

Changing Tides

A publication of the Property Owners of Eaton's Neck Beach



Dear Friends of Eaton's Neck



The snowmen have melted to reveal a sprinkling of new life breaking through the earth. The ground beneath us unfreezes and the sun makes a daily appearance reminding us we can all start to get rid of the winter layers. It's Springtime on Eaton's Neck and with the new season we find ourselves excited to build community, share laughs and create amazing memories.

Spring is when we, your POENB Board, focus on membership. Over the last uncertain year, we hope you've appreciated your unique community more than ever. POENB dues are used to maintain our beaches, create exciting events and fund critical infrastructure projects like rebuilding the Valley Grove Bulkhead to protect the place we ALL call home.

Most should already have received an email link to join or renew. If not, you can find the membership form inside this issue or you can go to the newly, beautifully redesigned eatonsneck.org to join online using PayPal. Early bird discounts end on March 31st.

On the form you'll also find ways to add your talents to the community through small acts of volunteerism. Every bit helps and we appreciate your filling it out. Board members, in addition to their official duties, have been helping many side initiatives that would benefit it from an infusion of fresh energy and ideas. We also want to encourage kids to give back and would be grateful for a few parents willing to step up and serve as community service coordinators for kids. If interested, email info@eatonsneck.org and we can talk about setting up a program.

Like your POENB Board, which is made up of all volunteers, it takes a village! Our village only gets better with every new member. Please join and be part of it.

Frank Bonomo
President, POENB

March 2021

Meeting Minutes of March 5th, 2021

Our POENB meeting was held via Zoom video conference and began approximately 7:38 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of officers:

Frank Bonomo, President (absent)
Ryan Cote, Vice-President (absent)
Julie Hendricks-Atkins, Vice President
Nora Beck, Treasurer
Frank Pasquale, Corresponding Secretary
Steven Neuf, Recording Secretary
Bethany Pokorny, Vice President.



Spring has arrived - March 20th!

Minutes (Readings and Update):

February meeting minutes will be posted to our new website after it is fully up and running, stay tuned for a live demonstration.

Membership in attendance:

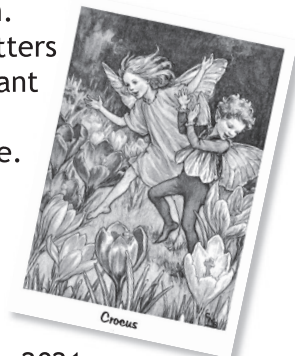
There were 18 members in attendance

Julie introduced correspondence by offering a general update that Frank has been in direct communication with our neighbors to the North & South of Valley Grove. Each had concerns related to the bulkhead re-build project which Frank Bonomo addressed with them directly.

Correspondence:

Frank Pasquale gave an update on other correspondence received: Christine Ballow wrote to suggest a character letter be written on behalf of Dom Spada, former director of Maritime services for the Town of Huntington. We are suggesting individual letters be sent by our residents; Assistant District Attorney (ADA) contact info to be posted to our website.

Brian Gorman wrote to inform us of a new TOH resolution passed on Feb 23rd relating to vehicle parking, specifically boat trailers (ordinance 2021 amendment 150.) A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday 3/16/21 at 2PM to add boat trailers to prohibited parking between 10PM and 8AM each day of the week.



2021 POENB Treasurer's Report January 1 - March 5, 2021

Income

Membership Dues		
	Standard	2,220.00
	Senior	3,035.00
Total Membership Dues	\$	5,255.00
Merchandise	\$	44.00
4th of July Parade Donation		60.00
Interest Income	\$	0.72
Total Income	\$	5,359.72

Expense

Beach Expenses		
	Prices Bend	1,007.64
	Valley Grove	-
Total Beach Expenses	\$	1,007.64
Changing Tides		419.24
Monthly Bank Fees		90.00
Paypal Fees		2.23
PO Box		146.00
Utilities		
	Prices Bend	31.94
	Valley Grove	-
Total Utilities	\$	31.94
Website	\$	103.40
Total Expense	\$	1,800.45
Net Operating Surplus	\$	3,559.27

Valley Grove Bulkhead Project

Funding		
Valley Grove Fundraising	\$	1,850.00
Costs		
Valley Grove Bulkhead Project	\$	-
Net Project Surplus		1,850.00
Total Net Surplus	\$	5,409.27

Operating checking account balance as of 3/5/21 is \$24,945.97

VG Note checking account balance as of 3/5/21 is \$42,000.00

VG savings account balance as of 3/5/21 is \$25,817.46

50/50 savings account balance as of 3/5/21 is \$1,667.21

Anthony Lopez wrote to suggest a fundraising idea of decals for residents' cars. The board still has magnetic POENB logos for sale.

