

BCA General Body Meeting
Oct. 7 Thursday 7:30 PM
Via zoom

The meeting opened at 7:30 by President Darien Ward.

Officer Reports

- Recording Sec:
 - Adoption of Meeting Minute: Marguerite asked the minutes be adopted. Minutes have so been adopted and accepted as is.
 - Updates on Silver Lake Pond (Caroline Pond): Marguerite thanked the Executive Board, the General Body and Legislator Debra Mule for their support and gave an update on the status of the naming of the pond.

- Corresponding Sec:
 - Updates: Mark reported some emails that were sent out were bounced back so he asked if anyone has changed their emails, to let him know.

- Treasurer Report:
 - Updates: Darien reported that there is \$19,211 still in treasury.

- President/Vice President Report
 - Building Dept Streamline Initiative: Darien reported about a meeting that was supposed to take place with the Town of Hempstead Building Department, but it was cancelled because of Covid cases in the Town's office.
 - FYI: Covid 19 Numbers as of Oct 4 in Baldwin and Baldwin Harbor: Darien stated the information is below and for people to be aware.
 - ✓ (Baldwin 2,844, Baldwin Harbor 999)
 - ✓ As of Sept 27, Baldwin 2,819, Baldwin Harbor 949)
 - ✓ Nassau County, NY COVID-19 Cases (arcgis.com)
 - BCA Bylaw Review-ad hoc committee: Darien asked for volunteers to do a review of the by-laws. He is looking for one Board member and several members – need three people to undertake this.
 - Candidates Forum: Kim informed everyone about a Candidate's Forum to be held on October 13 from 7 to 9 at Molloy College. Each race will have 30 minutes for answering questions that can be submitted beforehand. October 8th is the last day to submit questions and they can be emailed to Baldwincivic@gmail.com. Proof of vaccination is required by Molloy.
 - Popcorn Fundraiser: Last year the BCA was able to raise \$5,000. We hoped to use the funds for Split the Bill but not enough was raised. She will be speaking with Willy to come up with ideas on how this can be used to support businesses. Discussion on the fundraiser start dates took place. Darien asked for a motion for Kim and an ad hoc committee to move forward on this. Karen made a motion to give them the flexibility to determine what is the best way for the BCA to do the popcorn fundraiser and Rob seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. With that, Darien appointed Kim, Willy, and Rob in charge of that committee.

Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development:

- Updates: Willy reported meeting with an organization called Sustainable Transit Solutions which looks for other types of alternative transportation such as bike lanes/bike routes. Willy spoke about the organization and future meetings with them.
- Grand Baldwin Festival: Willy spoke about the great success of the festival this year. Claudia reported how 99 students from the high school volunteered to set up and clean. The art club did chalk art in the parking lot. There were many organizations represented and the feedback was that it was a motivating community spirit. The food vendors ran out of food.
- Government Liaison:
 - Updates: Karen thanked Willy for the great committee and presentation. Willy presented a map that showed how much work is involved. Karen attended the last Chamber meeting. She spoke about David Orwasher and the BCA is concerned about the number of units. Willy suggested we get a copy of the Breslin plans and Darien said he would reach out to the Acting Commissioner. The BCA was supposed to be consulted. Darien spoke about the process on how Town of Hempstead, Vision Long Island, engineers, and architects came up an amount for Baldwin for a number of units to be built. Breslin is seeking to get the majority of it and that's not how it supposed to be done. Darien spoke about façade improvements and the Complete Street project. David Viana spoke about the project moving forward but that bids came back higher than anticipated. The project is still moving forward with more details to share soon.
- Beautification:
 - Policy for Use and Donation Schedule
 - Updates: Matt reported that they are planning for next steps and going forward with the holidays. The garden lost its landscaper, so people have chipped in with maintaining the garden. They are getting ready to plant daffodil bulbs for spring. A neighbor of his donated 500 bulbs. Elissa is planning a get together to thank everyone who has helped out. Plaza is having a festival at the Garden. She reported she will be picking up free libraries to be placed in different spots in Baldwin. Sam Cools thanked everyone who has been working on the Garden. They had a family event there and it was beautiful. Elissa reported that Marguerite is trying to do a native plant sale in the spring.
- Fundraising:
 - Open Position: Darien reported the position is still available.
 - Eggstravaganza- Tentative Committee Lead –Sheree Lindsay: Darien reported that Sheree will be the lead person on this but will not take on total responsibility.
 - OktoberFest-Statement on Facebook: Darien stated there were a multitude of factors for cancelling but it was primarily the Board's opinion that because of Covid-19 and the type of event this is where people are close together was why it was cancelled.
- Membership/Website:
 - Updates: Rob reported 72 paid memberships. He handed out membership flyers at the Grand Baldwin Festival and spoke to people about why they should join. He is looking to hold a membership committee meeting and if anyone has ideas, please email him at Robweiser@gmail.com. Rob has been able to have Officer's

information updated on the website and will be doing other things. He reported that he spoke with Mark, and they talked about where to put videos of meetings. The BCA has a YouTube Channel and is looking for members for videos for Baldwin. Rob reported the Vision Long Island Smart Growth Summit will be held on November 17 to 19 virtual with the last day at the Crest Hollow.

- Quality of Life:
 - QOL Updates: Rodney reported that he did get some information about the bar on Grand Avenue. The precinct has not heard any complaints. He spoke about the reckless driving and people doing donuts late at night. He wanted the precinct to be aware of this. If there are any issues or complaints, please email him. He would like to go down to the precinct to meet face to face.

New Business

- David Viana spoke to the members about a household assistance program with Nassau County that went live today. It is funded by the American Rescue Program, and it is \$375.00 to each household. There are different tiers: those households making less than \$168,000 and those making above. Information and online application at <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5281/Household-Assistance-Program-Information>
- Sue Cools spoke to the members about the school, and all is going well. The only issue is the food program. There's a shortage of workers and the school is a part of a Federal program and they have to adhere to their guidelines.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Claudia with Willy seconding. Meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Next meeting will be November 18, 2021.