

Changing Tides

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



Hello Friends,

The end of summer is sadly approaching. I hope everyone enjoyed everything it had to offer and squeezed the sunshine out of each day. Please remain safe for the remainder of our outdoor time and continue to respect our neighbors and community as we navigate this uncertain time together. Thank you everyone for your support and commitment to your neighbors.

Schools will be back in session soon, if you haven't already seen the school buses practicing their routes throughout Eaton's Neck. Please be cautious driving as the kids are going to be getting on and off buses sooner than we think.

Missing you before you go,
Summertime Saltiness -
Tell Everyone you Know
Eaton's Neck is the Best!

I've got that Summertime
Summertime Saltiness...

Stay Salty Eaton's Neck,
Frank Bonomo

August 2021

POENB Meeting Minutes of August 6th, 2021:

Our POENB meeting was held outside at Valley Grove and began approximately 7:40 PM. All attendees turned toward the flag pole situated on the Andriano property and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



Roll call of officers:

Frank Bonomo, President
Ryan Cote, Vice-President
Julie Hendricks-Atkins, Ass't. Vice Pres.
Nora Beck, Treasurer (absent)
Frank Pasquale, Corresponding Secretary
Steven Neuf, Recording Secretary (absent)
Bethany Pokorny, Ass't. Vice Pres. (absent)

Minutes (Readings and Update):

A motion was raised to accept the minutes of our July meeting as printed in the changing tides. The motion was seconded and approved.

Membership in attendance:

There were 22 members in attendance.



Correspondence:

A member wrote to the board to inquire about his parking sticker. Another member wrote to ask if he could pass along his membership to the new owner of his house. The board agreed & wished him well.

Frank P updated the membership on our on-going communication with Peter Linderoth from Save the Sound. Several of the board members met with Peter via zoom earlier this month. They are working with us to help identify the reason for Valley Grove's poor water quality grades. We furnished GPS coordinates of Eatons Neck's three (3) street water run-off pipes. They will be taking water samples during dry weather and after sig-

Cover photo: "Summer Lounging" by John Ballow.

If you'd like to contribute an Eaton's Neck photo please send to changingtides@eatonsneck.org

2021 POENB Treasurer's Report January 1 - August 6, 2021

Income

Beach Usage Fee	\$	1,300.00
Watercraft Usage		480.00
Changing Tides Ads		370.00
Membership Dues		
Standard		26,575.00
Senior		23,610.00
Total Membership Dues	\$	50,185.00
Merchandise		44.00
4th of July Parade Donation		845.00
Interest Income		3.39

Total Income \$ 53,227.39

Expense

Beach Expenses		
Clean-Up	\$	1,253.13
Prices Bend		7,684.94
Valley Grove		-
Total Beach Expenses	\$	8,938.07
Changing Tides		2,515.44
Loan Reapments - VG		552.48
Monthly Bank Fees		240.00
4th of July Parade Donation		2,000.00
Paypal Fees		375.48
PO Box		146.00
Utilities		

Prices Bend		337.15
Valley Grove		48.44

Total Utilities	\$	385.59
Website	\$	103.40

Total Expense \$ 15,256.46

Net Operating Surplus \$ 37,970.93

Valley Grove Bulkhead Project

Funding

Prior Year Fundraising	\$	13,913.62
VG Note Checking Account		57,000.00
VG Savings Account		26,018.31
50/50 Savings Account		1,667.25
	\$	98,599.18

Costs

Valley Grove Bulkhead Project	\$	84,573.62
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Net Project Surplus \$ 14,025.56

Total Net Surplus \$ 51,996.49

Operating checking account balance as of 8/6/21 is \$43,726.48

VG Note checking account balance as of 8/6/21 is \$14,025.56

VG savings account balance as of 8/6/21 is \$0

50/50 savings account balance as of 8/6/21 is \$0

nificant rainfalls and compiling other data to help us determine possible root route causes.

They offered us training on taking samples and we are encouraged by their willingness to help. Frank spoke with senator Gaughran about possible funding avenues to pursue. We are also looking to invite local candidates to our October meeting, more to come.

A member asked about Save the Sound and their scope of services. Ryan elaborated on the Save the Sound zoom call. Based on their experience, old leaching septic systems seem to be a likely source of the water quality issues. In addition to obtaining the GPS coordinates of the storm water outflows, the board has been busy following up on their other requests - namely requesting obtaining the Town of Huntington's storm water map. Ryan continues to work on this. (note: as of the publishing of these minutes we have made two calls to and spoken with an assistant of Highway Superintendent Orelli. His staff assures us he is looking into obtaining the storm water maps and may be interfacing with TOH Maritime Department to do so. As of this writing we have not yet received a call back from the Superintendent himself).

