

General Body Meeting
Baldwin Civic Association
January 10, 2019
Baldwin Middle School
7:00pm

Outgoing president Montalbano opened the meeting by recognizing dignitaries and elected officials present. Town of Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen made remarks and recognized outgoing board members. Nassau County Executive Laura Curran made remarks and administered the oath to incoming board members Darien Ward (President), Samantha Cools (Corresponding Secretary), Ashley Davis (Recording Secretary), and Constance Pittas (Treasurer). Steven Greenfield (Vice-President) was not present but Darien Ward acknowledged and accepted the oath in his stead. The meeting then transitioned into an exhibit on initial zoning overlay plans and proposal for Baldwin by the Town of Hempstead. Civic Association members and other community members present had the opportunity to view displayed plans.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Renaire Davis.

Baldwin Civic Association
General Body Meeting
Thursday, Feb 7 at 7:30
Baldwin HS Cafeteria

Recording Secretary Ashley Davis presented the previous meeting's minutes for approval. The minutes were approved.

Brief Treasurer's report by Constance Pittas.

-13,000 projected tentative income of \$11,300

Steven Greenfield introduced Officer Clark(e):

Wed. Feb 20th. Inspector Leahy First Precinct Meeting 7:00 at East Meadow Library

-Discussed flyers available and program to collect and distribute prom dresses

-Severe shortage of crossing guards in first precinct. Application was made available to BCA members.

-Scams with elderly. Flyers were provided.

-Feb 2nd, Shooting on Kinds Pkwy related to domestic dispute. Group fled the scene and were stopped and placed under arrest in 5th precinct.

-Arrest made in Philadelphia related to death at Pit Stop.

-Jan 31st Liquor store robbery being investigated.

-Officer Clark(e) also reported 2 commercial burglaries and 2 regular burglaries, 1 grand larceny of a vehicle. Keys were left inside the vehicle. 1 fatal overdose. This was followed by a presentation on phone scams and the elderly. Tips were provided to avoid phone scams (don't answer phone if you don't recognize the number).

General rule don't volunteer any information to anybody.

Government agencies are not going to ask you to pay a bill with a gift card.
573-6170 First Precinct POP office. (Problem Oriented Policing Office)

-Detailed for general body updated information regarding Nunley's Mural. Monies raised and installation details for the Mural. Mural will be installed in the Spring.

March 9, 7-10 Cradle of Aviation Museum

Rita made a request for volunteer vehicle to transport mural from train station to artist's home.

Gazebo project George Pittas Eagle Scout. Rita explained where Mural will be mounted on LIRR Trestle. On the East Side. Opened floor for questions on beautification. No questions were asked by members.

-Membership report.

135 paid members

Renewal notices will begin going out. Dues are on an annual basis Jan-Dec.

Detailed different due levels, individuals, seniors, households, student memberships etc.

Talk in the future regarding Business membership.

Membership will be more active in recruiting people to become members.

Signs up, information on social media etc.

Re-doing website to make it mobile. Website will be more intuitive and will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Government Relations report.

- Complete Streets is still open to comments. (Nassau County)
- Zoning overlay is in process. BCA feels community should have a voice and is trying to establish that voice.
- Concerns were raised by the group including
 - o Concern as to whether or not plan includes consideration of current building and commercial code.
 - o Concern regarding dissemination of information related to the project.
 - o Ease of first responders responding because Baldwin only has Grand Avenue as a main thoroughfare.
- Question of responsible parties for each project was raised.

BCA Youth Group

- Nicollette Carion
 - o Youth Civic Association advocate. Expresses a desire to bring together youth who want to work to solve community issues.
 - o Surveyed BHS students. Students expressed lack of community involvement, empty storefronts, and a desire for places to hang out in Baldwin. Mental Health Forum
- In the past the group had been held outside of the High School
- Potential to do in High School as a club.
 - o Board of Ed. Requires an advisor
 - o \$2600-\$3000
 - o Youth will develop their own civic issues
- The aim is to garner support and begin the group in March
- Comments/Questions/Concerns
 - o baldwincivic@gmail.com, Youth Group in the subject line
- Issue of sustainability was raised; President Ward discussed the benefits of having the group within the High School.