We also received a letter from the TOH Highway superintendent, Kevin Orelli that the town will be coming to fix the damaged storm water outflow pipe at Valley Grove - no timeline given yet. Brian O'Conner received the same notice regarding the Essex outflow pipe.

Wall Update:

Steve updated the membership on the latest permitting development. We received DEC approval on revised drawings and the TOH has issued a new permit. We are working now to schedule manpower.

New TOH legislation:

Julie informed us about some new county legislation (resolution 1025). Suffolk county towns were directed to reach-out to land owners of unique properties throughout the county to inquire about potential sale to the county for environmental protection purposes. At 402 acres, the largest property on the list is the former Morgan estate. This does not mean the property is for sale or that there is any interest on the part of the land owner. However, it does authorize the county to start a dialog. It is also unclear what the county intends to do with the property if such sale was to go through.

The Board will stay tuned into this issue. One potential benefit of the property becoming government owned is that the displacement of the coast guard dredge spoils will no longer be at the sole discretion of the current private owner.



We also feel that potential water quality issues may be averted if the property becomes protected under environmental protection acts. A member informed us that the property has been similarly investigated for public acquisition; once in the 70's then again in the 80's. Christine Ballow offered that another possibility was that the town could purchase the estates' development rights rendering it passive. It was also noted that the property falls within the incorporated village of Asharoken which likely means they would need to approve any future actions.



EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

One of the many training sessions members of the fire department participate in every year is the "use of portable fire extinguishers". This class reminds members when and how to use extinguishers.

For homeowners, a fire extinguisher can save your home. An extinguisher can make the difference between no damage and total destruction and loss of life. Experts recommend that a home have an extinguisher on each level of the home, and one in the garage. Remember that household extinguishers are meant for small fires. With a larger or fast spreading fire, forget the extinguisher and get out of the house.

Choose an extinguisher labeled "ABC" - that's what is needed to put out the most common types of home fires. There are models that fit under sinks as well as smaller spray-can versions. The basic technique is to start spraying as you move toward the fire, aiming at the base of the fire. Be sure to follow the instructions (read prior to actual use) Remember that extinguishers have a very short discharge time before they run out of fire suppressant (10 seconds is typical) Therefore, there is no time or suppressant to waste! In the case of a small stovetop fire, a pot lid will usually smother the flames and not leave you with a nasty clean up. Please check the expiration date on the label and make sure the pressure gauge reads "full".

Fire safety for older adults is an area of concern in our community. Consider the following. the NFPA statistics. They indicate that the older a person is, 55, 65, 75, 85 the less likely a person is able to escape a fire emergency. For the hearing impaired, get an alarm which flashes or vibrates under the pillow (for night time). Sleep on the ground floor to make escape easier. Have smoke alarms in every bedroom, and practice evacuating the home (like school fire drills), also test smoke alarms each month. Keep a phone nearby to call for help.

Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

New POENB Website:

Julie then introduced our new POENB website design. The address is the same: www.eatonsneck.org but we hope the flow and organization is greatly enhanced and that the site has a clean, new look. A big big thank you to Yvonne Lambertson who volunteered long hours on this website improvement project over the winter.



Thanks also to Gene Caputo who originally put POENB on the web and has continued to service and maintain the site to meet our needs.

Thanks also to new volunteer Michael Raguso who assisted Yvonne with coding during the website transition and will continue to help POENB streamline its digital processes. Final

thanks to board members Julie, Ryan and Bethany who worked closely with our volunteer website team to review functionality, test drive the site, add content and suggest improved functionality which now makes it easy to pay your membership online using PayPal.

We hope to build on the digital functionality of the site even more as the months go on. The new site is a fantastic addition to POENB and we hope you'll become familiar with it.

Membership:

Gene updated us on membership. We actually added a member to our 2020 roster; a member was remiss and neglected to mail it in making last year's total 238. We offered to apply it to 2021 but the member declined and committed to a timely 2021 registration! So far 2021 is 28. 7 of those are new memberships. Please use the renewal forms which were emailed as they contain pre-loaded information. Or you can conveniently register at our website using PayPal. Any changes, please print clearly.



