

**HSIA BOARD MEETING  
THE KEY SCHOOL  
December 17, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shuman, Bruce Walker, Bill Anderson, Noel Gasparin, Natalie Lobe, Ray Sullivan, Kevin Green, Kate Penn, Jennifer Adams

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Jean Somers, Jim Schwallenberg

**GUESTS:** Jeri Singleton, Phil Jones, Linda Elkington, Chris Elkington

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Minutes from the November Board Meeting were accepted as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bruce Walker reported as follows.

General Fund:

1. We are up to 604 memberships
2. Key School made a donation of \$721
3. Property tax on rental house was \$1376 less than budget
4. Rental house maintenance now \$1307 over budget due to new furnace (\$2867 pd in November)
5. We have received \$615 YTD (\$252 in November) in back rent from our previous renter who defaulted in 2007.
5. Income tax was \$480 over budget due to higher profit than expected on rental house last year.

Piers & Harbors:

1. Income is \$2423 higher than budget despite 9 slips never being rented out and 1 slip still not paid for. Lost income of \$6592 on the 9 slips.
2. Expenses running ok to budget

Special Tax Fund:

1. We received our 1st check for the 2010FY in November (\$105,700)
2. Income and expenses running ok to budget.

Bruce reported that Bill Anderson would be calling residents on the slip waiting list in order to fill vacant slips. **Bruce Walker motioned the board approve that if someone is offered a vacant slip now, they must pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit to hold their slip until next season. Bill Anderson seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Jean Somers mentioned a voice mail complaint from a resident about traffic issues on Edgemere Drive. A resident asked if another traffic study can be done on Edgemere Drive. Jean will email Frank Groblewski, Traffic Chair.

**PROPERTY:** Nothing to report.

**SECURITY:** Kevin Green brought a Christmas gift from Blueguard to share with the board. Bruce Walker mentioned that the Washington Post had an article on crime in Hillsmere. Crime

was listed by street address. HSIA should be getting this information. Bill Shuman will look into it.

**BEACH:** Kate Penn reported on a productive meeting with ESA on Saturday, December 12. Minutes will be forwarded to the board. Patchwork on the bulkhead will be taken care of promptly.

**STORMWATER:** Ray Sullivan went over attached report. Stormwater Committee had a successful stormwater walk and productive meeting with County representative. The County representative had suggestions of using both sides of the street for enlarging our swales since our swales are sized for the 10 year storm. County rep also gave contacts at MDE.

**PIERS & HARBOR:** Mark Jones not present. Bill Anderson reported on items that he had taken to the dump. There was an unclaimed wooden skiff and items left on the community pier that had ripped sails and sailbacks. These items would move from place to place and at one point, the ripped sails were stuck under the tepee rack on Beach Drive. The skiff had moved down the bulkhead and was tied where Bob Emmet tied his boat. At the November board meeting, Mark Jones instructed Bill Anderson to get rid of the junk under the tepee rack. Bill hauled items to the dump on Friday, December 11. John Cutter, a non-Hillsmere resident, was using these items to go from our boat ramp to a mooring. Claiming the items were his, Mr. Cutter filed a DNR report and is borrowing another boat to get to the moored boat. There is a lack of electric at the marina. One of the main power cables is compromised at some point. Need to get under the pier to work on it.

**DAMAGED BEACH SIGN:** Jennifer Adams looked into the accident that took place in July when a driver, using his grandmother's car without permission, hit and damaged our beach sign at the corner of Hillsmere and Bay View Drives. The driver was charged with driving without a license and with unauthorized use of the vehicle. Property damage is not listed on the police report. This is not worth pursuing with small claims court or paying our lawyer to pursue.

**DUVALL CREED DREDGING:** Bruce Walker reported that we are #1 on the list for dredging with the County. The tentative schedule date is February or March 2011.

**BEACH STRIP VOTE:** At the Town Hall meeting on December 15, Jim Leary, one of the residents along the Beach strip, expressed an interest in negotiating the selling price offered from the nine residents along the strip. Their lawyer has confirmed that the residents along the strip on East Bay View Drive are willing to negotiate with us. **Bill Shuman motioned in order to clarify options for the community, postpone the community poll on the beach strip offer/potential lawsuit for up to two months in order to negotiate on the offer price with representatives of the nine lot owners. The poll will only be postponed if Mr. Simmons, attorney for the nine lot owners, agrees that they will negotiate in good faith. Kate Penn seconded the motion. Much discussion followed. Vote taken – unanimously approved. Bruce Walker motioned the board approve up to \$2500 to get appraisals on the value of the beach strip property. Kate Penn seconded the motion. Vote taken – 8 approved, 1 opposed. Motion approved.**

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers  
Administrator