

Changing Tides

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



President's Message

Dear friends, neighbors and members,

This is a time of year for reflection. Thanksgiving is upon us and we can look inward and embrace gratitude. Our community has endured, persevered, and even thrived during what were less than ideal conditions in 2020.

But the hurdles of the year are drifting away a bit and we are able, once again, to focus on the most important and most cherished parts of our existence - families and loved ones. While this might not be the ideal Thanksgiving we imagined, I want to wish the entire Eaton's Neck Family a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

I am pleased to finally bring the news of our permit approval for the Valley Grove construction project. In the spirit of giving thanks, I would like to express my gratitude to Christine Ballow, Mark Cuthbertson and especially Dom Spada. Dom has been, and continues to be, a friend to Eaton's Neck. His work behind the scenes to keep our community protected and pristine has made an immeasurable impact on our lifestyles as "Neckers".

Frank Bonomo, President

November 2020



Meeting Minutes November 6th, 2020

Our POENB meeting was held via Zoom and began approx. 7:35 pm with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.



Roll Call of Officers:

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

We welcomed Vinny's newborn; Ryan Rose Mitchell. Congratulations!

Minutes (Readings and Update):

Fifteen (15) members tuned into the meeting. A motion was raised to accept the minutes of our October 2020 meeting as published to our website. The motion was seconded and approved.



Correspondence:

This was again a light correspondence month. We received an email about a Trump flag raised into the trees at Prices Bend – The board investigated and the flag had been removed. Ryan reported an email from an advertiser in the Changing Tides who was wondering why they were not billed. The board will investigate and resolve.

This month's cover photo sent in by David Walker - Thank you!
To send in your own photo or artwork email to: changingtides@eatonsneck.org

2020 POENB Treasurer's Report January 1 - November 6, 2020

Income

CT Advertising	\$	770.00
Watercraft	\$	200.00
Membership Dues		
	Standard	28,900.00
	Senior	17,110.00
Total Membership Dues	\$	46,010.00
Merchandise	\$	535.00
4th of July Parade Donation		1,205.00
Valley Grove Fundraising		6,650.00
Interest Income	\$	6.90
Total Income	\$	55,376.90

Expense

Beach Expenses		
	Prices Bend	10654.09
	Valley Grove	19.54
Total Beach Expenses	\$	10,673.63
Beach Improvements	\$	926.29
Changing Tides		3,578.11
Meeting Expense		141.80
Membership Expense		141.10
Monthly Bank Fees		330.00
Paypal Fees		86.56
PO Box		106.00
Professional Fees		900.00
Sales Tax		47.87
Stamps		55.00
Utilities		
	Prices Bend	429.99
	Valley Grove	315.56
Total Utilities	\$	745.55
Valley Grove Bulkhead Project	\$	28,870.00
Website	\$	21.17
Total Expense	\$	46,623.08
Net Surplus	\$	8,753.82

Operating checking account balance as of 11/6/20 is \$38,909.05
VG Note checking account balance as of 11/6/20 is \$42,000.00
VG savings account balance as of 11/6/20 is \$23,066.71
50/50 savings account balance as of 11/6/20 is \$1,667.17

Greg Hodges reported on pricing he received to remove & replace the fencing at Prices Bend. 1st estimate from Continental is \$12,800. Other vendor sugges-



tions are welcomed; some were offered already and at tonight's meeting a member also suggested the end court of Worcester be incorporated into

the project. This is something the Town of Huntington installed in the past but has since been removed. Frank described some of the other considerations; electric accesses gate, natural fencing at Worcester court, these are all part of our budget considerations.

All new neighbors to be welcomed in the Changing Tides. Up to date list was not readily available during this meeting.

Valley Grove Wall Re-build Update / Board Reports:

Frank reported at the meeting that, as yet, POENB had not been granted the needed permits yet (boundary line agreements, returns, COVID-19, etc.).

(Addendum to minutes: We have received the work permit from the Town of Huntington and look forward to starting later this month. We would like to thank Christine Ballow for her email to councilman Mark Cuthbertson for expedited action which led to having the permits in hand later the same week!)

Water is turned off at Valley Grove. A small discussion ensued about a recent spate of misguided behavior down at Prices Bend. Notably, a bunch of fence post rails were removed and stacked up next to the port-o-potty enclosure for a makeshift fort. Additionally, the fire pit was set ablaze and, most recently, a political ad was reported to have been hung up in the trees. The Board doesn't wish to overact on these things

but, instead, simply asks all parents to keep an eye on your children and have a chat with them about public property and their responsibility to be good neighbors. We



EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the event of a medical or fire emergency, please call 911 for the quickest response by trained, experienced volunteers.