March 20th, Coalition Meeting for Baldwin, District Office on Hastings Street, 7:00pm

Announcements

-Proposal of Legalizing Recreational Marijuana by Governor Cuomo and the impact on Nassau County.

-Interest group will be organized to get people to Town of Hempstead meetings and send letters to get voices heard.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Renaire Davis.

BCA General Meeting Minutes
March 2019

BCA President Darien Wad opened meeting and introduced Legislator Debra Mule
Legislator Mule:

- a press conference was scheduled for Friday Morning about the Kellogg House
- A new roof is being put on and the house will be painted this summer
- Complete Streets legislation funding still needed to be voted on
- She was asked a question about the clean up at Lofts Pond and what was Jiffy Lube fined. She needed to check into that.

Eggstravaganza: Jessie Velasquez reported still needed volunteers.

Treasurers Report: Constance Pittas reported there was no change from last month.

Officer Billelo of Nassau County POP unit:

- Beware of scammers and poine spoofing. Advised to not answer and let go to Voice mail
- The Police are targeting speeding on Grand Avenue so beware.
- Reminded texting while driving is illegal.
- New York Youth Club is not licensed so call police if you see them selling candy. They drop off young people in the neighborhood
- Incidents in the schools
- One at Baldwin Middle School
- Baldwin High School lasted two days, mounted units involved and one arrested. Seemed to be a black versus Hispanic. On the third day a young man “grandstanded” and was arrested.
- Police noticed lights on at 432 Grand Avenue (lynx Lounge) which should have been a vacant business. Investigated and arrested two men who ha guns and ammunition.
- Cracking down on student parties

Darien planned to attend Baldwin Oaks Civic Association meeting to work towards becoming a more cohesive voice in the community.

Nunley's Mural at LIRR station unveiling on April 22.

Community Coalition looking for more participation.

- Making a major drive for rebranding. New Slogan – “Baldwin is Grand – Parkway to Bay”
- Planning Grand Festival – tying in with Baldwin Library !00th Birthday event.
- Holding planning meeting May 11th at library 10 – 2. Invited all community organizations to send reps.

Darien Ward:

- Overlay meeting with Tonw Of Hempstead – Moving in a positive direction
- Youth Group: Need to take facilities course
- Need to set Day and time to meet
- If you know young people who are interested grades 9 -12 have them email BCA

Beautification Chair Rita Cavanagh

- will have more next month
- Mural has been paid for by funds raised but mounting costing \$700 more than planned.

Membership: Rob Weisser:

- will be at Eggstravaganza and Library meeting
- Working on Civic Engagement presentation with Claudia

Quality of Life: Jason Vitale not present but if you see something odd don't be afraid to reach out to the BCA – want to be more proactive than reactive

Government Affairs: Karen Montalbano:

- Said trying to get more community involvement in Overlay Zoning process
- Added language to zoning overlay about qualifications of review board members
- TOH agreed to direct notification of key stakeholders re possible developments

Darien Ward:

- Feel Good Beauty Supply coming to old Pathmark site
- Key Food scheduled to open in June
- Vegan Grill opened
- Painting with a Twist received their permits
- Economic Development Chair open. If you know someone interested let Darien know

BCA Civic Engagement series scheduled for 4/16 at library – Focus on Complete Streets and Zoning Overlay from an architectural standpoint. Flyers Available

Afrofest being planned at Community Garden tentatively 8/31. Annie Doresca working on it. Was done successfully at Plaza.

Welcomed new members.

Minutes of the Baldwin Civic Association General Membership Meeting, April 11, 2019

President Darien Ward called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account has \$12,000+

Debra Mule report on Complete Streets: Approval was passed out of legislative committee. Vote by full legislature scheduled for 4/22.

Community Coalition (Claudia Rotondo): Effort to rebrand Baldwin—"Baldwin Is Grand from Parkway to Bay"; the Baldwin Public Library is celebrating its 100th birthday on October 24, and the Coalition wants to have a festival related to that celebration. Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at the Library from 10 a.m. to noon.

POP officer made report about recent crime in Baldwin.

Eggstravaganza: Jessenia Velazquez reported on the Eggstravaganza, which is scheduled for April 13. Need volunteers to help out the day of. Volunteers can be adult BCA members, high school students, etc.

