He notes that there is no storage or plans for weekly pick up.
- Q. Discussion of Sunday night trash left on roadways for Wednesday pick up.  
A. Town Manager replied increase of residents from 32,000 to 125,000 for 12 weeks. He notes that Falmouth and Bourne are the only towns with pick up
- Q. Gary Donnelly asked about Tower House speeding at bend. Need to tree pruning and line of sight.  
A. Joan will address with Zoning Enforcement.
- Q. Joan asks for Road Race clarification of responsibilities both South of Grant Ave and North regarding parking and access.  
A. Town Manager will ask the police to take notice.
- Q. Judy Dionisio mentioned the increase in coyotes due to building.  
A. Mark Comstock said that coyotes are protected species.
- Q. Bob Maloney asked about the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks disturbance at the basketball court and requested proactive police action.  
A. Paula said all involved were arrested and police will be on alert in the future.
- Q. Winnie Grant asked for a police patrol at the basketball field. The Park closes as dusk but often People play until 1 AM.  
A. Dave will address this with Police.
- Q. Lane Kussell is concerned about the abandoned properties on Grand Ave and Maravista, re. safety, break-ins & fire and debris during storms.  
A. Town Manager said the Town Council opinion regarding private property very limited without rights violation.

12. Set date for next Annual Meeting. – Saturday, August 1, 2020

13. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:17 am