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Association of Great Neck  
Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2020 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** Zoom Video Conference

**Present:** John Shaw, Berni Tragert, Ray Best, Walter Hartford, Ellen Laughton, Diane Smith, Kelley Jung (until 8:00), Don Finocchio, Lianne Halloran

**Absent:** Hal Moody

**Approval of August, 2020 Minutes:** Ray brought up the need to review the wording concerning the Property Committee report on page 3. After some discussion Lianne made a motion to update this section. Berni seconded, and *the Board approved the motion*. Ray then made a motion to accept the updated August minutes. John seconded, and *the Board approved the motion unanimously*.

**Correspondence to AGN:** John asked board members to read the correspondence which had previously been emailed, and to let him know if there were any questions.

**New Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

- **Finance Committee:** Ray gave a summary of the *50/50 Raffle*. The license to permit the raffle goes to June of 2021. First Prize, totaling \$3116, was awarded to George Saffron. Second Prize, totaling \$779, went to Peter Lucas. Ray recommended that we send out 20 tickets to each member next year rather than the standard 10. He then went on to discuss the *Treasurer's Report*, asking that we note the fact that the Scholarship amount is unchanged since our usual fundraisers cannot take place due to COVID-19. He also pointed out that Security is our big expense. Lianne made a motion to accept the finance reports as presented. Ellen seconded, and *the Board approved the motion unanimously*. Ray stated that the committee's next step is to meet with the investment group. A sub committee is also needed for the playground account. Walter explained that the details need to be straightened out. He suggested creating a role for \*\*\*\*\* so that we have some say in how he is investing.
- **Activities Committee:** Ellen explained that Dinner Bell is still on hold and that no donations can be accepted at this time. Ray suggested that we may want to make a donation of \$500 in

the future. John will get information on how to hold the Turkey Trot Road Race virtually. He will also look into swag that will fit in an envelope to be mailed to those who sign up. Bill Sargent's name was brought up for consideration as a speaker for a future event.

- **Clark Beach Operations Committee:** There have been no parking issues lately. All prams/kayaks have stickers. Berni reported that the August 8th Beach Cleanup went well. She said that we consistently have good numbers this year with participants maintaining social distancing. The next Cleanup will be on September 12th at 8 a.m.. The October Cleanup will coincide with Coast Sweep. John mentioned that Aldo wants to send a letter asking us to hire him directly, rather than through the security company. He also suggested giving Aldo a wedding gift of \$100.. Berni made a motion to give Security Guard Aldo a \$100 gift card. Ellen seconded, and *the Board approved the motion unanimously*. John will confirm that Aldo will be at the gate Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Labor Day weekend.
- **Communications Committee:** Kelly is planning to get the committee together in September to work on the website and social media. Information will be presented at the next board meeting. A discussion about the posting of agenda meeting minutes took place. Don recommended putting the minutes on the website. Berni had researched and found that only Annual Meeting minutes are required to be made public. Walter suggested posting the monthly agenda then members could request minutes for specific areas of concern. Various other options were brought up, but Don said the simplest way is to post them on the website each month. Ray agreed. The Communication Committee will review options and come back with a recommendation.
- **IBYC Committee:** There is no news to report at this time.
- **Membership Committee:** Diane reported that we have a total of 392 members which is the highest membership amount to date. She said that any member may request a kayak sticker for the final 6 weeks of the summer for \$25. Ray suggested allowing 110 pram/kayak stickers next year. Diane recommended allowing sales of a second sticker per household after a two week waiting period.
- **Property Committee:** Ray has been working on communicating with sailboat owners since both the Harbor Master and the Conservation Agent have said that there are to be no boats/moorings in the grass or on the beach. The problem is that the Clark Beach Management Plan does not address sailboats. The CBMP is basically a way to manage the access road by including a Deed of Conservation Commission ('87). That is what changed AGN to a conservation group. The town accepts prams on racks, but nothing else. Sailboats are only mentioned in a May, 2006 letter from\*\*\*\*\*. However, the plan detailed in the letter was never approved by the town. An area out of the grass needs to be located for the sailboats, and this area must be agreed upon by the Harbor Master and the Conservation Agent as well. All moorings and motorboats must be in tidal waters per the IPD. Those in question have been moved after a visit by the Harbor Masters, but they are still on the beach. John will send pictures of these to the police department. Don recommended putting something on the website to inform members that anything from mean low tide to the beach is AGN property. IPD says no boats/moorings can be on the AGN property, and have threatened us with fines. Diane suggested letting them fine us since the boat owners are still in violation. She said this would make the rules clear to the membership. Ray said the biggest problem is the Hobie Cat.