Assorted:

The new POENB mailbox has been installed on the south side of the fire Department mailbox post. It is easier to see as you are leaving the Neck. The box is black with blue POENB lettering.

Julie then shared her screen and provided us a walk through of the new website and, specifi-

It's POENB Membership Time.

Join before March 31st
to take advantage
of early bird savings!!

Last year 238 households carried the burden for over 400 Eaton's Neck Households. If you love it here, please show your support by becoming a dues paying member.

Your dues help pay for the maintenance of our beaches, and fund critical infrastructure work such as the Valley Grove bulkhead re-build. They also help pay costs for the printed Changing Tides Community bulletin, the online Community website and fund social events for adults & kids like the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

Being a member also entitles you access to our members only POENB beaches at Price's Bend and Valley Grove, • entry to POENB social events, • free beach storage for watercraft and • parking passes for Price's Bend.

Membership forms were emailed to existing members or you can use the form that follows on page 5. You can also download one at eatonsneck.org or join online using PayPal. Thank you for your support of the POENB.

cally, the new online membership process. Note: members who prefer not to join it online can still go to the website to print the form and drop it in the POENB mailbox.

Reminder that 2021 is a non-assign year watercraft year which means, if your membership stays current, you'll receive the same spot. More on this to come but the first step to keeping your spot is promptly renewing your membership. Only members who currently do not have a spot and need one will be assigned this year.

The board is also discussing a policy and fee structure for larger craft (small sailboats)



POENB
Property Owners of Eaton's Neck Beach

2021 Membership Form

For over 60 years, POENB has served as the steward of our beaches at Valley Grove and Price's Bend, protecting and maintaining our shared properties through critical beach improvement projects.

Additionally, POENB offers opportunities for neighbors to gather and celebrate our incredible community. In past years, POENB has sponsored special events for our members including Parti Gras, Friday Night Grillin' and Eaton's Neck Has Talent, among many others. While we are currently gathering for monthly meetings on Zoom, we hope to be able to meet and celebrate in person sooner rather than later.

With your POENB membership, your household will receive access to our members-only beaches at Price's Bend and Valley Grove; a beach parking pass; free beach storage for one watercraft; and entry to POENB-sponsored events. You'll also be supporting our community and joining an incredible network of neighbors and friends.

Please join POENB today by filling out and returning this form. Thank you for your support!

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____

We routinely publish the names of our members in Changing Tides. If you'd prefer not to be included by name, please check here.

Please choose a POENB membership level below:

- Standard Membership:** \$265 (Early Bird \$240 if received by March 31st)
- Senior Membership (ages 62 and above):** \$175 (Early Bird \$160 if received by March 31st)
- 4th of July Parade contribution (optional):** \$_____ (please add this amount to your check)

POENB membership entitles you to one complimentary watercraft slip, assigned in even years. As 2021 is a non-assign year, please fill this out only if you were NOT assigned a spot in 2020:

- I have no spot and seek one at:** Prices Bend / Valley Grove (circle one)
- My watercraft is a:** Kayak / Paddleboard / Dinghy (circle one)

POENB runs on volunteerism and these are the areas where we need it most. Please check a box for yourself and a spouse/partner if applicable so we can reach out for help as needed. Thank you!

Projects (helping with DIY improvement projects)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Watercraft (helping our system stay organized)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach Care (beautification, clean ups, plantings)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Changing Tides (content, advertising, design)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Activities (planning the events we all love)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications (drafting web & email content)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return this form with a check payable to POENB to PO Box 124, Northport, NY 11768, or leave in the POENB box by the blue sign in the Fire Department Parking Lot. Thank you.

FOUND HISTORY!



Did You Know....

... that an immigrant from Scotland ran Beacon Farm on Eaton's Neck?

In 1848, at the age of 15, William Crozier (1833-1904) left his hometown of Hamilton, Scotland and set sail for a life of distinction in America. Having learned farming from his father, William found work on a farm in Boston and quickly advanced to manager. He married Mary in 1863, and one year later disembarked in Northport.

In 1867, Crozier was hired as Superintendent of the 300-acre Beacon Farm on Eaton's Neck, which was owned by Cornelius Delamater a wealthy industrialist. Here, Crozier experimented with selective breeding of livestock. He imported Southdown and Cotswold sheep and bred them to produce a hybrid which he named Beacon Down.

