

President's Message

"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall." - Oscar Wilde

Where did the time go? Once again, summer passed us in a flash and fall arrived before we knew it. With new seasons comes new excitement for our community. Your POENB has a moment to breathe and take inventory of all that has taken place throughout the summer. One major end of season occurrence was the destruction wrought by Hurricane Ida. Some of erosion it brought, especially at Price's Bend, is shown in the photo above. We discussed this and other Ida-related matters such as debris collection with Highway Superintendent Kevin Orelli at our POENB Zoom last month. You will find those minutes summarized in this issue.

As always, we call forward any volunteers from our membership and neighbors who wish to contribute their unique gifts to the community. We are always grateful to anyone who can join us in any capacity to give back. In particular we seek a few residents interested in forming a Price's Bend Committee to help manage that beach. We also need 2-3 Changing Tides volunteers able to edit just 2 issues a year (no layout, just content gathering) and we'll give you a cheat sheet on how to do it. We also need energetic & creative folks to consider joining the board. If interested, email info@eatonsneck.org.

Halloween and the Children's Parade are just around the corner and always great fun for kids and adults alike! Come out and join in the fun! Stay tuned for updates and, as always, stay safe and use healthy practices when out celebrating.

Stay Salty, Frank Bonomo, POENB President

Meeting Minutes of September 10th, 2021

Our POENB meeting was held via zoom conference and began approximately 7:10 PM.

Frank Bonomo needed to exit the meeting as it began so Ryan took over and welcomed two guests, Huntington Town Highway Superintendent Kevin Orelli and his Executive Assistant Stephen Jimenez. The Pledge of Allegiance of recited - with special thoughts and considerations for the 20th anniversary of the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks on our country.

Roll call of officers:

Frank Bonomo, President (present until just prior to the meeting start)

Ryan Cote, Vice-President

Julie Hendricks-Atkins (joined later), Assistant Vice President Nora Beck, Treasurer(absent)

Frank Pasquale, Corresponding Secretary

Steven Neuf, Recording Secretary

Bethany Pokorny, Assistant Vice President (joined later).

Motion to Accept & Attendees

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Aug. meeting as printed in the Tides. It was approved. There were 13 members in attendance.

NOTE: Ryan's Board report describing the damage POENB sustained in Hurricane Ida came later in the meeting

just after Mr. Orelli left the call. have decided to move it out of sequence and re-print it here at the top of the minutes to provide context for discussion to follow.



Ryan summarized the damage Ida had caused to both of our POENB properties:



Prices Bend:

- (1) Water unable to be contained by our catch basis raced down the streets and pooled on Birmingham. It then jumped the curb by the port-a-potty and at our wood gate, both streams joining to carve out a wide new river bed that ran along the large kayak rack then turned right by the swing, carried away all the sand under the swings, the cut a deep channel in the beach on its way to the shoreline.
- (2) The TOH catch basin on Worcester, also unable to handle the water, backed up, pooled then overtopped the curb at Worcester Court Carving a new channel to the water which also fed an area of erosion by the dingy racks. Several large piles of POENB sand (3 to 4) were pushed the water's edge where they remained for a few days until the tides carried the sand off. Valley Grove:
 - (3) POENB also sustained damage at Valley

Grove. Another onrush of water down Carlisle overwhelmed the storm strains, blew off the heavy metal storm grate cover under the TOH pipe and shot water over and around our new wall, scoured out some sand from behind and in front of our seawall. Additionally, the backed-up water up top pooled then, rerouted down our stairs at VG, leaving large hole at the bottom of the steps.