The \*\*\*\*\* feel that their kayak stick allows them to keep it there. John will include a picture of that in his communication with the police. Ray reminded the board that until the IPD came to the beach for a review of the boats, we were unaware that these issues are all actually violations of a state law. We thought it was simply a conservation issue, but now know that it's a legal matter. Bernie mentioned that the IPD did say to reach out to them if we need help, and we do! She also said that the IPD should know that there are many members who would like to put their boats there. This will lead to a problem of overcrowding. Walter mentioned that the town is looking to make changes in area of Water/Harbor. Ray said that September 11th is the date given to sailboat owners. Any boats left after that date will be addressed. *Clark Beach maintenance* - \*\*\*\*\* has cut the pharg again. It was much less expensive this time - \$85. Members of the group met with \*\*\*\*\* on August 31st to discuss the dam. Hal will work on this project with \*\*\*\*\*and\*\*\*\*\*. A request to be on the Cons Com agenda to get a permit for the work will be submitted by the filing date of September 23rd for the October 7th meeting. \*\*\*\*\* told the group that this work is important because the lower the water, the more bacteria will take over. He said this has been a problem for five years and that he has been reaching out to the AGN to look into this. *The Conservation Agent*'s answers to our questions from earlier this summer were simply taken from the CBMP. Ray followed up with him to ask if sailboats could stay until September 11th which he allowed. Ray then asked for a sailboat plan for the future. He also asked for the AGN Record of Maintenance. \*\*\*\*\* thinks this may be archived. Ray feels that the pharg cuttings in the fall and spring may not have been approved by Cons Com. \*\*\*\*\* cleaned up the Bowdoin Circle after using it as staging area for a project. Lianne asked about traffic cones for the *Triangle Garden*. Ray said that they are in the storage unit.

- **Nomination Committee:** Ray mentioned that a past AGN President would be interested in being on the Board. Ray will meet with him along with anyone else who would like to. We can then add him at the October meeting.
- **PGN Committee:** Don reported that there is no news at this time. The town Open Space Committee has had the PGN property on their list for years. A committee meeting will be put together in September.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Lianne said that while there is no news to report at this time, we are in need of funds, so a Virtual Road Race would be great.
- **Town Boards:** Walter will be going to a Tri-Board meeting tomorrow, the 2nd. The focus will be on the Public Safety Building - land, feasibility study, building. John asked about the Jeffrey's Neck Road project. Walter said it's projected out to 2030, with the town spending about \$800,000 a year on roads.

**Last Thoughts:** Ray suggested \*\*\*\*\* as someone to add to our toolbox at some point for any legal issues. An in-person meeting may be an option for our next meeting. Bylaws should be reviewed to check on adding new members.

**Next Meeting;** Monday, October 5, 2020, 7 p.m. location TBD

**Association of Great Neck  
Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Place:** ZOOM Video Conference

**Present:** Berni Traggert, John Shaw, Don Finocchio, Diane Smith, Hal Moody, Ellen Laughton, Ray Best, Walter Hartford, Kelly Jung, Lianne Halloran

**Approval of July Meeting Minutes:** Don made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ellen seconded the motion and *the Board approved the motion unanimously.*

**Correspondence to AGN:** John shared the following correspondence:

#1: Boats on Clark Beach - Berni, Diane, and John put notices on boats prompting this correspondence. Part A pertains to motor boats, Part B to kayaks. Ellen stated that Little Neck is having the same problem. It was agreed that guidance for the enforcement of the removal of the motorboats needs to come from the Harbor Master and the Conservation Commission. We will wait for their response to our emails.

#2: IBYC Fireworks - This event has been postponed due to COVID-19.

#3: \*\*\*\*\*'s inquiry about preserving AGN records. John will respond.

#4: Request for a wedding on the south side of Clark Beach - John will send this out to all.

