

WIA Closing meeting ~ August 24, 2024 ~ Bridgewater Town Hall

Meeting called to order by President Karen Simula at 10:01 am
Quorum established with over 40 members [see sign-in sheets]

President Karen asked for a moment of silence for Kathy Tremblay, a member who passed away this summer; a contribution to NLRA was made in her name. Also Paul Mansour's mom and Patty Curran's mom.

Treasurer's Report by Diane Farraher-Smith

The balance sheet was provided as a handout. Our expenditures over the summer totaled \$10,200. This figure does not include bills yet to be received e.g. lawn care, fall clean-up, porta-potty, electricity, raft and dock removal, beach rakers. Our current balances are \$37,984 in Savings, \$9,468 in Mooring, \$5,804 in Beach Restoration, and \$3,406 in Checking. There were no questions and the report was moved, seconded and approved.

Secretary's Report by Karen Simula given in Tina Fullerton's (secretary) absence

The minutes from our Opening Meeting held in June were provided as handouts and they have been posted on the website in DRAFT form all summer. Karen asked if there were any questions and whether everyone had enough time to read them. Hearing nothing, she asked for a motion to approve, it was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Note: Later in the meeting, Carol Hardy identified an error in the June 2024 meeting minutes concerning the cost of the stainless-steel chains. Correction noted, new motion made, seconded and approved to accept the amended minutes.

Mooring coordinator's report by Joan Dobbins for Bruce Couture

The up-to-date Mooring List was made available as a handout.

Bruce extended thanks to everyone for their cooperation this year, the 2nd year in the first cycle went very well.

There has been \$3,494 spent for the year so far on mooring related items: new safety lights on the corners of the field (\$641), new stainless-steel chains on moorings 9, 4 and 1 (\$1,800) and mooring inspections (\$1,050).

Future projects include

1. moving/realigning the mooring anchor blocks. A minimum of the 3 in the middle row nearest the swim line and possibly 5 @\$250/each.
2. Repair or change to stainless steel a minimum of 5 (\$3250) or possibly all 9 of the remaining moorings (\$5,850).
3. Looking to price out/replace the central core of each mooring ball (mechanism that holds it together top to bottom)

All boats to be removed from the moorings by Columbus Day 10/14/2024.

Any questions should be emailed to Bruce at coutchman@gmail.com

Calls for next year's cycle will begin October 1st. If your phone numbers or address has changed, PLEASE reach out to Bruce so he can reach you.

There were questions/comments regarding Moorings:

1. Ginger Burke asked when the mooring anchors would be moved. Joan thought it would be in the fall after boats removed. Ginger felt it should be in the spring after the danger of ice was past. Joan will consult with Bruce.
2. Ginger asked if there was any way to tell how long each person's boat was who were on the mooring list. This would give her an idea when an individual might get a mooring. Joan suggested she email Bruce.
3. Jim Smith asked what the procedure and timing would be for modifying the mooring rotation. Joan suggested he start with Bruce and the Mooring Committee as this would have to be voted on by the whole membership at a Closing Meeting. He cited the process felt chaotic with persons refusing a mooring when offered. Jim did state Bruce has done an outstanding job.

Vice President's report given by Joan Dobbins

1. Shed door has rot, All Points will repair/replace the doors
2. Broken rail on the fence; will look into replacing it
3. Loam/soil will be put down on the bare spots near the tables and fence corner (where tree roots are showing) after the summer season is over
4. The usual fall clean-up will take place after the summer season is over (overseeding, lime, aeration, fertilizer)
5. Thank you to everyone who raked/moved the sand after our huge rain storm.
6. We will look into a new swim line for next season
7. Some of the brackets attaching the raft to the pontoons have broken and need to be re-welded/repared. We will look into these repairs.
8. Much discussion about rough housing on the raft and identifying members – details are described under New Business.

President's Report by Karen Simula

Karen explained the situation of the wash-out of our parking lot entrance due to run-off from the Bitto's paved driveway. Karen spoke to homeowners on the east side opposite our parking lot (Horgan and Bitto). Karen consulted with Larry Gilpatric (commercial excavator) and Buck Tate (town road agent). She was able to get the town to dig out swales on the road in front of Horgan and Bitto property, pull out the corrugated pipe that crossed Shore Dr S. and created a small swale to direct run-off into the swale between beach lot and Barry's property. Future work may be needed to remedy this on-going issue.

Karen talked about what our dues pay for (raft, dock, porta-potty, lawn care, parking lot maintenance, insurance, electricity, etc.) and the importance of every owner paying their dues each year.

Old Business

The new flagpole (decided at the Opening Meeting) is still on back order but will be installed by All Points once it's available.

New Business

There was much discussion about rough housing on the raft. There is a safety issue, a liability issue and the issue of property damage to WIA's equipment. Who has the right to ask parents or teenagers to behave better? What to do about people we don't know? While everyone can ask for safety reasons, no one should be intimidated by addressing the issue when it is occurring. The Association expects children

to be supervised while using WIA equipment. A member claims that Bristol residents come to our beach by boat in the evening and use our beach, raft, dock, etc. There was an incident in which non-residents were parked in our lot all night. Residents are encouraged to call either 911 or (if afterhours) the Plymouth dispatch. This segued into a discussion of identifying members. It was motioned that the Board should look into creating WIA chair lanyards and car placards to be sent out upon receipt of dues in the spring.

Ellen Douville asked if we could do something about the height of the last granite step onto the beach. It is a hazard for people with limited mobility. The board will look into another step or other remedies.

Bill Perkins stated that he believed WIA should place a "jersey barrier" between the parking lot and the grassy area. He believes we would have liability if a vehicle accidentally rolled down the grass and onto the beach. It would have to be removable so that delivery or repair vehicles could still access the grassy area and beach. The Board will look into this and report back next year.

A member asked if we could clean out the sheds this fall. There was general agreement and Karen made the date for removal of chairs Oct 14th. Carol Clark volunteered to sweep them out. Chairs can be put back when this task is completed. Joan will send out emails and Facebook post.

Karen thanked Maureen Couture and Julie Mansour for their work making the picnic another success. Next year's picnic will be August 16th.

ELECTION of BOARD MEMBERS

The current 4 Board members agreed to continue to serve. Karen asked if anyone was interested in running for any board position. Hearing nothing, the membership unanimously voted for the current Board members: Karen Simula, President; Joan Dobbins, Vice President; Diane Farraher-Smith, Treasurer, Tina Fullerton, Secretary. The audience applauded their thanks.

Next year's meeting dates are posted as
OPENING MEETING – JUNE 21, 2025
CLOSING MEETING – AUGUST 23, 2025

Motion to adjourn made at 11:02 am by Tony Bonaccorsi. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Dobbins (in Tina's absence)