Ryan summarized the actions the POENB took after the xtensive damage. We called Senator Gaughran two days after Ida and sent his office photos of our beach damage. POENB appreciates his swift response in immediately reaching out

2021 POENB Treasurer's Report January 1 - October 1, 2021

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Beach Usage Fee

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Senior Total Membership Dues	<u> </u>	23,785.00 50,360.00
Standard		26,575.00
Membership Dues		
Changing Tides Ads		425.00
Watercraft Usage		480.00

Expense

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Beach Expenses		
Clean-Up	\$	2,345.62
Prices Bend - Sand		2,950.00
Prices Bend		13,672.00
Valley Grove		-
Total Beach Expenses		18,967.62
Changing Tides		2,934.68
Loan Reapyments - VG		1,104.96
Monthly Bank Fees		270.00
4th of July Parade Donation		2,000.00
Paypal Fees		387.29
PO Box		146.00
Utilities		
Prices Bend		587.39
Valley Grove		105.92
Total Utilities	\$	693.31
Website	\$	103.40
otal Expense	\$	26,607.26
et Operating Surplus		27,206.81

Valley Grove Bulkhead Project

Funding

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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 \$ 88,548.62

Net Project Surplus \$ 10,050.56

Total Net Surplus \$ 37,257.37

Operating checking account balance as of 10/1/21 is \$36,59 VG Note checking account balance as of 10/1/21 is \$10,050 VG savings account has been closed 50/50 savings account has been closed

As of our Oct meeting we had a year-to-date total operating income of \$53,814.07 and year-to-date total operating expenses of \$26,607.26. As of 10/1/21 this left an operating surplus of \$27,206.81.

We paid Kitzen a final check for \$3,975 bringing the total cost of the wall to \$88,548.62. We have around a \$10k surplus on the project at this time due to notes exercised but not yet used.

We paid \$2,950 to Herman Lindau for repairs to Prices Bend after Ida.

Additional 2021 expenses to pay include Changing Tides printing, beach expenses, landscaping, insurance, bond repayments and tax accountant fees. Our bond repayments are \$276.24 per month. After paying all remaining expenses, we had a projected net operating surplus for the year around \$11k. Factoring in the unforeseen additional \$3k that was needed to fix Prices Bend after Ida we project to end the year around \$8k net. This is less than usual but excess monies we had this year went to building the VG wall. Additionally, Covid's stop on social events and limited beach rentals have impacted income. However we go into 2022 expecting strong membership to continue which will be used to replenish income. We thank existing members and appeal to non-members to please join.

to Supervisor Orelli who, along with Senator Gaughran and Executive Assistant Stephen Jimenez, came out to survey the damage in person just two days after the storm. As the water that overtopped the curbs and washed out Prices Bend came from Huntington Streets and as the Town's storm system was unable to handle the flow of water, the POENB requested

Town assistance in trying to of POENB



recoup several large piles sand that still rested at the water's edge. The idea was to recoup the material before it got pulled out to sea.

The Town initially felt it could/would help us out by sending down some bulldozers to push up the sand back up the beach. This was the

Friday before Labor Day weekend so

we hoped we'd see town bulldozers out on Tuesday or Wednesday. Unfortunately this did not happen. Mr. Orelli called Ryan on Thursday evening (the night before the meeting) indicating the TOH would be out the next day. He called back later to say that because he's outsourcing the job to a contractor he doesn't want that person to be hassled by the DEC. As such, he decided to seek guidance from the DEC. This made a timely recoup of sand impossible.

The POENB contacted Herman Lindau who rakes our sand. Mr. Lindau felt he could move some extra sand from our parking lot across the beach to re-cover the swing set area and try to fill in the riverbed that was cut by the rushing water. With more storms likely and channels already carved into the beach, Ryan expressed hope that the POENB and TOH could establish a protocol so, were this to occur again, we could ask for and receive assistance in a timelier manner than in this case. (Addendum: as we go to press the DEC has alerted the TOH that it is ok for them to help us in such situations). Ryan then asked Mr. Orelli for a general update.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Orelli addressed the meeting:

Ryan welcomed Huntington Highway superintendent Kevin Orelli & his Executive assistant Stephen Jimenez to the zoom call. Mr. Orelli confirmed that the DEC advised him it was likely the TOH would need a permit to work on Price's Bend which involved and application the POENB to sign as property owners. Likely it would take months to get a permit so Mr. Orelli suggested help was not forthcoming at Prices Bend as we had originally discussed. Ryan asked if the Highway Department would ask the DEC for an exception because we're not putting sand on the beach.

