

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING  
THE KEY SCHOOL  
November 8, 2007**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shuman, Mark Jones, Bruce Walker, Ray Sullivan, Bill Anderson, Laura Bertran, Noel Gasparin, Natalie Lobe

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Jean Somers

**GUESTS:** Donna Shuman, Ted Shepherd, P. Sahandy, Judy Steinberg, Rob Steinberg, Colleen O'Connell-Mitchell, John Stuntz, Ali Manizade, John Saul, Jane Strotman, Wes Strotman, Bernadette Singer, Linda Elkington, Janet Kurtz, Paulette Schwallenberg, Tom Schwallenberg, Chris Elkington, Don Hunter, Jaleh Sahandy, Dee Harned, Robert Harned, Jack McPartland, Fred Sandford, Sue Miller, Vijay Sullivan, Jennifer Adams, Kathy Ballman, Robin Laird, Kevin Green, Tim Iannuzzi, Jackie Iannuzzi, Eileen Shepherd, Bill Auerswald, Emily Auerswald, Vivian Harquail, Alan Harquail, Lee Ann Havard, Marilynn Wenig, Richard Weing, Sam Sydney, Lynn Sydney, Terry Lipford, Leigh Dempsey, Jeff Riedle, Chris Moore, Dana Clark, Ralph Naranjo, Sean Shanahan, Amy Svrjcek, Debbie Jones, Mike Wallace, Jenni Wallace, Jennifer Kucharski, Mary Green, Jeri Singleton, Gerald Green, Gregory Singleton, Irving Winters, Robert Powell, Gail Vernon, Ed Koehler, John O'Neil, Todd Shields, Marc Greenspan, Mark Carroll, Sandra Brown, Linda Suskie, Jennifer Gunderson, David Miller, Heike Nolker, Zach Stauffer, Joan Casey

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the September General Meeting were distributed and accepted.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** Ted Shepherd introduced each candidate running for election to the board. Candidates had a moment to speak. Ballots were collected. Ted Shepherd and Jean Somers counted ballots along with Lee Ann Havard and Betty Pahr.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bruce Walker presented the Treasurer's Report and current budget. We now have a new tenant in the rental house on Great Lake Drive. We're over budget with the dumpster at the pool. Question and answer period followed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**PIERS & HARBORS:** Mark Jones reported on the possibility of an electronic gate at the marina and boat ramps with card keys. The next Piers & Harbors meeting is on Tuesday, November 13. Question and answer period followed.

**SECURITY:** Bill Shuman reported for Alan Weiss on our security patrol and on summer and winter patrol hours. Bill also mentioned the Amber Alert that went through our community on Saturday, November 3. A 16 year-old community resident was missing from his home, but was found later that night after midnight. Question and answer period followed.

**ANNAPOLIS NECK PENINSULA FEDERATION:** Ray Sullivan thanked residents for donations to the ANPF. Ray mentioned a few of the ongoing issues with the City of Annapolis and the County.

**BEACH RESTORATION:** Bill Shuman introduced Kevin Green and Heike Nolker (landscape architect). They conducted a presentation showing proposed plans for beach restoration. Discussion and lengthy question and answer period followed (Question and Answer summary recorded by Joan Casey attached). **Motion to approve the Flood Bros approach to beach restoration. Vote taken – 35 approved, 32 opposed. Proxy votes – 11 approved, 14 opposed. Total – 46 approved, 46 opposed. Vote did not pass. Ellen Shepherd motioned to consider other options for beach restoration. Vote taken – 38 approved, 6 against – motion passed. Bruce Walker motioned that the existing sea wall stay in tact and be buried. Motion seconded. Vote taken – approved. Betty Pahr motioned that we have many more meetings regarding the sea wall. Vote taken – approved. Alan Ballman motioned that designs be posted on the web site for all to see.**

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Ted Shepherd presented the following election results: Susan Miller, 115 votes; Ray Sullivan, 98 votes; Bill Anderson, 97 votes; Natalie Lobe, 94 votes; Kate Penn, 93 votes; Jennifer Adams, 88 votes; Christina Friday, 86 votes. This is the new board for calendar years 2008-2009. Also recorded is Chris Elkington, 82 votes; Alan Ballman, 1 vote; Greg Singleton, 1 vote; Judy Steinberg, 1 vote; Ted Shepherd, 2 votes.

