

Boston Harbor Association Monthly Meeting Notes 1/13/26

Gull Harbor Lutheran Church Meeting Room

Ed Steinweg & Mindy Atkinson were absent. 4 guests present-Joseph Beasley, Riley Bauer, Sally Cloninger, & Frank Swinkey

- Opening – Larissa called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
- Review & approve [December's minutes](#)- Jackie motioned to approve minutes taken by Kim, Scott seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report
 - [QuickBooks P&L](#) presented to the group and guests. Almost \$10k in the bank accounts. Money from John's fundraising effort with DL Phillips needs to be transferred into the Fireworks account. Discussion of renaming of account line items for further clarity needed. Operation Budget without Fireworks expenses needed before the annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting Planning
 - Fire station confirmed, Feb 11, 6pm - 8pm- thank you Kim. Jackie was given an access card last week from Heidi, she left it there until closer to the meeting date.
 - PowerPoint for meeting - Update from last year's presentation- Jackie & Larissa will work on this.
 - Kim will provide slides (as needed) for:
 - Fire chief
 - Commissioner Mejia
 - County Emergency System (Kim and Jackie work together)
 - Environmental Committee
 - Kate will check with the undersheriff to see if he slides to add to PowerPoint.
 - Nancy to provide budget and financial slides
 - Scott to provide Survey results slides
 - Agenda: (Timed copy needed for the meeting & Time Keeper)
 - Opening/intro current board members
 - Fire chief: Focus on response time – combined fire house – how is proposal going since voted: Kim confirmed.
 - Sheriff/Undersheriff – taking over harbor patrol & anchorage laws & homelessness on the water. – Kate confirmed

- Commissioner Mejia- Kim confirmed
- Public works: water/step system David Hartley/Jeff – Ed will check new construction/upgrades/new hookups for new construction? Kim in Ed’s place?
- County emergency system- who is in charge? – Kim discusses community options – can we piggyback onto the county system. Kim and Jackie will work together on this topic
- Environmental Committee Update - Kim
- Financial Report- Nancy - Nancy’s info good detail archive of past expenses.
- Survey Results- Scott to present
- Additional BHA Events for 2026: Larissa & Jackie to present
- Fireworks Fundraising/Decision by Feb 11th John & Larissa to present
- Election of new board
 - [Nomination form](#) for new board members is open.
 - Who is up for re-election? It’s unclear- Jackie to research past notes – believes the list is in the notebook in Mindy’s possession.
 - Who is not returning? Larissa asked everyone to state their intentions, she is TBD, Kate TBD, Jackie does not want to do the Secretary position again, is interested in Health & Safety Committee, Nancy is not returning, Kim, Scott, and John said they would continue. Mindy and Ed were absent so not sure of their intentions. Kate brought up concerns if all officers don’t return, that defeats the purpose of the bylaw changes that were put in place 2 years ago to ensure continuity among the board. Scott mentioned that the survey results were very positive regarding the improvements with the board and association over the past several years. Larissa agreed to return as president if someone is willing to be trained to serve as acting president in future years. Additional details regarding how elections will be run will be determined at the next board meeting.
 - Kate brought up the current, unhealthy charged atmosphere in the board but did not elaborate likely due to the guests in the room- but the viability of the BHA board and relevance is in question.
- Website Updates- Larissa, Kim, and Nancy have been working with Jeff on updates to the website including new buttons to align with the new accounts and decisions

made at the December meeting. Website updates will be an agenda item each month to ensure the website stays up-to-date and current.

- Community Sign on corner of Zangle and BHR – Jackie approached Shocking Difference, gave the board a report last month with details about installing a community sign for distributing neighborhood information. Kim questioned if that is something the community wants, Kate agreed. Need to determine if the county has size restrictions that we would need to adhere to. Cost and Design TBD and based on BHA budget. Topic should be tabled until after the new board is elected at the Annual Meeting. We can place banners at the Zangle Road location in the meantime.
- Environmental Committee Update
 - Trash Pickup date 1/17, 10 am to noon, meet at Burfoot Park to sign forms. Jackie to get Scott the vests.
 - Ivy Pull date- 1/18 10 to noon.
 - Lariss will get both put on Facebook
- Newsletter update: Newsletter is up on the website. Nancy will send community email after the meeting.
- Survey closed. Scott sent results to Larissa only accidentally, sent to the group that evening. Some very positive feedback. Will be included in the announcement of the Annual Meeting. Scott presented some of the findings.
- Fireworks Update
 - Current balance in Fireworks account: \$2,885.63. An additional \$1,000 was deposited into the main account and needs to be transferred over.
 - Firework committee has 6 people: John, Jackie, Larissa, Rylee, Paul, Tano
 - Started contacting businesses that sponsored in previous years.
 - Facebook post with QR code for donations
 - Signs have been made for posting around neighborhood
 - Banner was up before the meeting. It looks great! Thanks Joe & John!
 - Larissa will check with school about putting up fundraising flyers.
 - It was suggested to check with Cooper Point Residents and the Olympia Golf Club for donations.
- From the guests: Sally brought up that the Survey is not a vote so not valid in her opinion. We understand her concern but (Kate) we have never taken a vote from the community for the event in the past, and do not have a method for doing so this time to get a full representation of the residents. 143 answered the survey and that was over 40 more than last year's participation. Scott explained this was the best method of collecting neighborhood sentiment available and it is his profession as

well. Frank was concerned with the community safety issues around the fireworks. He liked the Party in the Park. Riley is on the Fireworks committee and stated that her desire was to support the Marina and staff for the betterment of the event.

- Discussion ended at 7:18 and meeting was adjourned.
- Next meeting Feb. 2nd, location TBD time 6-7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ashley Secretary BHA