Kevin acknowledged recent communications between the town & resident Bonnie Schalle (see correspondence) regarding the repeated backing up of water and blowouts at Valley Grove. He indicated there is a restriction in the outflow pipe at the end of Carlisle and that the TOH had ordered the pipe to replace it. A marine contactor indicated the TOH could install the pipe and the contractor could affix it with tie down straps to get it done faster. Anticipated installation is October.

Kevin indicated he met with several residents of Essex who said their catch basin inlets at the storm drains were too small and occluded. He indicated he would try to open up the mouths of the catch basins that help the storm water flow into them more freely and not pool up. Kevin also stated they are looking into having a test boring company drill some bore holes to locate areas of good drainage and help the TOH determine where it might be feasible to add additional drains to the streets prior to getting to the outfall pipes to disperse the heavy flow of water rushing though one drain all at once (TOH would be seeking sandy soil at the drain sites to absorb water versus clay. If a drywell is placed in area with silty clay, it's just going to clog up and not function well. The goal is good permeable sand so when water goes in it, it will dissipate).



There are a number of unique features of Eaton's Neck and the pleasure of living here. However, one of the obscure features involves insurance. Because the zip code for Eaton's Neck is the same as Northport, insurance companies often indicate that our homes are in the Northport fire district. This innocent mistake may cost extra insurance dollars because of the distance from the Northport fire house to Eaton's Neck and the length of the response time from Northport to Eaton's Neck. Please check with your insurer to confirm that your address is listed as being in the Eaton's Neck Fire District.

Response time to your home can be aided by having your address clearly marked on the mailbox. For calls after darkness please turn on exterior lights as well as lights inside the house.

The two recent hurricanes which struck Eaton's Neck are reminders to prepare for storms and electric outages. Prepare by securing the house from weather extremes, and having medical, food and water supplies on hand.

The fire department continues to prepare for emergencies by undertaking training at the Suffolk County Fire Training Academy. This training includes fighting live fires in the types of structures that are found in our community. This experience and knowledge are invaluable to the department in protecting lives and property in that it builds confidence for our members to operate in fire conditions and extinguish various types of fires.

Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

Ryan opened the floor for questions. Tom Bishop said there is a lot of sediment that has accumulated in our storm drains and he noted that he had never seen them getting cleaned. Kevin doubted the accuracy of that statement but he did observe several Neck catch basins that need to be cleaned and said the TOH could do that.

Later in the conversation the Supervisor revisited this issue and said that the TOH has its own Vac Truck and two others equipped with clamshell buckets to scoop debris. Further the TOH contracts with someone to add an additional truck and two more clamshells. This gives the town the ability to clean 1000 catch basins a year.

As the TOH has 25,000 catch basins, the average cleaning per catch basin is once every 25 years. Said Mr. Orelli, "we have a large number of them and we don't always get to them in a timely fashion. The TOH's budget for this is limited to 350K and that goes very quickly so we end up hiring some outside help. And when the moneys' gone, that's it. We don't do a very effective job town wide to clean our catch basins because

we're lacking in money and manpower and that's why things go slowly."

The amounts of rain we had in the last storm was overwhelming and he isn't sure that the clearing of the catch basins would have elicited a different result.

Steve Neuf commented that the pipe at Valley Grove is physically broken and asked for clarification on

cally broken and asked for the "restriction" the Supervisor referenced in the VG pipe. The Supervisor said it's broken but that he feels the water is flowing. More of an issue, he feels, is that at some point, someone replaced a middle section of the 24-inch pipe with a smaller diameter pipe (maybe 15 inches). This is forcing the water to back up. The Town's plan is to remove the smaller pipe inside to get things flowing better down there.