**PROPOSED BUDGET:** Bruce Walker presented the proposed FY2009 budget. **Bruce motioned the membership approve the budget as presented. Vote taken – approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Shuman & Jean Somers

## Notes

**from:** Joan Casey

**date:** 12 November 2007

**re:** Presentation by Heike Nolker and Zach Stauffer at the 8 November 2007 HSIA General Meeting of the Hillsmere Community Beach Restoration

Heike presented first the plan for landscaping of the Community Beach to tie in with Flood Brothers Living Shoreline plan. Zach Stauffer then presented the Flood Brothers Living Shoreline Plan. Following was an extended question and answer session.

Q: How are the beaches formed behind the breakwaters?

A: They can form naturally by sand building up but in this case sand will be brought in and placed behind the breakwaters in order to speed the process.

Q: How far out will the breakwaters be?

A: 50"

Q: How will the breakwaters affect the houses on either side?

A: Sand will continue to move across the beach front in the same manner it now does but the movement will slow because of the breakwaters.

Q: Will the abutting neighbors get a chance to review the plans in more detail?

A: Yes, during the permit process.

Q: How big is the opening between the breakwaters?

A: About 50'.

Q: Has the current been studied?

A: Yes, historical patterns are studied. John Flood has 15 years experience studying this type of system.

Q: What about the sea net?

A: It will remain outside the breakwaters.

Q: Another question about the sand.

A: Answer that it will be put where it would naturally build up was repeated.

Q: Can the seawall be buried instead of removed?

A: Yes, it could be.

Q: Will the grasses attract rodents and snakes?

A: Should not be any more than there are now. If beach is kept clean, rodents will stay away.

Q: Were there other bids on this project?

A: Yes, the board looked at numerous bids. (There was quite a bit of discussion after this question about the process that the board went through in deciding on Flood Brothers and Heike Nolker, Landscape Architect.)

Q: Will the bacteria count increase or be lowered?

A: The plants will clean the water.

Q: Can there be a guarantee written into the contract that the bacteria count will be lowered and have a definite number amount?

A: The water quality improvement from this type of project cannot be measured and guaranteed in that way.

Q: Where are examples of other living shorelines in other high wave areas?

A: There are several on the South River (some of them were named but there was much discussion and argument about whether the sites were as exposed as Hillsmere. The opponents would like to see an example of a successful living shoreline in an equally exposed site.)

Q: Coliform counts can increase when you slow down cross currents. How is flow maintained behind the breakwaters?

A: The angle and opening of the breakwaters is calculated to allow movement of the water in and out creating a flushing affect.

Q: Will there be a detrimental buildup of sand over time? At the Hillsmere Beach and/or on neighboring properties?

A: There will be changes over time. The shape of the beach will change.

Q: Will the breakwaters encourage the growth of oysters? They would be undesirable in a beach setting? (More discussion and argument occurred at this point among the audience)

Q: Will the area gradually get shallower? It is already too shallow.

A: The breakwaters and living shoreline will not affect water depth. Sand and silt have been building up in this area for a long time.

Q: Will the increase in land that comes about from this system and the dumping of sand belong to Hillsmere or the State?

A: This needs to be looked into.

At this point in the meeting there was more general discussion than question and answer.

Some of the points discussed were:

Should the breakwaters be farther out? There was more concern expressed about bacteria. There was concern expressed about encouraging wildlife and the separation or lack thereof of the playground and the beach. It was suggested that the community spend 6 more months going over all the questions and maybe get more expert opinions.