

## Great River Community Association

General Meeting

June 14, 2017

Officers/Board Present : Cliff Gibbons , Ashley Salzo, Nancy Stein, Chris Stein, Billy Vavricka, James DiGiovanna, Tom Vicedomini, Tony Blumenstetter

1. Cliff Gibbons called the meeting to order at 1900 and spoke about the great work at spring clean-up and the recent increase in membership. The board came to a vote and the new recording secretary is now Billy Vavricka .
2. Ashley Salzo went over the different committees that the members can join and the fact that's it's voluntary so if you can only give a little time that's ok.
3. Islip Town Receiver of Taxes Alexis Weik spoke about "understand our Tax Bill" . One of the more important topics was the schedule of penalty pay on your tax bill and that your taxes are technically due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year . The June 1<sup>st</sup> date is actually a grace period for us to make the final payment . Any taxes received after June 1<sup>st</sup> is penalized 5% interest and a 5% late fee. She also spoke about the different methods of paying taxes, to go online, go to the town , and a new website that is coming to make it easier on the tax payer. Some of the other topics discussed were tax grievance, the new star credit. There are 2 new windows at the tax receiver's office to speed up having to wait.
4. Tom Cilmi had no new news for us on any of the ongoing topics like the sewer project, marathon etc.
5. The next gazette to go out will be in the fall and then one in December.
6. The treasure report given by Nancy Stein had a total of \$19,158.76 . The Easter egg hunt had a net profit of \$294.48 .
7. At the Easter egg hunt there was approximately 220 people with over 100 kids and the event was sold out.
8. There has not been a bill sent out for the spring clean-up , so no numbers on that event yet.
9. There has been a new 3 way stop sign installed on the corner of river rd and Leaside dr.
10. Weeds have been mowed on River Rd.
11. There are currently 216 members in the GRCA.
12. Upcoming events bingo night, cocktail hour , the paint and sip , Halloween parade and holiday tree lighting.
13. There is some discussion about combining the tree lighting with the church.
14. Ideas for upcoming events were a casino night , costume party, family picnic at Heckscher Park, Fire Island Family Day at Sailors Haven, kayak day at kayak park.
15. There was a long discussion about ideas for Kayak beach and if funds would be available to improve the park. Tom Cilmi replied that "yes" funds would be available but we would have to fill out an application with the county and he would help in the process. He also mentioned that

the county has substantial surplus in the capital improvement budget so it might be a good time.

Bob Purdy discussed with Tom Cilmi coming up with a bullet point list of the improvements to present to the parks commissioner and that Tom would set up that meeting.

16. Neighborhood watch; remember to always call the police and that the more we call the more it will build a case for them to patrol our neighborhood, please don't answer the door to solicitors. Also who patrols kayak park?
17. The Great River Fire Dept, was thanked for letting us have our meeting at the fire house.
18. The marathon will go through our town and we were told that the houses that are on the marathon route will be given a time that they will be allowed to leave there houses.
19. Tom Cilmi brought up that he will be asking the DA's office for someone to speak about scams.
20. Mitch from St Marys CYO track program has over 100 medals and 23 enters in a big track event from k-8<sup>th</sup> grade . He can be reached on facebook at eastislipyouth/track.
21. Please look into the dangerous curved curve on New St.
22. Mr. Purdy brought up there has been a recent problem with the garbage collection and that a lot of debris including glass has been left from the garbage men. Right know the problem is under control but remember to call if there is an issue.
23. Bob Seekamp will be turning 90 years old. GRCA would like to recognize that.

Submitted by Billy Vavricka Recording Secretary