Ryan asked Supervisor Orelli to discuss shovel ready projects as suggested by Senator Gaughran in light of anticipated federal funds to improve the health of the sound. Kevin noted test boring as a first step towards designing additional drainage. We need to see how far down we'd have to go before we hit good drainage materials. We can put good drywells in the road to capture some excess water but if there's no sand to percolate the water into the ground and you have clay instead, those drywells will fill up quickly. Before we design anything for the area we want to do test borings to make sure we're not wasting money.

A member asked about a catch basin on Eaton's Neck Road between North Creek Road and Essex. The water cuts through and creates a gully. Kevin stated this will be cleaned next week and the TOH hopes to add some additional drainage there. He spoke to Lenny Bruin who is the guy being hammered by that. But again, when you get water like that, most drainage systems cannot handle that much. We'll add to it and see if it helps.

Additionally, the member continued, where the waters came down it got between asphalt and lifted it in certain spots. North Creek Road was referenced. The damage might be something FEMA could help contribute to. Suffolk is working on it. (Since these minutes, FEMA has made help available for IDA related damage for businesses and individual homeowners).

Ryan indicated that he had been reaching out to the TOH before Ida at the request of Save the Sound, to request the highway department for the storm water outfall maps for our system. Save the Sound's goal was to map our System. Kevin indicated that he had spoken to Ed Carr. Ed had come up with a map of the outfall pipes in Huntington and had them in his computer. But when he left the Town, he was locked out of his computer and it seems that there is no way to retrieve that data right now.

Bethany asked if debris pick-up is dependent on whether a storm has caused enough damage to qualify for FEMA relief funds. Kevin replied that in the past they would proactively clean private debris piles if they knew the storm would qualify for FEMA funds and then they would put in a claim for re-imbursement. On an everyday occurrence (not a huge storm) when a tree falls in someone's yard, we don't remove people's trees. The sanitation department required that if you put something out it has to be bundled and cut up into small pieces. He reminded attendees that the highway department is not responsible for people's yard waste. The Highway department's job is to keep the streets safe so if a street tree falls in the street, highway is responsible for it. If a street tree falls on your house, technically it's the homeowner's responsibility to clean it up. In most cases the highway department will help when it can but private property damage is not the auspices of the highway department.

On Saturday Kevin witnessed contractors cutting up trees and just dumping them in the road. It is not the right thing to do but it turned into such a disaster we had no choice but to clean it up to make the roads passable. He elaborated that this wasn't their responsibility but they did it because they were put in a situation that required it to be done.

Bethany pressed for clarification. If a town tree falls the highway department will get it but private trees no. but in certain circumstances, a weather event maybe. But if contractors pile trees up on the street, no.

Kevin stated under normal situations the highway dept is not responsible for people's yard waste; if something falls in your backyard and you can cut it up small enough sanitation will take it away and if not, it's your responsibility to get it cut and contract with your tree people to remove it. It should not just be dumped in the street. He Acknowledging that in the past we had big storms wherein the TOH took everything (Sandy/Esaias) but even in those storms it was days before the TOH told the public it was ok to do that...it was never an automatic response). Mr. Orelli has to speak to the Town attorney, etc. As an elected official he is not supposed to spend tax payer money on people's issues. When I see contractors leaving stuff out in the road he gets upset. He apologized in the case of Ida that it became a big deal but the TOH did eventually take care of it.

Bethany understands his concern about contractors leaving debris. But in a case where there are no contractors involved, and some folks received communication that there might be citations. She asked for clear direction; as storms

become more frequent, how does

a resident know if the town will clean it or not? Kevin responded during Esaias they worked for 30 days straight and took 150,000 cubic yards off the streets of Huntington. It was a major event where FEMA is definitely involved. We had the microburst event where we hoped for FEMA and collected the stuff, but FEMA denied us money for that.



As often days elapse beand collection, how does a Neck resident know if they can put stuff out for collection. Says, Mr. Orelli, If we don't tell you it's ok to throw it out in the street then you should assume it is not, unless it meets the sanitation department requirements.

