

Boston Harbor Association Annual Meeting Notes Submitted by Jackie Ashley, Secretary

February 22, 2023 (See attached PDF of the presentation delivered at the meeting.)

1. Introductions – started with the Welcome from Nicky, then Jeff thanked her for her service with flowers. Also thanked Chris Hamilton with flowers, and Michael after his report.
2. New Sheriff- Derek Sanders spoke about department budgets including the shortage of deputies and the resulting overtime budget. Have 34 deputies and need 59. Goals are centered around Crime Solving, Productivity, and improving internal culture to give Flex Time within the work day. Q. from the members included: Use of Body Cams- A: Yes, they have them and are using them. Sheriff Sanders said the best crime deterrents are Arlo & Ring Camera systems.
3. Accomplishments – as presented on the slide.
4. Improvements- Invited members to consider BHA as their community resource, and explained the size of our overall community with the Map.
5. Commissioner Meja – more money is being set aside for Parks. Brought Parks Department & County _____ for explanation of Surplus Property Process. Community members expressed their desire to be involved earlier in the process- before properties are sold.
6. Financials – Answered questions about the shortfall of funds. Mainly low because of the higher cost of the fireworks show. Michael given his flowers & thanked for his service.
7. Marina – Is re-opened! Kate explained the damage from the King Tides and then the slated upgrade to the docks and boat ramp. Progress: ATF is mounted at the Marina for speedier Emergency response.
8. Environmental Committee- No additional information from Ed Marston, Kim Kelley promoted the Ivy Pull Team & their progress.
9. Storm Water Project- David Hartley updated about the Storm Water upgrades in Boston Harbor & promoted the Commemorative Plaque recognizing the forward thinkers who provided for Septic and clean water for Boston Harbor.
10. South Bay Fire Department – Wants more community involvement, would like to host our next Annual Meeting. Has a workshop upcoming in March, is doing CPR training, and would like volunteers.
11. Nominations & Election- Show of Hands vote to retain 6 board members- Kate Gervias, Bjorn Hartman, Jeff Salazar, Joyce Herschberger, Nina Goodrich & Jackie Ashley- passed unanimously. One nomination from the floor: Hailey Cox for the remaining board seat. Show of hands to accept Nancy Brown, Larissa James & Hailey Cox to fulfill the open board seats, passed unanimously replacing Nicole Lockwood, Michael DeFord & Chris Hamilton.
12. Conclusion- Reminder: all of our meetings are open to the public and posted on the website calendar. Next Meeting March 6, 6:30 pm at the Marina.