**New Business:**

**Committee Reports:**

- **Finance Committee:** Ray reviewed the Treasurer's Report explaining that at this point we are basically done with the membership and pram process. He stated that expenses are up by two grand. The main cost is security since we have added Fridays to the schedule. He expects the total to be closer to \$7000 + for the summer. Last year in the fall we discussed a different security option. Ray suggested that we follow through with that action this year. The raffle is up to \$6250 so far. A couple of hundred was saved in raffle expenses. Ray went on to discuss Records Management saying that we have records from the late '90's - '12. Then only strangler information is available from '15 - today. We don't know what we don't have because we don't have it. We were promised by the former president that documentation would be forthcoming yet nothing has arrived. Berni said she could scan what we have to pdf and put into Google Drive, but she'll need help with downloading. Should this be part of the Financial Committee? Kelly said once she can get back into the building at EBSCO she will have the resources to do this. She then volunteered to do so in January. Ray said it's organized and just needs to be scanned. Kelly will just scan. She also suggested Staples could tag these to be searchable. For now, Berni will look into scan/tag options. Ray suggested that a task master/historian would be a great start in order to make us accountable.
- **Activities Committee:** Summerfest cancelled due to COVID-19. Lianne made a motion to draw the raffle on August 15th at 5:30 in the Clark Beach Parking lot. Berni seconded the motion and *the Board approved the motion unanimously.* John will send an email. Ellen said that Dinner Bell has been cancelled until September. She said that we will be notified about

signing up for another time slot - perhaps the last Monday in September. The Yard Sale has been cancelled. John is looking into doing the Road Race virtually. Water bottles as a give away is a possibility.

- **Clark Beach:** Lianne discussed parking issues. There haven't been any problems at Bowdoin Circle, but the main lot is very crowded. Aldo needed some guidance and a reminder that all cars must have current tags in order to enter the lot. Aldo's boss has spoken to John. Berni reviewed the pram issues. She puts notices on unstickered prams. There is one left in the lot. There are two, a red and a blue, on the north side that have been warned. It was decided that they would be moved at Saturday's Beach Cleanup. Walter volunteered to help. The Triangle Sign will be up with a reminder by Wednesday. Diane suggested an 8:00 start.
- **Communications Committee:** Kelly said that the committee will meet about a website in the fall since this is such a big project. They will make a formal presentation to the Board once everything has been pulled together. Posting monthly meeting minutes was discussed but it was felt that it's too early for this. We need a website first and we need to look into what can be made public. This was tabled for now.
- **IBYC Committee:** Kelly has stepped down from the IBYC Board but will be our contact with them. The Fireworks have been postponed to next year. Ray felt that a new plan and a new vote was needed. John stated that he told them we would need a new vote. He will also email our membership to inform them.
- **Membership Committee:** Diane explained that this is pretty much done for the season. 400 tags were ordered and all have been given out. There are 388 members, but the Proprietors received extra tags and some folks misplaced theirs. There is a plan to swap officers tags for copied tags if more are needed. There are about 90 households who have not joined. Organizational ideas will be discussed over the winter.
- **Property Committee:** Ray explained that \*\*\*\*\* has been a great help to get us started. Ray started with an email to Parker River as the same issues that we're having today were issues in '95 as shown in Google Earth photos. \*\*\*\*\* at Parker River, \*\*\* at Audubon, and \*\*\*\*\* at Ipswich River are all valuable resources. The committee met with \*\*\*\*\* to review the property. \*\*\*\*\* said that Clark Pond is a manmade freshwater pond meant to last for 50-100 years. We have both dam and phrag problems which \*\*\*\*\* gave us contact names for resolution. \*\*\*\*\* said that there are rules in the Deed of Conservation Restriction. Any change must be voted on by the entire board. \*\*\*\*\* asked to use the Bowdoin Circle for a staging area. In exchange he will clean the circle up. Ray, John, Berni, and Lianne met with him at the circle. \*\*\*\*\* came out as we were there. It was brought up that her fence was on our property and she had it moved. Ray and Lianne met with \*\*\*\*\* to see just what he does for maintenance. Bills for his work were \$2000 for 2016, \$2600 in 2017, \$3200 in 2018, and \$4000 in 2019. We're looking at \$6700 this season including the phrag. We need to research what we need to do to shrink the phrag growth. We should work with Ipswich Cons Com as well since the town owns the other side of the pond. \*\*\*\*\* from Cons Com met with John, Berni, Ray, and Lianne to review our property, discuss invasive, and look at the boat violations on the north side. He confirmed that the sailboats should not be there. There is a 2006 letter from AGN giving a few members permission so we need a letter with Cons Com letterhead to prove this point. The tidal area boats are also not supposed to be there. \*\*\*\*\*