His efforts won him many top prizes in agricultural shows. He went on to breed cattle, border collies and racehorses. He was in high demand as an exhibitor and judge for fairs in North America. He also was the author of "How the Farm Pays," with Peter Henderson, which was published in 1884. It was recognized as one of the best books ever written on the subject.



William and Mary had five children and in 1876, bought the old Carll family farm on Main Street. Upon his death in 1904, he was remembered as a most thorough businessman; honest in all things and, above all, an amiable and delightful friend. He is buried in Genola Cemetery.

Did you know that the Northport Historical Society is planning an exhibit on the immigrants of Northport and East Northport? If you are an immigrant and would like to be part of our exhibit, we'd love to hear your story. Please contact Terry Reid at: curator@Northporthistorical.org.

--Terry Reid

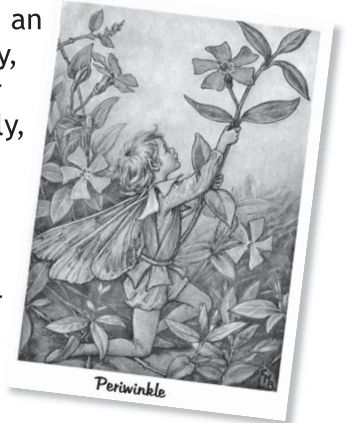
which have, for years, accumulated in the weeds on the west side on the new Birmingham racks. As we have done with other areas of our watercraft system, our desire is to examine this situation, identify active craft owners, establish a sensible protocol for number craft we will entertain and establish a seasonal parking fee. More on this to come.

Treasurer's Report:

Nora read the latest treasurer's report into the minutes. Please see page 2 for the financials.

Social:

Bethany presented an update on social. Typically, March would highlight our casino night; unfortunately, we have come through an entire year of limited social activities due to COVID-19. We look forward to a modified Easter Egg hunt; masks mandatory & social distancing guidelines must be adhered to. This event was typically handled by Amanda Cuiffo who has recently moved so we are looking for a volunteer to head up this event. Bethany described the tasks associated with this event then elaborated on our outreach for volunteers for this and other events. We need volunteers and hope to begin calling on members to spearhead events soon.



Unfinished Business:

None to report.

New Business:

None to report.

We adjourned at approximately 8:20PM

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 9th.

FLOWER CHILDREN



SAID CROCUS: "My! this wind is cold!
Most wish I had not been so bold;
Here the fields are still all brown;
Glad I wore my cider-down."



Bulletin Board



Eaton's Neck hangs in the MET

If you find yourself strolling around the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan, don't be surprised if you happen upon a painting entitled Eaton's Neck, Long Island painted American John Frederick Kensett in 1872.

Kensett painted Eaton's Neck in the last summer of his life which he spent primarily on Contentment Island near Darien Connecticut. During that time, he took frequent sails across the Sound to set up his canvas and work. The oil on canvas, along with about 40 other works in various stages of completion, were found in his studio after his death. When bequeathed to the Met they became known collectively as his "Last Summer's Work".

Of those final landscapes, said the NY Times in a 2001 article, "Eaton's Neck is the best known and most haunting. It is a mastery distillation of curving shoreline, water and sky, bathed in a serene light". The painting depicts the bluffs along the east side of the neck just past the lighthouse, looking south toward Asharoken Beach.

** Eaton's Neck, Long Island (1872) is featured on our cover this month, courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.*


Welcome to the Neck!

Jennifer & Anthony Fusano
of Abbingtion Court.

Krista Hiatrides & Patrick Olchovy
of Westview Road

Sophia & Matthew Fowler
of Eaton's Neck Road
(who go married in the Northport Gazebo
the day after moving in)

If you would like to be welcomed or have some-
one on your block who just moved in, please email
changingtides@eatonsneck.org

NEXT  MEETING

**** Make a Note of it! ****

Next months' meeting,
Friday April 9th, will have
an earlier 7 pm start.
Please join us!

How do you target over 400 savvy residents of NY's most unique beach community? Advertise here.

- 1) Go to eatonsneck.org
Changing Tides
Advertise with us
- 2) Fill out our online reservation form
select your months & sizes.
- 3) Click submit. Watch the results roll in.



THINKING OF SELLING?

The real estate market is already heating up! Call me if you need help!



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OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, April 25th
10:00 – 12:00

To our new residents, please come by and learn about your Fire and Rescue Department and please consider volunteering.



Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY APRIL 3RD
12PM SHARP
(ARRIVE BY 11:45)
PRICE'S BEND BEACH



(Rain date 4/11)