Membership Committee: Next Community Engagement Series is Baldwin's Downtown Future: Commercial and Residential Development in the Age of Climate Change. Tuesday, April 16, at the Library, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Quality of Life Committee: Please make sure to report problems either to the police, to the Town, or to Jason Vitale. Can report it through the BCA website.

Economic Development Committee is looking for a new chairperson.

Government Liaison Committee: Karen Montalbano reported on the Zoning Overlay meeting. Darien, Willy Zambrano, Karen, and others attended. We want to make sure that Baldwin community (BCA, Chamber, other organizations and people) has a place at the table for discussions on the overlay plan. Website for Town's Baldwin Revitalization project is <https://hempsteadny.gov/planning-and-economic-development/baldwin-revitalization-project>.

Public hearing scheduled for May 6, 7:00 pm, at Town Hall. Point of overlay is to allow individual owners to redevelop their properties

Key Food in old Pathmark property. Shop at front of property is Feel Good Beauty, wholesale personal care business. Key Food is hoping to open their store in the summer.

By-Laws Committee will be meeting to update the by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Baldwin Civic Association General Membership Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2019

President Darien Ward called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Corresponding Secretary: Sam Cools reported that Rob Olivieri passed away. His wake will be on Tuesday, May 14, at Cecere Funeral Home. We received notice of Stew Leonard's Stew's Tank Competition: a chance to pitch a new food product to Stew Leonard's experts.

<http://www.stewleonards.com/stews-tank-on-the-hunt-for-the-next-must-have-hit-food-product/>

Sam reminded everyone to like our Facebook page and follow Instagram for information on upcoming events.

Treasurer: Constance Pittas reported that we have a balance of \$17,905.23. Eggstravaganza took in \$5450.00 and had expenses of \$1686.74, for a total gain of \$3763.26. Tax filing for 2018 (990-EZ) has been completed. Application for NY State tax exempt status (for buying things without paying sales tax) is still in the works.

George Pittas made a presentation about his Eagle Scout project Community Garden gazebo. He is fundraising through a buy-a-brick program (\$100 per inscribed brick) for a walkway for the gazebo. He explained that to gain Eagle Scout status, he has to complete a project to benefit the community. The gazebo is intended to create a sheltered space for the Community Garden.

POP Officer: Incident Saturday night, May 4, in parking lot behind bowling alley. Large group of young people caused a disturbance. Robbery at CVS by the High School. Fight at Applebees.

Be careful—increase in incidents happens each year as weather allows people to come outside.

Beautification: Nunley's mural was installed at the LIRR station on April 22. LIRR will make and install a plaque for the mural telling about Nunley's. Question about fundraising for a second mural. General agreement from membership in attendance that we should do that.

Quality of Life: Cleanup at Lofts Pond and Silver Lake to occur on Saturday morning, May 11, sponsored by Senator Kaminsky, Assemblywoman Griffin, NC Executive Curran, and NC Legislator Mule. Start at 9:00 a.m. at the gazebo at Lofts Pond.

New Business

Sam Cools announced that the NC Office of Aging has chosen Claudia Rotondo as Senior Ambassador.

Meta Mereday announced that Debbie Pugliese has been appointed Town of Hempstead Deputy of Senior Enrichment, and hopes we will see more projects for seniors and veterans.

Water Quality: Town of Hempstead is waiting to get results of a study about water contaminants, especially those connected to gas stations.

Kellogg House: County is installing a new roof, using grant money.

PSEG is donating trees to 1,000 individual property owners through the Energy-Saving Trees program. Check their website at <https://www.psegliny.com/newsroom/031819-trees>.

Bob Hare of the American Legion announced the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. Memorial ceremony will be held at Memorial Plaza in Silver Lake Park 15 minutes after end of parade. Also mentioned Meadow School car wash fundraiser for Future Decision Makers winners trip to national convention.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Baldwin Civic Association General Board Meeting
Thursday June 6th 7:30 pm
Baldwin Senior High School Cafeteria

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Samantha Cools discussed a Facebook poll that would be available regarding the second Nunley's Mural and asked members to vote. Members were asked to respond and share events disseminated via Facebook. Samantha also discussed that the BCA is trying to transition to constant contact which involves merging and cleaning email lists. For this reason, members are encouraged to notify Samantha if they are not receiving BCA related emails.