will work with the Harbor Master to come up with a letter. John and Ray discussed public relations. They suggested getting past board members together as a united front. An attorney may also be a good idea, We need a strong attempt to fix this problem once and for all. When the town accepted the Clark Beach Management Plan an annual meeting with Cons Com to review the property prior to the upcoming beach season was required. To our knowledge a review has never taken place. The CBMP is basically about maintaining roads so that we can do maintenance with Cons Com approval. However, CBMP is secondary to the Conservation Restriction.

- **Nominating Committee:** John stated that there is nothing to report at this time. He asked that each board member come up with a few names to suggest as future members.
- **PGN Committee:** Don reported that there is no news on this front. John suggested reaching out to land conservation groups. Don mentioned that he is on the Acquisitions Committee for Greenbelt.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Lianne had no new information to report.
- **Town Boards:** Walter is on Fin Com and CDP. There is a Citizen's petition for a building moratorium.

**Old Business:** John is planning to send questions from the Annual Meeting to the specific committees.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Don made a motion to adjourn, Lianne seconded the motion, and the *Board adjourned at 9:14p.m.*

**Association of Great Neck  
Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2020 7:00pm**

**Meeting Place:** ZOOM Video Conference

**Present:** Berni Traggert, Hal Moody, Don Finocchio, Diane Smith, John Shaw, Ellen Laughton, Kelly Jung, Ray Best, Lianne Halloran

**Absent:** Walter Hartford

**Approval of Minutes:** Don made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ray seconded and *the Board approved the motion unanimously.*

**Correspondence to AGN:** John shared correspondence. Discussion was as follows:

#1: Clark Pond overgrowth. The Property Committee should get in touch with the Parker River group. We should ask for volunteers to help with the peppered pull.

#3: Dogs: Aldo should ask folks who have dogs to put them on a leash. Ray suggested that a reminder of the dog policy should be sent out.

#5: Hang Tags: Diane said that ten people have claimed that they never received their hang tag. There was also one week that the Post Office was returning mail.

**New Business:** John suggested that we create committees as established committees. He will assign Annual Meeting questions that need to be addressed to individual committees this week. It was suggested that Walter be the liaison with most town boards and that John should work with the Town Manager. Berni made a motion to accept the committees as shared at this meeting (see attachment). Don seconded and *the Board approved the creation of the committees unanimously.*

**Committee Reports:**

- **Finance Committee:** Ray discussed the budgets for both security and landscaping noting increases. The biggest concern is what to do about the phrag which will be costly. He mentioned the lack of fundraising this year due to the cancellation of Art by the Sea and the Turkey Tune-Up. This will remove about \$2000.00 from the Scholarship fund. The raffle will be our only fundraiser for the year. Kelly suggested a follow-up email explaining that to our members. Ray said that any new members will receive raffle tickets and that there are more tickets available for those who want them.
- **Activities Committee:** Ellen shared that the Masons have cancelled the Dinner Bell, but she'll keep an eye on their schedule. Both she and Berni suggested donating money rather than our time this year. Summerfest ideas were mentioned. BYO everything, no games, drawing for the raffle, music, and sign-up sheets. Berni will put together a plan. Don will contact \*\*\*\*\* about the music and email all of us. After some discussion about the Road Race and the probable lack of sponsors, Berni made a motion to cancel the Road Race, Ellen seconded, *the Board approved the cancellation of the 2020 Road Race by a vote of 8:1 with Ray opposing.*
- **Clark Beach:** Diane suggested changing the code to the gate as it hasn't been changed in years and seems to be too well known. Berni discussed the boats on the north side of Clark

Beach. The group consensus was to have the Harbor Master tell us how to handle this. Ray said we have two immediate problems: 1) we need to know if we have a right to remove boats that are there, 2) the \*\*\*\*\* have both a fence and moorings on our property, plus there will be drainage issues in the circle soon. Don said that any mooring in tidal waters should be the Harbor Master's problem. Berni will wait for the Harbor Master's response. Once we have confirmation that the boats shouldn't be there, she will draft a letter. Ray suggested that sailboats and the \*\*\*\*\*'s ramp should be a matter for after the season.