Ultimately, we are hopeful of drawing the attention of our elected officials and coming up with actionable plans which can receive local town and federal funding. Save the Sound will help with discovery and they also offer suggestions & solutions. Julie noted the importance of getting in front of the new ToH supervisor & staff which will include at least three (3) new town board members.

Ryan read Peter Linderoth's email:

*"Hello Frank (Pasquale),
It was great talking with you all; sorry for the delayed response on my end! Thank you for sending over the locations. We are going to plan some sampling at low tides as discussed and will share those results with you.*

A couple other items as follow up from the call I believe are below:

- 1)I am going to try and obtain the times of sampling from Suffolk County DOH for a tide analysis*
- 2)You were all going to try and obtain the dye testing*



EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the event of a fire or medical emergency please dial 9 1 1. This will ensure the most direct and quickest response to your call for help. 9 1 1 is the single most effective way in which to activate the Eaton's Neck Fire Department to respond to your location with trained fire and medical responders at any time.

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The 2021 July 4th parade and picnic marked the 50th anniversary of this unique community celebration and was hosted jointly by the Property Owners of Eaton's Neck Beach and the Eaton's Neck Fire Department. The resumption of the celebration after the Covid shutdown of 2020 was a welcome event for the community. Town of Huntington fire departments participated, antique cars rolled along following the United States Coast Guard Color Guard and local dignitaries. The picnic which followed was well attended. Hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, soda and some beer were happily consumed. The end of the festivities was marked by the drawing of the winner of the fifty-fifty contest. The winner this year was a Centerport Fire Department member. Congratulations!

Preparation is an important word at this time of year, the hurricane season. Weather forecasters have been predicting that 2021 will "have marked tropical activity". Eaton's Neck is unique and beautiful. However, in the event of a storm it can be isolated. Preparation for power outages should be "made ready for". There are numerous websites with suggestions for plans for hurricane preparation, please select the one that meets your needs. Stay safe, stay well. If you need help dial 9 1 1.

Please save the date of Saturday, October 2, 2021. The Eaton's Neck Fire Department will host an Octoberfest at the firehouse courtyard from 4-7 PM. The fee of \$30 per guest includes Grilled Bratwurst, German style potato salad and accompanying breads, German beers and Apfelstrudel. Call Joe at 631 261 0401 for further information.

Yours for fire safety,
Rich Baer

information so we can review it with other information. Please see if the local municipality will share their MS4 (stormwater) infrastructure maps with us too. That would contain outfall locations and underground pipes (A brief exchange ensued during the meeting regarding dye testing)

3) Save the Sound is up for presenting at your September meeting; please confirm the date and time. We will likely present/join the discussion via ZOOM

4) You mentioned you are all aware of the incentives offered for upgrading onsite treatment facilities but I will send some over again shortly and we will plan to present the benefits of them at the community meeting if that works for you”.

Best Regards,

Peter

Additional information was provided in a subsequent email which Ryan summarized:

“Good morning, Frank. We will be following up with a set of samples taken throughout the month of August. Please let me know if the dye testing results are reviewable. Also, if you would like us to present at the September meeting, please send me a date and time. Below is the link to the grant program for updating septic systems which I believe you may already have but good to beat the drum again as you mentioned when we last spoke:

<https://reclaimourwater.info/septicimprovementprogram.aspx>”

A member offered that they are currently engaged in the design phase of this program. A brief exchanged ensued about their experience thus far.



As we were holding this meeting at Valley Grove, a member spoke up to express frustration that the western shore sand issue remains completely unanswered by our current elected officials. Julie & Ryan agreed and then offered a bit of history for new Neck residents. When one looks at a map of Eaton’s Neck, the “hook” one sees at the top of our peninsula is not natural. In fact, maps of the late 1800s show no hook, just a rounded curve of healthy sand as it drifted naturally from Asharoken, around the top of Eaton’s Neck and then south toward Huntington Bay, adding more length to the “point” at Hobart Beach each year. This natural process is called littoral drift and generally occurs on healthy beaches where the sand is flowing uninterrupted.

The hook we see atop Eaton’s Neck is actually an unnatural cut into our west shoreline, perpetuated over 100 years—first by sand mining operations and more recently by the US Coast Guard who use that cut in the beach as the entry way to Coast Guard Cove where they keep their boats.