A question was raised regarding the \$5,200.00 cost of the Mural. President Darien Ward explained that this was due to hardware and changes that had to be made for the mural to be mounted.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balance \$17,905.23. Treasurer Constance Pittas was not present.

Grand Baldwin Fest

Claudia Rotondo and David Viana discussed Grand Baldwin Festival October 19, 2019. Explained their idea for the Grand Baldwin Festival utilizing the municipal lot behind the library. The event is intended to be like a street fair held in conjunction with the 100-year celebration of the Baldwin Public Library; bring cohesion to the community, bring many community groups together. Next Meeting is Tuesday June 18th at 7pm at the Library. Baldwinfestival@gmail.com

Oktoberfest

Committee needed. Call to members for those interested in Oktoberfest Committee. This will be the third Oktoberfest.

A question was raised as to whether or not tickets could be sold ahead of time to incentivize early ticket sales. Oktoberfest committee to be set up within the next two weeks.

June 10th 7:30 Erin King Sweeney will host a Town Hall Meeting at Baldwin Park.

Fireworks

BCA donated \$100.00 to Chamber in support of fireworks celebration.

Point was raised that the Chamber has not supported the BCA in the past.

Pathmark Site

President Darien Ward discussed Pathmark property. Property owners have decided it is not in their best interest to place a supermarket on that site. Town of Hempstead denied permit to repave and regrade Sorrento's site. They are not going to put a Key Food in that site.

Floor was opened for comments regarding zoning board, ToH, and the Pathmark site.

Comment was made that Town Board has no influence over zoning board. BCA has had some success with pressuring zoning board to act in a certain way. Rob Weisser suggests that BCA be proactive. Zoning hearings are open to the public. Interest in organizing BCA members to email and attend zoning hearings when possible. Linda Deegan raised the point that ToH permits seem problematic. Vice President Steven Greenfield suggests getting together with other civic groups to encourage or advocate for restructuring of procedures and put pressure on zoning board and zoning board appointees.

Discussion of the state of boarded up buildings and whether or not abandoned buildings look presentable.

Discussion of Economic Development Committee and manpower needed to support advocacy for Baldwin. Discussion of setting a date for the economic development committee.

Steven Greenfield suggests those who raised concerns tonight attend the Town Hall Meeting with Erin King Sweeney, 7:30pm June 10th at Baldwin Park.

Afro Fest

August 31, 2019

Claudia Rotondo made a motion that the BCA allocate up to \$500 to Afro Fest. The motion was seconded by Samantha Cools. All voted in favor, the motion carried.

Beautification Report by Rita Cavanagh

Discussion of second Nunley's Mural for Train Station. The second mural would not be as expensive as the first. Recognition of all those who planted in community planters. Community Garden's 5th Birthday June 21st. Flyer is out on Facebook, BYOB.

Rita Cavanaugh will be honored by the Oceanside Gardening Club.

Membership Committee Report by Rob Weisser

Discussion of Membership Committee meeting with Rob Weisser, Sheila Romano and Ashley Davis. Interest in text message reminders for meeting events, etc. Thank you to Sheila Romano for contributing to hospitality by bringing in cookies for the meeting. Membership discussed

ways to make the meeting more inviting and welcoming. Also, small ways for people to get to know each other and be introduced at meetings. Also going to try to send a short recap after each meeting highlighting the important points in addition to sharing the meeting minutes going forward.

Other

Meta Mereday shared that crime in the 1st Precinct is down overall due to community involvement. Call for community members to be aware of elder scams. First Precinct is interested in households with Ring or recording doorbells. Contact Police department if you see any gang symbols or people congregating in areas where they shouldn't be. Encourage county legislators to be aware of Hurricane Sandy Contractor fraud.

