

**MINUTES OF SEA CLIFF VILLAGE BOARD**  
**November 14, 2011**

The meeting of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff was held on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall to discuss various Village matters.

Present: Bruce Kennedy, Mayor  
Carol Vogt, Village Trustee  
Thomas Murphy, Village Trustee  
Peter Hayes, Village Trustee  
Brian Stolar, Village Attorney  
Marianne Lennon, Village Clerk

Absent: Thomas Powell, Trustee

**Mayor Bruce Kennedy**

Claudia Moyne led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome to the Board Meeting of November 14, 2011 of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff.**

Trustee Vogt presented and moved for approval and payment of audited voucher as listed on Abstract No. 2282 in the amount of \$ 102,364.64. Seconded by Trustee Hayes and unanimously approved by those present.

Nassau County Police Report for October 2011:

6 auto accidents, 14 aided cases, and 2 burglaries of a residence, no burglary of a business, no robbery or auto larceny, no criminal mischief and no larceny other than auto.

The Progressive Dinner was held on Saturday night and was a great success. Four families hosted appetizers, 21 families hosted dinners and everybody headed to the Yacht Club afterwards for dessert. Nearly 200 people attended the dinner; a tradition dating back to the 70's. Thanks are due to the Civic Association, specifically Ann DiPietro and Tina Marchese, for once again making this Sea Cliff event such a great time.

Last month we discussed a private property owner along Prospect Avenue making an application to have their land declared a Brownfield. The property owner has requested that the Village assist them in obtaining a NYS grant to participate in the EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program. Several residents also appealed to the board to assist in the grant application. The Board and I have conditionally agreed to apply for funding. These conditions include that the Village not incur any costs in the process and will require the property owner to enter into an indemnity/hold-harmless agreement with the Village.

Historically, the Village website had been created and maintained by volunteers of the Website Committee. In an effort to update the website and make it more professional and user friendly, we have hired local resident Linda McCormack to develop the new site. New website will be easier to navigate, contain more content, and will be an internet presence that we all can be proud of.

I want to remind everyone about the Mutual Concerns Holiday House Tour coming up on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 4:00 pm. There are some wonderful houses on this year's tour, all decorated for the holiday season. Tickets are \$30.00 each and include guide books, maps, direction and a delicious light lunch. It's a great event and a very worthy cause.

The Annual Christmas Tree lighting is once again being hosted by the Victorian Sea Cliff Christmas Committee. The celebration will take place on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm on the Village Green in front of the Library. Participants will sing carols and refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

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The next meeting of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee is Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm here at Village Hall.

**Trustee Carol Vogt**

Congratulations to Peggy Costello, Carol Pohrille, Sally Davies and the Good of the Village Association for a wonderfully successful Sea Cliff Graveyard Tour that was held on October 22. Over 300 people went on tours that presented the biographies of the deceased, a history of the Village and some insights into American history in general.

Along with the planned Sea Cliff actors who were dressed as ghosts of the deceased,

The attendees were spooked by the Grim Reaper, who some people believe was our Mayor. If you weren't one of the lucky 300 this year, make sure you don't miss this event the next time.

**Beach**

This past Saturday, our beach manager Ann Kopple sponsored the second off-season clean up of the beach. These clean ups which are being called Beach RX will continue through the winter and spring. The next two are on Sunday, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18, beginning at 10 in the morning. Students are eligible for community service hours if they participate.

Watch for an article in the December Village Bulletin with the headline LIFEGUARD JOBS available for the 2012 beach season. You have to be at least 16 but there is no age limit if you are certified and we encourage adults who are looking for summer work to apply. There is still plenty of time to get certified at local Ys.

All boats must be removed from the racks by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Permits for the Beach Parking Lot must be renewed by January 1, 2012. Permit application is on the website or at Village Hall.

Beach Construction Update: We are finalizing bid specs and expect to go out to bid within two weeks.

**Museum**

The Museum's exciting exhibit, THEN AND NOW, is open on Sundays, from 2 – 5 pm And all are encouraged to attend. If you or anyone you know is interested in working at the museum as a docent, please call Village Hall. The Museum Director and Board are in the process of purchasing new display cases and sprucing up the museum now that some of the rehabilitation work has been done on this building.

**Seniors**

Karen Montagnese, our Senior Outreach worker and her North Shore H.S. intern, Greg O'Rourke, along with the Mutual Concerns and Senior Action committees, are hard at work creating a survey on all 60+ Sea Cliff residents with the goal of better addressing the future needs of the baby boomer generation.

For Seniors and anyone else who is interested, there will be a showing of the classic holiday movie, It's A Wonderful Life, on December 6 at 2 p.m. in Village Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Nadine Vorburger, a long time Sea Cliff resident, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Regency Assisted Living Facility in Glen Cove. Nadine and her husband were very active in many civic groups including Our Lady of Kazan and the Hospital Auxiliary and Nadine was treasurer of the Civic Association for many years. I want to extend my congratulations to Nadine and to point out to everyone here that living in Sea Cliff is good for your health.

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**Trustee Peter Hayes**

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Day. Village Hall and Public Works will be closed that day and no garbage collected. Thursday's pick will move to Wednesday and there will be no recycling collection that week. The other three days of that week remain as usual. The recycling center will be open on Wednesday and Saturday of that week, but not on Thursday. Village Hall will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, November 26<sup>th</sup>, but Public Works will operate that day.

Garbage and recycling pickup will be on a normal schedule for the following holidays that Village Hall and DPW are closed.

Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - Christmas

Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - New Years

Monday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King

Leaf Pickup has begun and will continue through Dec. 23. During that time, there is no limit to the number of clear plastic bags you can place curbside. Landscapers are required to remove leaves and dispose of them.

The Village is encouraging composting & mulching.

**Trustee Tom Murphy**

Reminder that the second half Village taxes are due on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. They must be paid by Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> to avoid any penalties.

**Public Works Report – John Miranda**

During the month of October 2011, the Department of Public Works disposed of the following MSW:

- 252.11 tons of MSW
- 22.87 tons of Commingled Cans & Glass
- 18.15 tons of Newspaper & Cardboard
- 30 yards of metal
- 38.14 tons of C&D
- 330 yards of yard waste
- 15 yards of concrete and asphalt

For the month of October 13.9% of the municipal waste stream was recycled.

In the very near future we will accept electronic waste, referred to as ewaste, at the Village transfer station. Electronic goods that should not go in the normal sanitation collection and go to the transfer station include computers, televisions, small scale servers, computer peripherals, monitors, fax machines, scanners, printers, VCR's, DVR'S, DVD players, digital converter boxes, cable or satellite, video game consoles, and portable digital music players. The Transfer station will also accept cell phones, PDA's, stereo and radio equipment, telephones and telephone equipment, typewriters, speakers, microwave ovens and digital cameras. The Village will then be disposing of electronic waste in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. By managing our ewaste in New York we ensure that this material fuels jobs, creates economic revenue and tax revenues in the state. As a reminder the Transfer Station is opened on Saturday's from 10 am to 2 pm.

Watch for details in the upcoming Village Bulletin.

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**Public Comment:**

- Thank you to the Mayor and Board for supporting the Veterans Day Event.
- Objection to where the peace monument was placed in front of the Library
- Question regarding an independent natural gas provider that offers an 8% discount to its village residents
- Questioning whether or not the village has received an Article 78
- Was the village reimbursed from the Ehrlich lawsuit

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Marianne Lennon  
Village Clerk