The two fire department ambulances are each equipped with LUCAS chest compression devices. The LUCAS chest compression system is designed to deliver uninterrupted compressions at a constant rate and depth to facilitate the pumping of blood after cardiac arrest (when the heart has stopped). The great benefit to the patient is that automated compressions are delivered from first response at the site of the emergency to ambulance transport and throughout the hospital. LUCAS facilitates consistent blood flow from the moment it is turned on, helping to improve a patient's chance for a successful outcome. The continuous compressions keep the heart pumping.

These LUCAS devices also benefit the first responders. Providing CPR manually is tiring and providers must switch off with other providers after a few minutes. As providers tire, the frequency and depth of manual compressions are affected. Use of the LUCAS permits the providers to perform other necessary functions for the patient increasing the chances for success. The department and community are fortunate to have two of these devices to serve those in need.

Please remember to change the batteries in the smoke detector and the CO alarm if you did not do it when the clocks were changed recently. Thank you.

The fire department will hold its annual Christmas Tree sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th. The sale will be outdoors and all safety precautions for Covid will be practiced. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

Fire District Commissioner Election

The Eaton's Neck Fire District Commissioner Election will be held Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at the fire house. This election is open to residents of the fire district who are also registered voters.

Polls are open from 6-9 pm.

FOUND HISTORY!



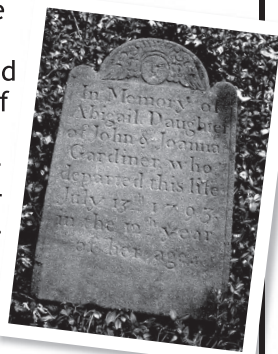
Did you Know . .

. . . that there is a graveyard on Eaton's Neck?

The Gardiner family burying ground can be found in a wooded area on Cherry Lawn near Locust Lane. John Gardiner bought Eaton's Neck in 1792 and he and his wife Johanna and their seven children came to live at the old manor house known as Cherry Lawn, where John Sloss Hobart had once lived. John was a farmer and supervised his hired help that tended the fields. John was widowed three times, but all his children were from his first wife Johanna. John and Johanna, and his other two wives, Rachel and Hannah are all buried in the family cemetery.

His son John H. became one of the first lighthouse keepers, then became a farmer and lived in the farmhouse which still stands on Light-house Road with his wife Abigail. Together they had six children. John H. and Abigail are buried there along with one of their daughters, Jennett who died at 1 year old. John Gardiner's eldest son, Jonathan (brother to John H.), inherited Cherry Lawn after his father's death. He also bought Duck Island. Jonathan was married and widowed twice. Jonathan, Sally, who died at age 28, and his second wife, Fanny, and several of their children are all buried in the family plot as well.

The earliest grave there is from 1793, that of Abigail Gardiner, a daughter of John and Johanna, who died at the age of 12. This in one year after they moved to Cherry Lawn. The latest being that of Abigail Gardiner, the wife of John H., in 1861. In all 17 people lie in rest at Cherry Lawn including another of the Eaton's Neck lighthouse keepers, William King.



After John H. and Jonathan's deaths, land was passed on to children and grandchildren, parceled out and sold until almost all the Gardiner's original land was owned by the DeLamaters. The only exception was the land belonging to Eliza Gracie Gardiner Jones, who refused to sell. Her parcel included the family cemetery. When she died the land went to her daughter Mary Elizabeth Jones, whose daughter was Rosalie Jones, the noted suffragist.

- Terry Reid

appreciate it. The branch overhanging the walkway at Valley Grove (pursuant to one of our windy storm days) was removed. Our Insurance policy was renewed, with a very minor increase.



Bethany described a great turnout for the Halloween Parade & recognized the community for their participation. Many resident's set-up tables with candy and for the 1st time in a while, things felt like normal again.

We discussed holding a turkey trot on Thanksgiving morning and continue to ask for community for help in planning our POENB events.

Soon those of us who currently plan these events will age out as our kids grow; it is important we see new faces to keep the events going. Bethany has assured us that if you have an idea, we will support you, help get you started to make it a success. What you as

Turkey Trot

Please join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk!



See last page for all details!

members can do is come up with a good idea, gather a small group of co-planners to make it a success and contact the board with ideas.

