

**Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association
Minutes
March 8, 2014**

Directors Present: Todd Brady, Barb Crown, Patrick Feighan, Carol Johanson, Nancy LaMastus, Mary Ann McLane, Denne Osgood, Cindy Pilato, Dennis Szymanski, Lois Whipple,.

Directors Absent/Excused: Susan Bryson, Jerry Freeman, Donna Halacoglu, Mike Hilla, Art Koster, Jim Laethem, David Martin, Kathy O'Conner, Leonard Verlinden, Paul Wargo, Rosemary Wieczorek.

Barb Crown brought the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. **Nancy LaMastus motioned to approve the February minutes. Pat Feighan seconded. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Report: The Association paid out \$1295 to The Pond Guy, which saved \$200, for paying for chemical treatment for the year. The cash in the checkbook is \$800, with the CD accounts being additional money. A discussion was held about the high cost of the chemical treatment on the pond. We will do some research on lower the cost for next year. A short discussion was held about filling the pond in, however, Barbara said it is probably considered a wetland at this point. **Pat Feighan motioned to approve the Treasurers Report.** Mary Ann McLane seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business:

-The Krispen Drain Project Pat Feighan reported that Clay Twp. has hired EA Engineering from St. Louis as the general contractor. They will validate the project locally and apply for permits by the beginning of April to start the project this August or September. Pat Feighan and Barb Crown contacted the DNR, the US EPA, and MDEQ to be sure of the project scope. They estimated 30 cubic yards of dirt will come from the dredging. HISCFA will get half of the dredging as a repository disposal spot on the Browne's field property. The dredging will go up to the DNR property, the DNR plans to continue the dredging through their property to the Muscamoot Bay. The funding did not cover the DNR project at this time. Monday, May 9th EA Engineering will present their plans to the Clay Twp. Board. EA Engineering asked the Association to write a letter to EA Engineering giving them permission to deposit some of the spoils on the Browne's Field property. Pat read a draft letter written to EA Engineering at the meeting. The letter will be tabled for now. The Clay Twp. Board will be in charge of developing the contracts, the Bid contracts, providing reports to MDEQ, and once finances are allocated, the Clay Township Board will handle all finances. Chuck Miller spoke on behalf of the Clay Twp. Board stating that once the dirt is dumped, it is the responsibility of HISCFA to cover the expense of spreading the dirt. Conversation was held about what to do with the dirt. Further discussion will be held before the letter is sent to EA Engineering.

Correspondence: A thank you letter was read from the Reader's Cove for the donation.

-Annual membership letters Volunteers needed on Tuesday, March 11th at 11am to prepare them at Donna Halacoglu's house. Pat F., Nancy L., Donna H., and Barb C. volunteered.

New Business:

-Ice Jam meeting A meeting was called in February by the Township. HISCFA representatives, the Coast Guard, Police, Fire Dept., Gas company, and DTE were all there. Minutes are on the NextDoor website and the HISCFA website for all to see. Copies can be picked up at the Waterfront Shoppe.

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-Air boat passage for island school children There are twelve (12) young children attending elementary school on the mainland from Harsens Island. Bob Bryson owns only four (4) adult float coats. Pat Feighan attended a meeting with the school superintendent requesting that the school purchase the extra needed float coats for the children which will then go to the Fire Dept. : **Pat Feighan made a motion to defray the cost of fuel used by Bob Bryson of up to \$800. for the transportation of getting the children back and forth across the river for school.** The specific Motion is for one ride across between 8:30-9:00am and one ride back between the hours of 4:00-4:30pm per child per day (four children at a time) as necessary for the extent of the ice season, not to exceed a cost of \$800. Dennis Szymanski seconded. **Motion Carried.** Bernardo Licata suggested that HISCFA draft a letter notifying the parents of these children that HISCFA is providing this service specifically for their families.

- **Pat Feighan made a motion for HISCFA to apply for a liquor license for the Field Day event.** Cindy Pilato seconded. **Motion Carried.** A separate Raffle License needs to be applied for, to give away the prizes valued at \$500-\$700: first, \$250-\$450: second, and \$100. for the third prize (possibly cash, a Kindle reader, and bikes). Cindy P. also suggested applying for a separate Liquor License for a fundraising event such as the music in the park.

Water Station Committee: The first meeting is set for Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00pm at Barb Crown's house.

Technology Committee: Todd Brady met with Barb Crown and Donna Halacoglu to set-up a Premise Data Base and a mass email through Mail Chimp which will add new email addresses as people log into it. A DropBox has also been set-up to hold documents in one common place for Directors to access. This can hold information from the beginning of HISCFA and well into the future. It is completed and ready to be used. The three of them will continue training and updating the systems.

Welcoming Committee: Cindy Pilato wants to schedule a meeting ASAP to put together a plan of what should be included in the welcome kits. She contacted Artie Bryson about a monthly list of new owners and addresses. Bernardo Licata offered to join the committee. Discussion was held about duplication since both George Crown and Bernardo Licata have already started creating a map which could be used. Barb Crown has contacted Jim Ryniak about printing costs which will be covered by selling advertising spots on the map.

Fire Department: Held an open house and tour on March 1st. It was informative and impressive. The information given by Dean Folkert, Daryl DuPage, and Lisa White (from the Township) will go into the Delta News. It was asked of residents to please uncover the fire hydrants from the heavy snowfall to keep our neighbors as safe as possible.

Comments from the Floor: Kathy Brady announced the date for the Save Our South Channel Lights annual meeting. She invited all residents' members or not to come learn more about what is happening with the restoration of the lighthouses. Meeting is 4:00pm, March 29th at MacRay Harbor in Harrison Township. Bernardo Licata announced another Tashmoo Days event will be held on July 19th at the old Tashmoo Park.

Pat Feighan motioned to adjourn at 11:00 am. Nancy LaMastus seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brady
Recording Secretary
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