Recorded by Karen Montalbano and Ashley Renaire Davis

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Renaire Davis

**Baldwin Civic Association
General Body Meeting
September 12, 2019 7:30 pm
Baldwin High School**

Meeting was opened by president Darien Ward at 7:30 pm with Karen Montalbano leading the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Featured Speakers

• **Legislator Debra Mule**

- 10 million dollars from Governor for Baldwin. Legislator Mule secured an additional 8 million dollars for downtown Baldwin redevelopment
- Kellogg House – only historic landmarked building in Baldwin. Secured the money, roof, windows, gutters have been redone in a historically accurate manner. House will be painted, and Legislator Mule is working to secure funds to repair the inside of the house.
- Milburn Park – old fence replaced.
- Question from Jessenia regarding trees that were removed at Kellogg House and overgrown shrubbery.
 - Legislator Mule said her office will follow up.
- Question as to what will be done with house once it is renovated.
 - Legislator Mule discussed building being rented to non-profits.
- Question regarding complete streets.
 - 1.7 Million on federal funding, 3.3 million from county. Merrick road up to Stanton, redoing of grand avenue, new lighting, benches, curb cuts. If it doesn't work it can be painted, there will be remaining funds left over.

• **Adam Haber- Town of Hempstead Economic Development**

- Working on securing a 300,000 grant to update Baldwin Train Station
- Working on lowering the cost of Natural Gas. Purchasing gas from a third party that can lock in pricing for gas for 18 months. Video online regarding how this process works. Average savings of \$138.00 a year. 9 step process <http://hempsteadny.gov/community-choice-aggregation>
 - Question from Kim Malone Bobb regarding limited capacity of existing National Grid natural gas infrastructure.
 - Concern is the environmental impact of the added pipeline.
 - Question regarding windmills.
 - Windmills being built, will not be completed this year but next year. Also going to push for solar 2-3 years. Solar farm 20-30 acres on landfill.

• **President/Vice President Report**

- Sunrise Lot Variance Hearing
 - Town has issued various fines up to \$2500.00

- BCA filed \$250 fee to go back to zoning board to ask for reconsideration of the variance. 4-month process. BCA will need people to show up to hearing and speak or to write letters.
 - Erin King Sweeney will not seek re-election. Laura Webster is the candidate running for that position.
- **Corresponding Secretary**
 - Compliment for how on top of correspondence Sam has been.
 - Transition to constant contact, monthly newsletter.
- **Treasurer Report**
- **President Report**
 - Kim Malone, new economic development chair.
 - Baldwin Youth Civic Association
 - Will be a club at Baldwin HS, still working on securing a room from the district.
 - Nicollete Carrion spoke about the group connecting Baldwin youth to the community from early on.
 - Civic Engagement Series
 - November Tentative: Senior Citizen Scams to Avoid
 - May Tentative: What to do when stopped by police.
 - Call for members to bring potential topics to the board if interested.
 - POP officer
 - Leaving items into cars, vehicle break-ins, 2 vehicle thefts.
 - Will be getting another POP officer who will mostly handle traffic and vehicles.
 - Suggests that individuals call 911.
 - Question about CVS/ BHS students at CVS and in lot after school
 - Students were parking in CVS lot, there are tow away signs there now.
 - Government Liaison
 - 10 million dollars.
 - Next steps, formation of a local planning commission This group will come up with a vision and possible projects. Local planning commission has a timeline.
 - Question: How can we keep the pressure on?
 - Erin King Sweeney and Laura Gillen
 - Suggestion to look to other communities that have undertaken revitalization efforts and to look into those projects. Point was raised that. Public space in the downtown area is important.
- **Fundraising**
 - Oktoberfest volunteer sign-up sheets.
 - Oktoberfest is September 21, 12-5.
 - Jessenia posed the question of a Bowling night fundraiser to the group. There was support for the idea.
- **Membership**

- Shelia Romano recognized for hospitality committee and for bringing refreshments to the meeting.
- Judy Griffin Fundraiser for American Legions
- Bottle of Wine raffle, Karen Montalbano Winner
- **New Business**
 - Claudia Rotondo- Grand Baldwin Festival October 19th, 12-6pm, rain date of Sunday October 20th.
 - Seeking sponsors and vendors. 10 sponsors and 19 participating vendor tables.
 - Baldwinfestival@gmail.com
 - Activities for kids, dancers, food trucks.
 - BCA \$300 sponsor.
 - Non-profit organizations, \$10 for a table.
 - BPL Gala, October 5th.
 - Sue Cools
 - schoolsbufsd@gmail.com
 - Liaison between community and school board. Anything other than staff or students.
 - June HS Graduation rate was 97%, August graduation rate was 98%. Graduation rates take into account disabled students and students who get schooled out of district. One of the highest graduation rates in NY State.
 - New program, Jumpstart Kindergarten, 51 students attended. Free of charge, half day program. Kindergarten teachers report that the program was a success in terms of achieving educational equity.
 - Question regarding reading and math scores reported in Newsday. Sue Cools will bring information to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Renaire Davis.

