

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
November 11, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shuman, Christian Elkington, Bill Anderson, Kate Penn, Noel Gasparin, Bruce Walker, Phil Jones, Ray Sullivan, Mark Jones

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers, Jim Schwallenberg

GUESTS: Donna Shuman, Jeri Singleton, Betty Pahr, Velma Trimmer, Tom Trimmer, George Miller, R. Miller, Linda Elkington, Joanne Brew, Nick Kyricou, JoAnn Gruendl, Thomas Hensley, Fred Sandford, John Stuntz, Bill Auerswald, Mark Carroll, Angie Carroll, Fred Hickman, Ingrid Tepelmann, Matthew Tepelmann, Michael Waters, Chris Grim, Teresa Johnson, Dave Miller, Chris Moore, Kathy Ballman, Charles Novak, Suzanne Martin, C. Junge, J. Cooper, Jack McPartland, Michael Wallace, Faye Puryear, Jim Olienyk, P. Freeman, George Buss, Wes Strotman, Barbara Basil, Caroline Purdy, Gary Branham, Michael Gray, Mary Teresa Gray, Tom Schwallenberg, Paulette Schwallenberg, Donald Sample, Ed Weber, Teresa Sutherland, Edgar Erber, Terry Meisner, Constance Robinson, David Cuccia, T.J. Hurlburt, Kevin Green, Jeffrey Reidle, Helen Raven, Jacqueline Merrill, Michael Clark, Terry Mullen, Laura Bertran, Gail Vernon, Jackie Fletcher

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Minutes from the September General Meeting were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce Walker went over budget handouts and took questions from the floor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bill Shuman mentioned the Metavivor Adventures Race to be held in Hillsmere during the Spring of 2011. The race will include kayaking from the Hillsmere beach and a bike race and run through the community. There will be a minimal effect on Hillsmere and the race should be done by 11 am. Bill mentioned that AA County trash collectors wouldn't pick up trash that has pet waste unless the waste is double-bagged and tied with a tie or knot. There is a Kayaking group that will launch kayaks from the sandspit to fly fish. One member of the group is a Hillsmere resident. Gave permission for group to park vehicles at sandspit and launch vessels. Event is this weekend.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Nothing to report.

PIERS & HARBOR: Mark Jones reported that new ladders would be installed. There is an active email list of slip holders. If you are not on the list, please send your name to marina@hillsmershores.net. Mark took questions from the floor on security at the marina. Bill Shuman gave more details about this issue. It is recommended that you check your boat often, more than once a month.

STORMWATER: Ray Sullivan reported on future development on the Annapolis Neck. Will get information in the next *Sea Breeze*. Looking for a volunteer to work on getting receptacles in place for pet waste at different spots in the community.

BEACH REPORT: Kate Penn reported on a project to replace fencing at the beach. We are also restoring the second entrance on the West side of the parking lot. There is also a project to improve drainage between the large pavilion and the large play set and to replace the swing set at the large pavilion. Also adding a well and electricity to the large pavilion.

ELECTIONS: Ted Shepherd explained the election process, who can vote, and what a proxy is. The proxies brought to the meeting are questionable and are being held on the side. If the vote for president is questionable and the proxies would make a difference, then it will be determined if the proxies are valid. If vote is not questionable, then proxies are not accepted. Jean Somers also explained that most proxies submitted at tonight's meeting went hand-in-hand with a ballot. Those proxies cannot be counted because the resident would be voting twice. Any proxy that matches a ballot is not valid. Ted Shepherd asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor submitted. Candidates were introduced and said a few words. Voting was closed and counting began.

SECURITY: Kevin Green encouraged everyone to put HSIA stickers on their vehicles.

BEAUTIFICATION: Noel Gasparin reported that HSIA is working with the County on beautification of the islands on Hillsmere Drive. The County has funds available that HSIA may be able to use to purchase trees for the island. There are certain requirements that need to be met before the County will pay for trees.