Noting that this could be days later. Bethany asked for improved proactive communication from the town (i.e. within 24 hours of the storm, we are picking up, we're not picking up). Good ideas says Kevin. Kevin stated that in this particular storm most of the damage, town-wide occurred in Eaton's Neck. We experienced something extreme which did not happen in the rest of the town. This caused some delay in setting a clear course of TOH clean-up efforts. Shouldn't such a smaller isolated incident make it easier to pick up Eaton's Neck's debris someone asked? Mr. Orelli stated that sometimes the bigger town-wide events allow for quicker, clearer direction on debris pickup because we know FEMA will reimburse versus a smaller isolated incident which happened on Eaton's Neck. It comes down to a responsibility for the taxpayer dollars. Our job is to take care of the roads. If you place something in the road it becomes our responsibility but that's not right.

Bethany further explained the frustration to Supervisor Orelli-- some residents had town trees come down in their front yards, cut those up themselves then put them out at the street but were then threatened with a citation. It was threatening, she said. And it was delivered door to door by code enforcement without any larger communication. Kevin apologized for

the code enforcement visit; this was not something he initiated and said it was the wrong thing to do, especially under the circumstances. One of his men called code enforcement. Bethany is asking for proactive approach and a statement that it's not happening again and it was an error.

Another member commented on road damage caused by the heavy rains separating asphalt layers from each other on North Creek Road. Kevin agreed to take a look.

Another member stated that we are a patient community and don't mind waiting, but the Supervisor could have put out one of his auto calls; calling code enforcement was not the way to go. The time for a robo call would have been right after Mr. Orelli came out on Friday to survey the damage himself.

Ryan summarized the exchange: I think Eaton's Neck was more of an isolated event and we got whacked. I don't necessarily know if the TOH knew how badly we got it. Kevin said they knew we got hit but he cannot come out and pick up Eaton's neck debris to the exclusion

of everyone else in the town. So, he (Orelli) can't be favoring Eaton's Neck over other parts of the town. If I do that then if someone does it in Huntington Village they're going to say, well you picked it up out in Eaton Neck. The tree guys are saying to homeowners,



don't worry

we'll just put it out in the street. Mr. Orelli asked that residents remind their tree cutters to take the debris with them.

Ryan continued the recap. Advanced notice from the TOH on their clean-up plans would be appreciated. One of the key issues is whether the tree is down is a "town tree" on the curb versus a backyard debris. Residents need to make sure their tree contractors to take backyard debris with them and not put it on the street, or risk a citation. Regarding our erosion at Price's Bend, Ryan requested the town to do all it can in working with the DEC to set up a protocol so that we can be helped in the future if events rise, because these types of storms are becoming more common.

Ryan also pressed Mr. Orelli to have some plans ready to act on which will improve the chances to receive federal funds. He commented that Eaton's Neck is the black eve of Huntington in terms of water pollution and there can be testing and more testing but there is also filtration at our catch basins. Further, we need better water diversion on higher streets before it all rushes downhill. Per Senator Gaughran, the towns that are proactive and with plans ready to go tend to receive more money when it becomes available. Mr. Orelli said his engineer has already done a topographical study of the area and has mapped out some locations where new catch basins should go. The thing to do now, says he, is do test borings to test soil quality and the TOH needs to outsource that work. Mr. Orelli said he'd start working on a design that can help things. Frank Pasquale requested a set of the topographical maps that Kevin's engineer has prepared in advance of his soil testing efforts. Kevin agreed to furnish. Ryan asked about the soil testing once more. Afterward, we thanked Mr. Orelli and Mr. Jimenez for joining and they exited the zoom call.

Correspondence:

Frank indicated he spoke to Save the Sound in reference to our water quality. They tested in August and will get back to us with results at some point. Frank P reported we received a few emails from Bonnie Schalle on a few topics: one was retaining wall blocks left on the easement, another referred to TOH catch basins backing up and storm water reaching her garage for the first time.

