

MINUTES OF SEA CLIFF VILLAGE BOARD
May 14, 2012

The meeting of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff was held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall to discuss various Village matters.

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

Phil Como led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to the Board Meeting of May 14, 2012 of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff.

Mayor's Report

This spring has seen an increase in the use of Clifton Park for organized sports. As a result, signs were posted to remind people that while the park is there for all residents to enjoy, organized sports require a permit. This simple procedure ensures that there is no overlap of sporting events, that the residents are protected from the costs of lawsuits resulting from injuries, and that teams are required to maintain insurance. During times when no organized sports are taking place, the field is available for recreational use by all.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 17th to hear multiple residential and commercial applications. The two commercial applications involved special use permits to use the respective premises as restaurants. The applicants were Metropolitan Bistro at 39 Roslyn Avenue and James Muir d/b/a Artaux Catering at 5 Sea Cliff Avenue. Both applications have been referred to the Nassau County Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission has recommended local determination. Accordingly, the ZBA can render determinations on those applications at tomorrow night's hearings.

The Planning Board met on May 9th for 5 hearings which were decided as follows:
An application for 35 Hawthorne Road which requested site plan review for 2- 2 story additions and a new driveway. The application was denied. An application for 16 Sheridan Lane, which requested to rebuild a bulkhead (which was already approved by Army Corps of Engineers) must first be referred to the Nassau County Planning Commission. The application was continued. An application at 16 Elm Place for a 6 foot high fence. The application was approved. An application at 19 Hawthorne Road for a 6 foot high fence. The application was approved. An application at 87 - 17th Avenue for a 5 foot high fence. The application was approved.

Police Report for April

4 auto accidents, 9 aided cases, 1 burglary of a residence and an arrest was made, no burglary of a business, 1 robbery (arrest made), no larceny and no criminal mischief.

On a motion by Mayor Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Vogt and unanimously approved by those present, the Board accepted the gift of four trees from Paul Giordano of Giordano's Country Gardens.

Trustee Vogt

Trustee Vogt moved Abstract No. 2302 in the amount of \$ 76,341.19 and Abstract No. 2303 in the amount of \$ 94,187.77 seconded by Trustee Hayes and unanimously approved by those present.

BEACH

Congratulations to the Beach Committee on its very successful Beach Cleanup this past weekend. Over 50 volunteers showed up at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, ready to work. About 10 of them were members of our Fire Dept. who we all know already do so much for us so a Special thank you goes to all of them. Everyone worked hard and also enjoyed the refreshments donated by Starbucks, the Sea Cliff Bagel Café and Grassroots Bakery, all of whom I'd like to Publicly thank. I'd also like to thank Michelle Capobianco and her committee, including Justin Di Pietro, Craig Guerin, Rich Boehm, Joady Feiner, Jenna Fendt, Elaine Neice, Joan Accolla, Debra Groom, Lorraine Baker and Daria Mazzeo for all of their hard work. The Beach Committee's next big event will be its 2nd Annual Palooza at the Pavilion on Saturday, July 7 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. to celebrate the new Arts Gazebo. Mark your calendars for a fun filled day and evening of family activities, raffles and music by local bands, including Patio Daddy-O.

Construction on the beach is nearing completion and we are looking forward to May 26 as our official opening day. The beach will be open on week-ends during June and every day beginning June 23. Our new kitchen will be home to Café on the Shore, run by Vincent, Maria and Matthew Cefalu of Sea Cliff Bagel Café. The Cefalus are looking forward to becoming part of our beach community and want everyone to know that the kitchen expansion will allow for a large and varied menu for breakfast and lunch every day. The Café will also be open on Friday nights and for special Café on the shore dinners accompanying Village events throughout the summer.

Check the June Village Bulletin, which you will be receiving in a couple of weeks, for information on all of the events and activities planned for the 2012 season, including but not limited to Swim Lessons, Beach Sing-Along, Library at the Beach and Story Hour at Sea Cliff Beach.