BUDGET: Bruce Walker went over the proposed FY2012 budget (handouts). Bruce took questions from the floor. Discussion followed on the Security Budget. Bill Shuman said that three board members would discuss three different security budget options (handouts provided). The options had four components: Off duty police officers; private security (currently Blueguard); beach security (currently Randy Southers); miscellaneous (stickers). Bill Shuman will discuss the \$80K plan, Bruce Walker will discuss the \$60K plan, and Phil Jones will discuss the \$30K plan. At this time, Phil Jones had a slide presentation for a \$60K Flexible Option Plan that he presented as follows:

\$60,000 per year Flexible Option (\$47.43 per lot)

40% (\$24,000) Contingency Security Fund

46% (\$27,800) for off-duty county police (14.6 hours per week)

0% ((\$0) NO private security

2% (\$ 1,000) Neighborhood Watch

12% (\$ 7,200) Beach and other incidental security expenses

Based on 1,265 lots paying special taxes and \$36.54 per hour for off-duty police officer

Phil Jones recommended the following...

- That the \$60,000 amount be approved
- However, only approve spending 60% or \$36,000 on security now. Direct the Board to retain the remaining \$24,000 as a contingency fund that could be used later, should "crime" in Hillsmere warrant additional expenditures. Before it could be spent, the Board must receive approval from the community at a General Meeting.
- The contingency fund could also be spent on other types of security approaches, e.g. surveillance cameras. Again, this would require the normal community review and approval.

- No Private Security Company
- Establish a Neighborhood Watch
- Maintain the Summer Beach Patrol

Phil Jones motioned that \$60,000 Flexible Option approach in that only \$36,000 of that amount is authorized for additional community security, while the remaining \$24,000 is established as a contingency security fund that can only be spent after community approval, be added to the list of options to be considered as possible FY2012 Hillsmere Shores' Special Benefit Tax Security approaches. Motion seconded by Betty Pahr. Vote taken – motion approved. There will now be four Security budget options instead of three.

Bruce Walker discussed the \$60,000 Option from the handout. Bruce feels we need a mix of all components. Bruce also feels it's necessary for Hillsmere to have a reputation that we have security; heavier in the summer and less in the winter.

Bill Shuman discussed the \$80,000 Option. This Option keeps security running the way it did in FY2011. Hillsmere gets good 911 response from the County police department, but no patrols. The monthly cost for security under this budget is only \$5.45 per lot. Bill mentioned it's a small price to pay for additional security in our community.

At this time, Bill Shuman asked for board member input. Ray Sullivan supports the \$60,000 Option. He believes that the \$30,000 Option doesn't provide enough security coverage. Bill Anderson supports the \$60,000 Option. He questions the Flexible Option. Where does the money go if not used? It will be in the FY2014 budget. Christian Elkington questions how secure people feel with Blueguard Security, our current company? Chris promotes the Flexible Option. Mark Jones mentioned that deterrents cannot be measured and that the perception that someone is watching justifies the cost. He doesn't support the Flexible Option that would need to be put in place when something happens.

Bill Shuman opened the floor to questions and comments. **Vote taken – as follows:**

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| \$80,000 Option | 25 votes |
| \$60,000 Option | 18 votes |
| \$30,000 Option | 4 votes |
| \$60,000 Flexible Option | 43 votes |

At this time, the \$60,000 Option and the \$30,000 Option (least amount of votes) were eliminated and another vote was taken as follows:

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| \$80,000 Option | 32 votes |
| \$60,000 Flexible Option | 60 votes |

The \$60,000 Flexible Option was passed.

Bruce Walker motioned approval of the FY2012 Special Tax budget. Motion seconded by Bill Anderson. Vote taken – All in favor; 1 opposed. Bruce Walker motioned approval of the FY2012 General Fund. Motion seconded by Ray Sullivan. Vote taken – unanimously approved. Bruce Walker motioned approval of the FY2012 Piers & Harbor budget. Motion seconded by Betty Pahr. Vote taken – All in favor; 1 opposed.

ELECTION RESULTS: Ted Shepherd announced the election results. Counting ballots was Ted Shepherd, Jean Somers, Helene Raven, Constance Robinson, and Jim Schwallenberg. The results are as follows:

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| Secretary | Mark Jones | 224 votes |
| | Kate Penn | 1 vote |
| Treasurer | Bruce Walker | 216 votes |
| | Kurt Beall | 2 votes |
| Vice President | T.J. Hurlburt | 223 votes |
| President | Bill Shuman | 143 votes |
| | Phil Jones | 120 votes & 6 provisional |
| | Christian Elkington | 2 votes |

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Shuman