

BCA General Body Agenda  
May 19, 2022, Thursday, 7:30 pm  
Baldwin High School

The meeting opened at 7:38 by President Darien Ward.

### **Officer Reports**

- Recording Sec:
  - Adoption of Meeting Minutes: Claudia asked that Ida Zambrano's name be included in the minutes. Marguerite made the motion asking for the adoption of the minutes with Matt seconding. Minutes adopted.
  
- Corresponding Sec: Mark reported that there have been quite a few accidents on Grand Avenue with speeding and has become a hot topic with the community. He also reported that he is working on the email list.
  
- Treasurer Report:
  - Updates: Darien reported that there is still over \$20000 in the accounts and is just waiting on Sheree to send checks out. She has to give some vendors refunds.
  
- President/Vice President Report
  - NY State Redistricting Comments/Steuben County: A redrawing of NY State from a redistricting lawsuit will be announced soon.
  - Silver Lake Improvements/Loft Pond Improvements: Legislator Debra Mule spoke to the members about the many projects going on in Baldwin. She reported as follows:
    - Caroline's Pond: it's gone through the legislative process and the date for the dedication is June 24/25<sup>th</sup>.
    - Silver Lake: ahead of schedule. Instead of August it should be completed end of June, beginning of July. They are currently repurposing benches and bringing them closer to the monument. The main purpose of the project was to mitigate flooding, incorporate a fish ladder and beautification which is happening.
    - Loft's Pond: County knew there was a problem with the spatterdock (lily pads). Covid interfered but finally they have a machine that has taken approximately 75% of it out. What is still there the Parks department will come in and pull out. The permit is still open so if they need to go back and pull more out, they will.
    - Complete Streets: Started 2 months ago. The first part is drainage. There will be all new pavement, curbs, drainage, signaling and decorative lights. The road diet, which helped get us the Federal funding, if it's a disaster, we can go back. It's just paint but we have to give it a chance first.

- Kellogg House: the funding is in capital funding for windows and the next up is painting which will be happening soon. They have to check for lead paint first. Sara told Legislator Mule about the community meeting in the past to report on how they envisioned it to be and asked if the Legislator read the report on the Kellogg House and the Legislator did not as it was before her time but asked Sara to forward her that report. The house is a part of the Smith and DeGroot Portfolio and the County would like to get rental income from the second floor. The first floor is hoped to be a community center. HVAC still needs to be done in there.
- Composting seminar: At the Baldwin Historical Building, Cornell Cooperative on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Oakwood Beach Club: not easily solved. Meetings have been taking place with other elected officials to come up with a solution.
- Brookside Preserve: Meeting in two weeks with Cornell Cooperative to talk about doing farming there. Land can not be developed.
- Sani2 doing Shed the Meds on Saturday from 10 to 2.
- School Budget and proposals passed: Darien reported that the school budget passed.

### **Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports**

- Economic Development:
  - Cash Mob Recap: What's next? Darien reported that Willy and Ida put in a lot of work and kudos to this team. We had \$5400 budgeted and only spent \$900 so we are looking to restart it and look into expanding it north. All the restaurant participants will tell you it was a tremendous success. The cash mob concept has been around and this was the first time we were able to do a continuous event.
- Government Liaison:
  - TOH and Baldwin Overlay Zone Ordinance: Darien reported a meeting with Willy and David Orwasher where an agreement of 200 units was made. Darien spoke with Franky from the Chamber and will draft a letter for both of them to sign. David Orwasher wants to walk into the Town saying he has an agreement. Karen explained that the prevailing attitude among some people is they want anything. The BCA's position is that it has to be reasonable. Karen gave the background on how the DRB was supposed to be appointed, the BCA sent a letter to the Town asking for its appointment and then the Town's response was a one-year moratorium. Karen went up to the Town to speak and afterwards they came up with 45 days to review with outside counsel the SEQA and possibly taking out the DRB. Karen said she looked at the SEQA and there is page that the Town can force someone to do a hard SEQA if they want. Darien stated he spoke to the attorney, and they will set up a time to meet. Rob suggested we start an email campaign. Sara thanked Karen and Darien for speaking up at the Town hearing.
  - Karen also reported that the Fire Department installed the Nunley's golf ball that's been refurbished at the Historical Society.
  - Rob introduced Legislator Rhoades to the members.
  - Main Street Alliance

- Beautification:
  - Spring Clean Up of BCA sites/Signage: Matt reported that the garden has been getting cleaned. Someone broke into the shed and he was able to fix it.
  - Community Garden Calendar of Events: Matt reported that Elissa is working on the calendar.
- Fundraising: (Position is open)
  - Spring Plant Sale May 22 9–12 noon: Marguerite stated that there is to be a native plant sale at the Garden. Orders were pre-ordered but the vendor will have more plants available for purchase.
  - Arts and Craft Fair/Fall Baldwin Marketplace and Oktoberfest: Darien reported the BCA is looking to do that with Sara and a team. We still need a fundraising person to be appointed. If anyone knows someone or is interested, please let us know.
- Membership/Website:
  - Updates
- Quality of Life: Rodney reached out to Town of Hempstead, Sani 2 and speaking to LIPA about the sneakers hanging on the wires on Grand Ave. He was told it is not high on their priority. Kim said it was some kind of tribute thing.

### **Adhoc**

- Bylaws Committee
  - Updates: Rob reported there will be one last meeting to finish the Bylaws.
- Scholarship Committee
  - Updates: Karen reported that it was difficult to chose because there were so many good candidates.

### **New Business**

- Art Mural in Progress: Darien reported the BCA gave \$250 for the proposed art mural on Atlantic Avenue and Grand Blvd. The mural will represent Baldwin and its diversity.
- Announcements: Claudia announced the Grand Baldwin Festival will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and they are starting to look into entertainment and vendors. Meta reported she will follow up with Legislator Mule on the Brookside Preserve with regards to Cornell. Kim reported to the members that former Legislator Joe Scannell passed away.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 by a motion from Claudia and seconded by Meta.

NEXT MEETING: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 General Body.