- **Communications Committee:** Kelly has been looking into a website. \*\*\*\*\*can set this up for us with an online tool to manage it at a cost of about \$12-18 per mo. Membership access for \$32 per mo. We would pay \*\*\*\*\* to do the work then we can use the website to have a seamless communication tool (updates, links, FaceBook, Instagram). Kelly will start with a survey to the Board to figure out the direction that we want to go in. John wants to communicate with members through emails. We only have 25-30 members who do not have email. He suggested one newsletter at the beginning of the season. with emailed updates throughout the season.
- **IBYC:** Kelly said the Fireworks budget is now up to about \$10,000. John will send out the IBYC request for donations with an AGN heading. John will share the email with the board for proofreading prior to sending to members. John will also send out an email about the cancellation of Art by the Sea.
- **Membership:** Diane stated that we are up to 379 members. We only have one kayak sticker remaining. Record keeping has been time consuming. Kelly said this is a perfect example of why we need an ecommerce site.
- **Property Committee:** Lianne gave an update on the Triangle Garden. Ray discussed the pepperweed pull at the Bowdoin end of the property. There were eight people including 2 interns from Ipswich River and 2 from Mass Audubon. All had permission slips. John and Ellen suggested that this should be an annual AGN event. Ray feels that the phrag issue needs attention and suggested a field trip to check out the growth and discuss maintenance and a longterm plan. We have a document showing our property and Ray has found a safe deposit book key. He will check for a possible survey. Lianne said that the Conservation Agent referred us back to the Clark Beach Management Plan as far as allowing \*\*\*\*\* to clean the beach.
- **Nominating Committee:** John has approached \*\*\*\*\*. She will be traveling for the summer. He said we don't need an 11th position at this time.
- **PGN Committee:** Don shared that there is nothing new with the proprietors at this time. He then gave us an update from \*\*\*\*\* on the raising of Jeffrey's Neck Road. The design is 100% complete. It's currently under review by FEMA and then it will go to bid for the actual construction once FEMA's comments are addressed. Construction cost is estimated to be \$2M. FEMA pays 75% and the town will vote to approve the remaining 25% or \$500K. The design will raise the roadway 2 ft from elevation of 7 ft to 9 ft which is adequate for now, but won't meet longterm predictions. The lane width will stay the same at 10.5 ft (the standard for new roads is 11 ft.) The design cost does not call for bike lanes or guard rails.



- **Scholarship Committee:** John's suggestion to put a picture of the scholarship winners in the paper will be put off until next year when we will take the picture at the Annual Meeting. Ellen shared that the scholarships were listed in the town newspaper this spring.
- **Town Boards:** Walter was not present to share any updates.

**Old Business:** AGN Swag: John questioned if we should continue with swag at this time.

**Next Meeting:** August 3rd, 7:00pm via ZOOM

**Adjourn:** 9:46

**Association of Great Neck  
Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2020 7:00pm**

**Business Prior to Meeting:** On May 10, 2020 John Shaw made the following motion via email: MOTION: That the AGN board agrees to grant permission to AGN members \*\*\*\*\* to hold a wedding ceremony at noon on Saturday, May 23, consisting of approximately 15 people, on the North side of Clark Beach (near Bowdoin Circle), per their email request of May 9, 2020. The caveats are that they will walk the location with Director Walter Hartford prior to the event to determine the exact location, and Walter will be present at the start of the event to confirm. The event will take between 20 and 30 minutes in duration, and there will be no interruption of AGN members' access to Clark Beach via Bowdoin Road Circle. Guests may park their cars in the Bowdoin Road Circle depending on availability of spaces. All others will have to be shuttled in and out. The AGN board agrees to waive the two-month written request policy due to the abnormal situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Walter Hartford seconded. *The Board approved the motion 10-0.*

**Meeting Place:** ZOOM Video Conference

**Present:** John Shaw, Berni Traggert, Ray Best, Lianne Halloran, Ellen Laughton, Walter Hartford, Diane Smith, Hal Moody, Don Finocchio, and Kelly Jung

**Announcements:** John shared an email from \*\*\*\*\* asking permission to allow a group to pull pepperweed at the Bowdoin Circle on an unspecified date. It was explained that this is an annual, ongoing volunteer activity. Don made a motion to approve, Berni seconded, and *the Board approved the motion unanimously.*