Baldwin Civic Association General Membership Meeting, October 10, 2019

Meeting was opened by VP Steve Greenfield. At 7:00 pm

Treasurer's report was suspended.

Motion was made by Linda Degen to approve the minutes. Seconded by Claudia rotondo. The motion unanimously carried.

POP Officer report: thefts from unlocked cars still an issue all along the south shore. Over 300 tickets written on Grand Avenue for speeding. Update on other recent issues including package thefts, and domestic incidents.

Question from the audience regarding speeding on Grand Terrace Avenue.

Erika Hill, Nassau County Comptroller Office Presentation: Census 2020- Baldwin
-People are graduating HS and leaving LI because of lack of affordable housing. Ages 25-34
Transit oriented development in Baldwin.

Encouraging people to participate in the census for accurate census records. Study found that information from 2010 census did not accurately reflect the population. Those without a computer will be able to fill out census documents at the library. Rob Weiser told anyone interested in learning more information about being a paid census taker should see him for more information positions pay 19.50-25 dollars an hour.

Question from the audience about a lack of affordable childcare in Baldwin and about the lack of Universal Pre-K. Claudia Rotondo suggested that that question be raised at the Board of Education Meeting.

Steve Greenfield made an announcement about the availability of early voting in NYS. Poll inspector in the audience mentioned that for those early voting, records will be available across Nassau county so that those participating in early voting can vote at any of the 15 early voting sites. Early voting starts.

Stearns Park Civic Association introduction by President Linda Silva Thompson. Asked members to introduce themselves. And mentioned potential issues that Stearns Park Civic and Baldwin Civic can collaborate on. Stearns Park Civic Meets Second Tuesday of Every month. 7-8pm at Freeport Library. Question about where Stearns Park is located was asked and answered by Renaire Frierson. Stearns Park Civic Association welcomes the potential to collaborate with Baldwin Civic Association on certain issues.

AfroFest Report.

Membership Raffle- Rob Weiser

Claudia Rotondo- Grand Baldwin Festival , 55 vendors, entertainment, food, pumpkin picking, 12-6 pm. Saturday October 19th rain date October 20th. Parking lot behind Baldwin library. Free admission.

Quality of Life Report by Jason Vitale

Baldwin Oakes Halloween Party at Community Center at Coes Neck Park. 6-8pm.

Announcement regarding first Precint seeking connection to block captains and civic groups.

Motion by meda to close meeting, seconded by Karen Montalbano.

Baldwin Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2019

Present: Darien Ward, President; Steven Greenfield, Vice President; Samantha Cools, Corresponding Secretary; Rita Cavanagh, Beautification Chair, Robert Weisser, Membership Chair; Kimberly Malone, Economic Development Chair, Jessie Velasquez, Fundraising Chair; Karen Montalbano, Government Liason

Excused Absence: Ashley Renaire, Recoding Secretary; Constance Pittas, Treasurer; Jason Vitale, Quality of Life Chair

President Darien Ward opened the meeting at 7:40 pm and asked Vice President Steven Greenfield to led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Corresponding Secretary Samantha Cools: Handling regular Facebook posts, let her know if there is anything you want to see on the page.

In the absence of Treasurer Constance Pittas, Darien said there would not be a detailed Treasurer's report but noted that \$100 was still owed to the library for the anniversary.

Vice president Steven Greenfield spoke about the upcoming Variance hearing on December 4 at 2 pm requested by the BCA to seek revocation of the current variances from 2017 for the property owned by Sunrise Realty LLC on Sunrise Highway where all the cars are parked. It has been an eyesore for 10 years.

- This is the first time a civic organization is seeking to have variances revoked
- There were 5 conditions for the variances and they have only met 2
- Fines have been issued
- Even though it appears the land is being sold to Breslin, there remains the fear that the sale could go through but the land would be leased back and cars would still be stored there.
- Plan to have some people speak (including photos) but would like to see as many people as possible here. If not, ask for people to email the Zoning Board of Appeals
- A sample letter is being developed and when finalized will be distributed via email to members and on Facebook.
- Unprecedented that a 501c3 requested this type of variance hearing

In a related conversation Erik Mahler was asked about Breslin plans.