MUSEUM

If you haven't seen the Museum's current exhibit focusing on technology, Then and Now, I advise you to get over there on a Sunday, from 2-5, before June 3 when the exhibit closes.

SENIOR ACTION

1,100 Senior Survey forms were mailed out to all residents 60 years old and up and I encourage everyone who receives one to take a few minutes to fill it in and return it to Village Hall. So far, the response has been very good and we hope that will continue – the greater the response to the survey, the better we will be able to assess and then serve the needs of our Seniors.

All North Shore school district residents, 60 and over, are invited to the Senior Action Committee's annual picnic on Saturday, June 9th from 12 – 3 pm, on the grounds of the Sea Cliff Methodist Church. This is a wonderful event, featuring a delicious barbeque prepared by the Kiwanians and music from the American Songbook, MC'd by our own John Canning. If you are interested in helping out during his event, you can let me know by e-mailing me or by calling Village Hall and I will pass your name along to Jean Stratford.

Karen Montagnese, our Senior Outreach Worker, is working the Key Club at North Shore High School to develop a Friendly Visitor Project. High school students will be trained to visit Seniors in their homes.

TREE COMMITTEE

I'd like to thank Paul Giordano of Giordano's Country Gardens for his generous donation of 4 trees to the Village. The trees have been planted on village property in front of the homes of residents who have requested trees and this has been a tremendous help in replacing the stunning number of trees we have lost over the past year. Cecilia Wheeler, the resident member of the Tree Committee, attended a conference with our Village Administrator, John Mirando, to pursue a NY State Department of environmental Conservation Grant Program for tree planting and management. Cecilia, John, Drew Lawrence and Debra Dumas (the chair of our Waterfront/Environment Committee) are preparing an application for one of those grants which, hopefully, might give us \$25,000.

Trustee Murphy

Fire Department report for April – 17 general and 26 ambulance calls

We would like to welcome 3 new Chiefs to the Fire Department:
Danny Whitemore, Ernie Longubucco, and Mark Vitale.

Trustee Hayes

Reminding everyone that the annual Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 28th. There will be no garbage pick-up that day. Monday's garbage will be picked up Tuesday and Tuesday's garbage will be picked-up Wednesday. There will be no re-cycling that week and Thursday and Friday remain the same.

Trustee Powell

Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee Receives EPA 2012 Environmental Quality Award

On April 27th, the US Environmental Protection Agency honored the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee by presenting the organization with a 2012 Environmental Quality Awards for its efforts for achieving the highest standard for water quality and re-opening 2,500 acres to shellfish harvesting for the first time in 40 years.

Bill Clemency, Chair of the HHPC accepted the award at the EPA's headquarters in lower Manhattan along with Bruce Kennedy, HHPC Executive Director Eric Swenson and Kay Bromberg, board member of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor.

Department of Public Works – John Mirando

During the month of April 2012, the Department of Public Works disposed of the following MSW:

- 237.32 tons of MSW
- 19.35 tons of Commingled Cans & Glass
- 22.23 tons of Newspaper & Cardboard
- 34.62 tons of C & D
- 90 yards of yard waste
- 15 yards of concrete and asphalt

For the month of April 14.9% of the waste stream was recycled.

The Village has a new e-waste program and residents can dispose of their electronics at the public works garage on Thursday's and Saturday's.

Public Comment:

- Do we know what the purple bunting represents at Memorial Park?
- Reminder to honor those who serve and have served our country on Memorial Day

On a motion by Mayor Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hayes and unanimously approved by those present, the Board adopted the Procedures and Guidelines Regarding Post-Issuance Compliance With Federal Tax Requirements Applicable to Tax-Exempt Bonds and Other Tax-Favored Obligations, as prepared by Bond Counsel, Fulbright & Jaworski.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Marianne Lennon
Village Clerk