We are considering a December event (perhaps caroling) in lieu the typical firehouse social which normal follows our meeting. A member thanked

Bethany for a wonderful job on the parade. Another member thanked us for the trick or treat signs, "great idea that worked wonderfully".



*** * * Notice of Key Issue Vote * * ***

On Friday, December 4th, at 7:30pm, POENB will hold its Annual Meeting and Elections for next year's Board in accordance with our Association by-laws. Please see list of candidates below.

Frank Bonomo, President
Ryan Cote, Executive Vice-President
Julie Hendricks-Atkins, 1st Assistant Vice-President
Bethany Pokorny, 2nd Assistant Vice-President
Nora Beck, Treasurer
Steve Neuf, Recording Secretary
Frank Pasquale, Corresponding Secretary

Voting will be conducted at the Annual Meeting and the issue shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast.

Welcoming Committee:

Lauretta gave a brief update on their activities. Many new families have moved to Eaton's Neck. We will do our best to welcome them as we can.

Report of the Treasurer:

Nora was not in attendance but Frank reported the income and expenses and noted that this may be the first year our expenses outpaced revenues. This is still to be determined as we have landscaping still to pay and a bit of Changing Tides revenue yet unrealized before year's end. However, revenue normally derived from social events is an important boost to our balance and this year we have none; nor 50/50 monies. These small bumps do add up. Please see the printed Treasurer's Report in this Issue. The report was delivered and accepted.



Nominating Committee:

Greg announced Frank Pasquale's willingness to run for a board position. Thank you, Frank. The remaining existing slate will run in their current positions with the exception of Vinny Mitchell. We thank Vinny for stepping up this past year and for his POENB service.

NEXT MEETING



Our next meeting will be our annual election, held Friday December 4th at 7:30 pm. Please join us. We'll send out a link.

New Business:

We adjured at approximately 8:10 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 4th, our Annual meeting for the election of the 2021 board.



Poop Update

Folks are still leaving their doggie bags in the garbage at Valley Grove. Reminder, please bring waste bags home with you. They don't belong in POENB cans. Please be courteous to all. Next step will be removal of the cans. Thank you.





A Special Thank you...

As this is the month of thanks, The Changing Tides would like to thank Christine Nastos for her years of service to our paper as an assistant editor.

She has been busy with deliveries other than our paper of late and has recently been promoted to the title of New Mom with the arrival of daughter Ryan.

We hope she will return to us in time. For now, thank you Christine and enjoy every minute.

SIGNATURE
PREMIER PROPERTIES



Happy

THANKSGIVING

Wishing You & Your Loved Ones
A Happy Thanksgiving Season!

May your hearts be filled with happiness and
your home be filled with love.

I am thankful for you and your referrals!



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Bulletin Board

So much to be thankful for....

Last month our family enjoyed a beautiful experience.

When we moved here to Eaton's Neck in 1976 we decided to have a live Christmas Tree to later plant in our garden. Although only five feet at the time, the tree grew over the years to almost 50 feet tall. Many species of birds have enjoyed its branches and called it home.

Alas this year, 44 years later, it had to be taken down. Our sons, Stephen and Robert, relayed the story of the tree and its origins to our next-door neighbors and friends. While the need to take it down was understood its removal was a bitter sweet occasion for our family.

Unbeknownst to us, The Pokorny's took a large piece of the trunk and cut it into three parts. They then enlisted the help of Laura O'Donohoe to etch our names and a Christmas Tree design into each piece.

Thanks to the kindness of neighbors, we all have a piece of our family history. A mere thank you is just not enough for this awesome heartwarming and loving gesture.

To Bethany and John Pokorny and Laura O'Donohoe, our love to you.

Hugs and Blessed Holiday -
The D'Amato Family



Welcome new Neckers....

Val & Juliette Kraydman and children
Joshua, Natalie & David to Westview Rd.

John & Yvonne Lambertson to Exeter Court

Chris & Christine Adikex and children
Annika, Benjamin & Julian to Peterborough Dr.

Thomas & Casey Kehoe and daughter Riley
to Norfolk Drive

Kevin & Christine Young and son Paul
to Carlisle Drive



The board congratulates
Christine Nastos and Vinny Mitchell
on the arrival of a baby girl,
Ryan Rose Mitchell weighing 7 lbs., 9oz.



Halloween was a great success on the Neck. Thanks to all the parents & kids who joined in our parade.
Thanks also to those who used their candy signs and distributed safely at curbside.



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Turkey Trot

Please join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot - 5K Run / Walk! Line up for this fun community tradition at the Fire House, 9am Thanksgiving morning.