**Approval of May Minutes:** Lianne made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ellen seconded and *the meeting minutes were approved.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Ray explained that \*\*\*\*\* had been instructed by Cricket Wilbur in March to cut the phrag in April. The cost was so high that there would not be any money left in the budget for a second cutting. Ray made a motion to approve the payment of \*\*\*\*\*'s bill for \$2400, Berni seconded, and *the Board approved the payment.* Ray made a motion to approve the May landscaping bill for \$670. Lianne seconded and *the motion was approved.* John made a motion to approve an insurance invoice for \$2890. Ray seconded and *The motion was approved.*

**Recommendations and Actions:** John suggested looking at the cutting of the phrag again as the summer goes by, saying that we may have to spend more money. Ray asked that the Property Committee get information on cutting phrag. He also suggested that they look into the maintenance of the Playground since we are paying PH Lawncare for service, yet this is town owned property.

**Membership & Pram/Kayak Sticker Update:** Diane took this over in mid-May and feels that we need to discuss a new database. So far there are 331 members, 68% of the 485 houses listed on the property sheet. Another reminder will go out at the end of June-early July. Berni felt that it is worth the money spent to mail to those who we don't have email addresses for. Diane believes that about 69 kayak stickers have been issued to date, with 3 sailboat stickers. After June 5th a second sticker per household will be allowed. Stickers are issued for boats up to 18 feet, so that includes sailboats. Diane will put notes on kayaks on the beach without stickers. John said that of the 17 people who showed up to put the pram racks in, only a few took the discounted fee they were offered. It was noted that for a short time new residents were given an AGN membership, but that has fallen by the wayside. It was decided that practice would stop at this point. Don suggested increasing the price of membership and shared several comments from members.

*Recommendations and Actions:* The future Membership Committee should look into a new database and redo the blue membership cards. Update the website to one membership per household, memberships are not open to nonresidents.

**Clark Beach Opening:** John said that it seemed to go well other than the kids setting off fireworks in the early hours of May 23. John stated that Rest Stop will add another additional cleaning each week for \$20 so that we will have two weekly cleanings possibly Monday/Thursday. Don made a motion to schedule the second cleaning, Berni seconded, and *the Board unanimously approved to pay Rest Stop for an additional day.*

Ray said that he had added three Social Distancing signs. Unfortunately, the one near the boardwalk only stayed in place for 24 hours.

### **Correspondence to AGN:**

1. \*\*\*\*\*- John shared with the Board he letter that \*\*\* sent which includes some Great Neck history. Diane explained that the \*\*\*\*\* have a trunk full of historical information relating to the Neck and Ipswich. She will get in touch with them about the possibility of having them share some of that history with us.
2. **IBYC Fireworks** - John shared his email correspondence with the IBYC about the progress on the Fireworks.
3. **Clark Beach disturbance/ Bowdoin Road** - The letter from \*\*\*\*\* pertaining to the disturbance on May 23rd was discussed.

### **New Business:**

**Committees:** John reviewed the Committee Draft dated May 27, 2020. Berni suggested that we also involve neighbors and friends on the committees rather than simply Board members. Don suggested emailing our committee preferences, and Kelly volunteered to coordinate the information. It was decided that Board members should email Kelly by June 8th. She will then put the information on a spreadsheet and distribute it to the Board. John said that we may include cochairs. Walter volunteered for the Finance Committee and for Community Development.

**Bowdoin Road:** Lianne first shared \*\*\*\*\*'s email update about Bowdoin Road drainage which had been brought up at the annual meeting. \*\*\*\*\* from DPW wrote \*\*\*\*\* explaining that Conceco is continuing to work through permitting required by DEP. He will keep \*\*\*\*\* informed about the timeline.

Lianne explained that the Bowdoin Circle has the same Private/Members Only signage as Clark Beach, except there is not a sign stating that cars will be towed. She provided information from \*\*\*\*\* about how we can handle the unauthorized parking. The first thing we must do is to post a sign stating **AGN members only; nonmembers shall be towed at owner's expense per M.G.L. Ch.266 sec.12D**. Ray has a call in to Cape Ann Signs to get this. Lianne puts notices on cars without tags and notates the make/model and lic #. This information is kept in a Log. Upon a second offense, a written note will be added stating that police will be notified if there is a third offense. \*\*\*\* does the same on random days at Clark Beach. It was said that he puts a "ticket" on the cars. Lianne will find out what that is.