The Coast Guard must dredge annually to keep the basin operational which is good for marine safety, but bad for the beach which has had its natural flow of sand stopped. One way to make the situation better would be to take the dredged sand and drop it at various points along west beach each year, south of the inlet, to try to restore the beach back to a better state of health.



For years, POENB has lobbied the Town of Huntington and public officials to advocate for our beach and establish a fair system of sand rotation with the US Coast Guard. Our requests have always been met with a brief moment of interest followed by inactivity

The unit that dredges the sand out of the Eaton’s Neck Coast Guard basin every year is the Coast Guard Engineering unit out of Rhode Island. For the past six years or so, instead of placing the dredged sand on the beach south of the inlet where it can do some good, the Coast Guard has opted to keep the sand for themselves, which is their right, and place it on Coast Guard Property. Unfortunately, while sand placement at the station (north of the inlet) may provide some temporary erosion buffering, it does nothing long-term to replenish the sand starved beach south of the station where Valley Grove and other POENB residents are located. Further, dredged sand placed north of the inlet flows right back into the inlet from which it was dredged due to the process of littoral drift.

POENB has been advised that the sand being dredged is “owned” by the owner of Beacon Farms upon whose property the Coast Guard sits. Attempts to communicate with this person have been attempted many times, unsuccessfully. POENB sympathizes with all residents of Eaton’s Neck and particularly land owners along west beach who have been left eroded. We will continue to make old and new Neck residents aware of this problem and encourage all to reach out to their public officials and urge them do advocate on

behalf of our beaches and try to restore Eaton's Neck's badly eroded western shoreline back to health.

Board Reports:

Frank B reported that the VG bulkhead is very near 100% completion. Capping remains to be done and some clean-up of cement blocks on the easement needs to happen.

September is the time of the year we look to form a nominating committee to organize a new slate of candidates for our board positions. Frank described the volunteer opportunities on the board as re-



warding and an excellent way to give back to the community. "None of these positions require an exorbitant amount of time; just time needed to care about where you live and the people that are here." Please get involved in these next few months.

Nora was not at the meeting and unable to provide a treasurer's report at the meeting, however it is reprinted on pg. 2 of this issue. Frank reported that no unusual expenses were encountered but that POENB has started to make payments on the notes received. The budget was held to firmly for the wall re-build project.

Open camp out & sunset at the grove was discussed. (addendum: Since the meeting, there have been two designated camp out night at the Price's Bend. Sunset at the Grove continues Friday Nights at 7 through August).

A member introduced herself and indicated her daughter, who uses a wheelchair, was unable to access our beach at Price's Bend because the gate on Birmingham has too large of a drop for a wheelchair to negotiate. Also, she noted, travel through the sand on a wheelchair is difficult without a mat (similar to the ones they have at Fire island and over at Hobart). We thanked her for bringing this to our attention and indicated we would investigate ways to make our beaches more accessible.

A member thanked the board for the overall seeing through to completion of the VG bulkhead re-build project. The board was thanked for recognizing the need, overseeing the design & permitting process, contractor selection (then re-selection!), creative financing & timely completion. Frank thanked Steve Neuf for his dedication & oversight.

Julie recognized the overwhelming response from the community to help with the financing. This was true testament to the close connection our members have to our community.

Membership Update:

Gene stepped up to report that as of the morning of the meeting, the membership count was at 243. However, someone had since renewed their



membership online giving us an amended total of 244 which is then the highest count Gene has recorded since he began collecting the member-

ships back in 2014. We have a number of new residents on the Neck this year and we thank all that have joined the POENB. Every single member is needed and we cannot serve and improve our community without membership, so thanks to all for investing in the place we call home. Gene went on to say that at this time of the year he is often questioned by residents "Did I send in my membership?" He urges all to check their bank records to see if they renewed but if they remain unsure, to feel free to shoot him at email at membership@eatonsneck.org.



We adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 10th.



** Please be Considerate **

A neighbor asked us to put a note in the Tides requesting folks around Valley Grove not blow their leaves into the street or into the storm drains. Those drains have to handle a ton of water rushing down the street and leaves clog them up and cause flooding. Please collect leaves and dispose of them with the Town. Thank you.