- Erik said he understood they were looking at a 7 floor apartment building with lower 2 levels of parking.
- That would mean 150 apartments leaving only 50 for the rest of the corridor under SEQRA limits for traffic flow.

- He suggested addressing the numbers issue with Rebecca Sinclair at TOH because they are still discussing limits with consultant and looking to increase to something in between. Darien plans to reach out to her.
- Town Attorney Rich Regina is working on finding a happy medium.

Darien spoke with Quik Pick (owner of former Pathmark property)

- Waiting for Fire Marshall to determine occupancy rate for new beauty store before it can open
- Still looking for a supermarket as a tenant in the other space
- Aware of the parked trucks. Hired a towing company. Does not want to put up a fence because of cost and upcoming opening of the beauty supply store.

BYCA (Civic Youth) will be having their first meeting on 11/19 at 4 pm in Cafeteria B of High School. Spread the word to young people. Future meeting dates will be discussed and determine at the meeting.

DRI – Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant from New York State

- Community Input meeting scheduled for November 20 at Baldwin High School
- Erik Mahler coordinated a meeting of on November 14 at Baldwin Public Library stakeholders to discuss priorities, conceptual ideas, possible projects for the money. This will equip the members of the local planning commission with info in advance of the meeting on November 20.
- Kim Malone asked about finding out the topics of the breakout group in advance of 11/20
- Erik note that the state does not always do projects in order of listed priorities after his experience with NY Rising after Sandy.
- Rob Weisser asked about how to keep pressure on
- Linda Deegan asked about getting the word out about the community input meeting. Plan to use Social media, school network, etc. She suggested walking it out.
- Jessie Velazquez said we should look to past studies for projects

Bylaws:

Claudia Rotondo handed out list of proposed changes.

Daren noted the changes in part will give he ability to create the youth group and add board members (notably fundraising and government Liason)

Bob Hare questioned removal clause in Article VI section 5 which was amended to 2/3 of board members need to be present and removal was by a majority vote. Steven Greenfield made a motion to pass the amended by laws. It was seconded by Karen Montalbano and passed unanimously.

Economic Development report by Kimberly Malone:

Looking for members for the committee

Also spoke with Red Velvet and convinced them to add the word restaurant to their sign to distinguish them from past tenants – trying to get that word out. The owners would like to speak at the next meeting. Also they plan to donate 100 Thanksgiving dinners.

Beautification report by Rita Cavanagh:

Received signs from Baldwin Graphics with BCA Logo that say lovingly planted by BCA members for the planters around town. Will install next year when planting

Director of Baldwin Public Library Elizabeth Olesh reached out about establishing little free libraries (had one at the community garden but it fell apart). They talked about making 4, one down by Baldwin Pride Park, one by LIRR station. They would provide books. 2 days later Vinny Leis call about a HS project making the libraries. They will make 4.

Gazebo: George Pittas has raised enough money (\$7,000) for the gazebo but is continue to undraise to get money to pay a mason to set the path. Congratulations to the boy and girl scouts who do thes projects

Fundraising by Jessie Velazquez:

Trying to plan an event in January – probably bowling. Staring to ork on Eggstravaganzaa.

Linda Degan asked about plans for money raised. Used for the budget line items

Linda mentioned the idea of using it to create Veteran Banners.

Membership by Robret Weisser:

Working on the letters for the BZA appeal. Should have by the end of the week.

Two bottles were raffled off – one donated by Bob Hare. One was won by new member Carl Bellair

Quality of Life:

Jason Vitale not present but Darien noted there are no illegal flashing lights in store windows thanks to Jason's vigilance

Government Liason by Karen Molntalbano:

Met new TOH councilman Chris Carini who has promised to meet with the covic

Claudia Rotondo spoke about thee Grand Baldwin Festival which was a huge success. The library counted 2,500 people walked through their doors. Vendor said they felt the sense of community. A high school student said they finally felt part of the community. 2 scholarships will be given from the money raised. Plan to hold again next year.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Montalbano