As far as Access to the Beach is concerned, this is difficult to control. Lianne suggested possibly giving a Beach Bag Tag that could be checked for walkers. Aldo would check those. John stated that Aldo had mentioned that he was looking for more hours and wondered if we should add security on Fridays. Berni made a motion to add security at the Clark Beach gate on Fridays for this season. Ellen seconded the motion and *the Board approved an additional day of security unanimously.*

**Pram/Kayak Policy:** Ray stated that we need a policy in writing. People referred to "Grandfathering" at the Annual Meeting, but there is none. He said that there is a limitation on pram length but not on kayaks. At the Annual Meeting it was said that sailboats and larger boats were allowed at the north end of the beach in the past. We need a discussion about this this winter. Berni felt that people would take advantage if we allow boats at the north end this year. We need a clear policy. \*\*\*\*\* is the owner of the sailboat currently on the north grass area. He purchased pram sticker for it so is allowed for this year. There was a discussion about bylaws versus Cons Com and it was felt that we couldn't make a ruling. We will revisit this at a time when its not critical. Berni thinks there should be no racks at the north due to the tides and remembers them washing away in the past. It was decided to research this over the winter.  
*Recommendations and Actions:* Research the rules with the town and our bylaws associated with storing boats on the north end of Clark Beach. Come up with a clear policy by the 2021 season.

**Clark Beach Seaweed Cleanup:** Lianne stated that she has been in contact with the Ipswich Conservation Agent. He has said that he is waiting to discuss the possibility of allowing \*\*\*\*\* to clean the beach with the Conservation Commission. He will get back to us to tell us what can and cannot be done.

For now, the usual Beach Cleanup will take place on Saturday June 6th. It will then continue through the summer on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Berni will manage the Cleanups. She will bring two provided yellow bags. John will send an email and Ray will post the sign.

**Filling an 11th Board Position:** John stated that he would like to contact a couple of former members about returning to the Board. Walter brought up looking into the bylaws about replacing and adding members. Berni made a motion to add an 11th Board Member for the 20/21 year. Don seconded and *the Board approved the motion.*

**Old Business:**

**Fireworks with IBYC:** The date is Friday, August 21st. IBYC would like us to solicit our members for funds which we will not do. We considered donating \$1000 to them, but felt that some members may not agree with the donation. We decided that we will share a letter about donations from IBYC to our members. This will be a separate email in a couple of weeks. John will send the Board a draft prior to sending it out.

**Summerfest:** Saturday, August 15th. We discussed switching this to the 22nd to coordinate with the IBYC fireworks. IBYC will clean the beach after the fireworks both at night and the following morning. No decision to change the date was made at this time.

**AGN Swag:** John will send a PDF so that Board members may check off what they are interested in.

**More New Business:**

Ray would like help with the Triangle sign. Diane offered help.

Lianne stated that members contacted her about giving Cricket Wilbur a parting gift of a \$50 gift certificate from Corliss as has been done for past board members. Ray made a motion to gift Cricket Wilbur with a \$50 Corliss gift certificate, John seconded, and *the motion was approved by the Board.* Kelly offered to purchase the gift certificate. Lianne will use AGN notecards to write a Thank You and deliver the gift.

**Action Items:**

- John will send an email to members including a) June 6th Beach Cleanup, b) Reminder to sign up for membership and purchase pram stickers then hang tags in cars and affix stickers to kayaks, c) Request for those interested in the Triangle to contact Lianne.
- The Membership committee will look into a new database and update the blue cards, as well as membership information on the website.
- Hal will check with a friend about revamping our website.
- Ray will check with Cape Ann Signs for the Bowdoin Circle.
- The Board will research the Conservation rules with the town and our bylaws associated with storing boats on the north end of Clark Beach. We will come up with a clear policy for the 2021 season.
- The Property Committee will get information on cutting phrag. Possibly through the Parker River association. They will also look into the maintenance of the Playground since we are paying PH Lawncare for service, yet this is town owned property.
- John will contact IBYC about our plan to help them with fundraising.

**Next Meeting:** July 6, 2020 7 pm via Zoom

John will have the Annual Meeting questions to assign to committee members in time for the July Newsletter

**Adjourn:** 9:59pm