**When you support POENB you're re-investing in your community.
This year reminds us how important it is to love the place you call home.
Thank you to all 2021 POENB members.
2021 POENB Membership as of August 26 2021**

12 Carlisle Dr.,
73 Eatons Neck Road,
9 Norfolk Dr,
Accorsini, Elaine and Robert
Adikes, Chris
Alessi, John & Dale
Alio, Lauletta
Andriano, Jennifer
Angst, Carol & Art
Arote, Carol & Tony
Asser, Stuart & Diane
Atkins, Julie & Greg
Baer, Maria & Rich
Ballow, Christine & John
Basso/Mogi, Nicole/Toshi
Baum, Laurie
Beach, Cindy
Beamer, Phillip and Katherine
Beck, Nora
Bengston, Rob & Naushad
Berger, John
Berry, Moya
Best, Mrs. Muriel D.
Biondo, John & Charlette
Bishop, Carole & Tom
Black, Grace & Ken
Boccia, Nancy & Steve
Bomkamp, Brent & Diane
Bonomo/Balch, Frank/Robin
Bracciante, Ron & Angela
Brown, Harvey & Pamela
Brumm, Fred & Patricia
Bunch Family,
Burbach/Wu, Barry & Priscilla
Burke Clements, Phyllis
Cancroft, Joe & Karen
Cancroft, Virginia
Cantor, Adam & Marcelle
Caputo, Eugene & Patricia
Caputo, Pam & Dom
Carballeira, Anne
Cartolano, Joseph
Cartwright, Peter & Anya
Casatelli, Peter & Joanne
Cavanagh, Larry & Barbara
Cavuoto, Nick & Carolyn
Chambers, James & Laurie
Christ, Doreen/Richard
Cicio, Al & Joanne
Ciolfi, Tom & Heidi
Cipriano, Michael
Clements, Candace & Robert
Cohen, Steven/Marissa
Como, Michael & Alexandra
Corcoran, Brian & Janet
Cornell, Charles & Marilyn
Cote, Ryan & Sharon
Cuiffo, Philip & Joann
Cuiffo, Sean & Kimberly
D'Amato, Betty & Stephen
DaSilva, Ellen
Deters, Joan & Richard
DiCocco, Nancy & John
Dillon, Tim & Christine
DiPaola, Chris
Dispenzieri, Michele & Charles
Donigian, John & Donna
Dosch, Robert & Erica
Drgon, Steve & Gerri
Drummond, Fredrick and Margaret
Eagers, Tom & Jane
Edwards, Lauren & Paul
Faltings, Erik & Tabata
Farabaugh, Margot
Fasman/Paulsen, Barbara/Gladys
Feinstein, Rob & Pam
Ficalora, Scott & Karen
Fitzgerald, Agnes & Fergus
Fleischer, Linda & Ashley
Flem, Eric & Stacie
Friedman, Jeffrey & Jennifer
Fusaro, Anthony & Jennifer

Galante/Dias, Victoria /John
Gallino, Joseph & Theresa
Galvin/Hayes, Colleen/Mark
Gaughran, Carol & Jim
Geonic, Liza
Gerlach, Ed & Pat
Ghaly, Nadia & Ben
Gianatasio, Caryl
Gifford, Kelly & George
Glad, Charles
Gorman, Brian
Gorman, Frank & Cynthia
Greco, Josephine and Michael
Gribbin, Aileen
Gross, Mark
Grosso, John & Regina
Guercio, Candance & Vin
Gutmanstein, Scott
Guydish, Clare
Haeselin, Kathleen & Joseph
Haeselin, Matthew
Hagstrom, Marianne
Halapin, John & Jean
Haridopolos, Nickholas
Hehir, Jerry & Trisha
Heinzman, James & Eileen
Henningsen, Bronwyn & Dave
Heuer, Moriah & Bill
Hodges, Greg & Meghan
Hontz, Ardyn
Horn/Lentz, Kara & Christine
Houmere, Peter & Sarah
Hovdestad, Jerry & Denise
Hughes, Deirdre
Hynds, David and Jennifer
Hynes, Leslie & Bill
Jimenez, JJ & Leanne
Johnson, Jacqueline
Judice, Janine & Sal
Kehoe, Thomas & Casey
Keiles/Dennis, Roseann & Bob
Kelsch, Andy & Katie
Kennedy, Patrick
Klarfeld, Guy
Kooker, Mildred
Korshin, Michael
Kraljic, John & Lisa
Krinberg, Steve/Jacqueline Zaffrano
Kutzma, John & Karol
LaBarbara, Lillian & Franklin
Lamont & Holmes, George & Wendy
Leon, Bill & Virginia
Leone, Robert & Laura
Lichtenstein, Julia and Elliot
Lieberman/Klein, David & Paula
Liguigli, Marina & Emil
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Lopez, Antonio & Annette
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Marino, Jessie and Christian
Mark, Judy
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Marshall, Elaine
Martin, Barbara & Bruce
Massi, Robert
McLaughlin, Michelle
Mitchell, Christine & Vinny
Mizzaro, Robert
Monten, Robert & Caralyn
Morcerf, Jim & Nancy
Murphy, Kathleen & Bob
Murray, Betty
Murray, Michael & Stephanie
Musser, Elmer & Cindy

Nau, Charlotte & Dane
Neuf, Steven & Trish
Newman, Tim & Zoe
Nimmo, Bill & Lori
Nye, Ken
O'Beirne, Kristin & Michael
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Oddsen, Dennis & Cathy
O'Donohoe/Heatley, Brian & Shana
Olchovy, Patrick
O'Neill, Kevin
O'Reilly, Bill Sumi
Over, Dennis
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Peters, Jack & Evelyn
Pierce, Scott & Linda
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Pisacani, Bobby & Regina
Pizzolla, Francesco & Adriana
Pokorny, Bethany & John
Raguso, Paul & JoAnn
Raskind, Steve & Danielle
Reid, Terry & Andy
Ribeiro, Paul & Lauren
Richtberg, Susan & Fred
Ringen, Martha & Peter
Robinson, Doug & Regina
Roeill, Richard & AnnMarie
Roggenbau, Angela & Wilfried
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Roros, Carmela/Nick
Rust, Peter
Ryan, Diane
Ryan, Robert & Rachel
Sarter, Jessica
Schaefer/Walker, Ryan & David
Schmid, Doug
Schmidt, Peter & Nelly
Schmiedeecke, Bob and Debbie
Schultz, Ken & Susan
Schwartz, Gary & Kelly
Semeraro, Jody & Gary
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Siragusa, Maria & Diego
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Spelman, Donald & Dorothy
Sterflinger, Leigh
Steuerwalt, Karen & Peter
Still, Michael & Sanja
Stump/Specht, Jean/Eileen
Termine, Peter & Anne
Timlen, Bill & Maryann
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Visco, Walter
Vitale, Jeanne
Voorhees, Jeff/Dina
Wallace, William & Eileen
Walsh, Eileen & James
Wendt, George
Whelan, Nancy & Jim
Whiter, Phil & Theresa
Williams, Jody & Wendy
Wilson, Karen
Wynn, Arlene & Daniel
Young, Kevin/Cristine
Yuan, Sam & Dorothy
Zelenka, Al & Noreen
Zulawski, Steven

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community

Bulletin Board



First test, passed!

The new Valley Grove seawall faced its first test with the arrival of Tropical Storm Henri and held up to the challenge.



Sunset at The Grove, Tiki Style

The creativity of some of our members never ceases to amaze us. Nice job Tiki Travelers. We hope to see you at next gathering

Bored? Board.

No one is bored these days, we're all too busy. So are the current members of the POENB Board. We're as busy as every person out here, but we give of our time because on Eaton's Neck the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. We all know this.

This is the time of year when we ask community members to step forward and give a little of their time to make Eaton's Neck even better. We have lots of new residents and plenty of new talent. Fresh perspectives benefit everyone.

Consider joining the POENB Board. If you don't want to step in right away, ask to be a trainee. As part of that mentorship, you would be invited to attend internal meetings and see how things get done behind the scenes. A training program with no strings.

You already live in the best place on Long Island. Share your unique talents and make it even better.

Please email info@eatonsneck.org

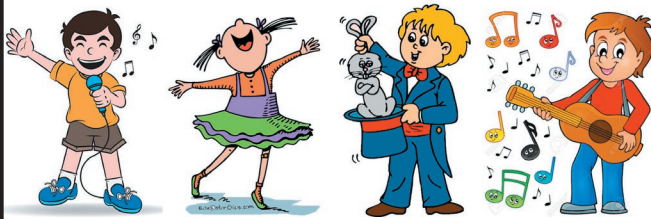
Next POENB meeting is
September 10th
with an earlier 7 pm start.
Location will be sent via eblast.

POENB welcomes
Elaine & Robert Accorsini
to Westview Road.



Eaton's Neck Has Talent!

September 26th
6pm @ Valley Grove



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