Ryan read one of Bonnies emails into the minutes as a prelude to our discussion with Supervisor Orelli "Good morning, Jim and I have a wedding this evening and cannot attend the zoom meeting. Hearing the subject matter of the meeting I must reply. In the 6 years I have lived at 44 Westview the lack of storm drains on Carlisle and Westview have flooded out my property by my sea wall 3 major times and eroded the beach. I have been in constant contact with Kevin Orelli over the lack of storm drains on both streets. He agrees that it needs to be done but needs funding etc.

In addition, permits have been granted to replace the drainage pipe into the Sound, however it is slow getting done. The pressure from the water coming into the few drains at Valley Grove and in front of my house, again blew off the manhole cover in the easement, flooded it out and eroded the beach.

For the first time the water from Carlisle came up my driveway into my garage, only 3 feet before it would have been in my den. Could have been a major problem. I also lost a retaining wall and the foundation on my shed. I am sure many have worse. I am hoping that the association will continue to help us fight this battle and put pressure on the powers that be to get this problem solved."

Sincerely, Bonnie and Jim Marsano

Ryan indicated it always seems to be the storm after the storm that gets us out here. We had Irene, then Sandy hit. Most recently we dodged Henri and then Ida showed up on its heels. POENB properties sustained a lot of damage from Ida. Ryan provided a quick summary of the damage our properties incurred as a result of this storm and gave a brief timeline of the POENB's outreach.

Treasurer's Report: (See page 2 for more detailed report)
Going into the new year POENB usually has 20 or 30 K in surplus. This year, after expenses, we project we may only have about 8K, which does not include an extra 10K in notes should we use them. 2021 was a lean year because we used our extra money to pay for the Valley Grove wall and were not able to replenish funds through social events due to covid. We also got hit with unexpected bills from Hurricane Ida.

Yet, in the face of these odds, POENB membership has been strong and growing we are so thankful for the support. Our membership numbers helped carry us through the seawall build and, as more frequent weather issues occur, membership will be critical to the care of our community. As we roll into 2022 the goal will be to start rebuilding financial reserves, having social events and getting

social events and getting to normal.

Planning and Zoning:

Steve gave us an update on the wall. The wall is capped, railings are installed on the platform & pile logs have been submitted to the TOH (a final requirement to show that the wall

is sound). We have requested

an estimate for replacing the stairs & to extend the platform at the bottom of our stairs to our beach access stairs. In the meantime, please be careful navigating the hole at the bottom of the stairs caused by the recent storm. We are investigating solutions to fill the same. Ryan thanked Steve for all the hard work working with Kitzen to finish the wall.

Membership Update:

244 members to date. Anyone that feels they are a member and not listed on the listed in the past changing tides please reach out to us to investigate / resolve.

Social:

Eaton's Necks has talent is coming up Sunday Sept 26th, please register and anyone who can help out is appreciated. It is the best thing we do.

New Business:

A member asked if we are planning to invite TOH candidates. Yes, we are. 9 candidates \ invited. 3 for supervisor, 4 for town board and 2 for highway superintendent—if all show.

A member alerted us to the fact that the town has made a change to the code with respect to fences. You no longer need a variance to put up a fence of 8 feet if it's a fence to keep deer out of your property. As long as it's not a privacy fence and you can see through it you no longer need a permit. It used to be 6 ft.

Ryan welcomed new residents Tim & Kristen Dunckley and son Jack to 56 Eaton's Neck Road.

Ryan is looking for a few volunteers to handle 2 (yes...only 2) issues of the Changing Tides per year. Not layout. All we need are a few folks to imply gathering content and route it to our layout editor. It's easy and it's a huge help. Two months is nothing to give back to your organization. But we need to set up a schedule now so please email info@eastonsneck.org right away. We'll contact you and send you step by step guide on what to do and when to do it.

This is also the time of year where we ask people to consider joining the Board. If you'd like to step in or even apprentice... where you can sit in on meetings but not be in the spotlight, please let info@eatonsneck.org know.

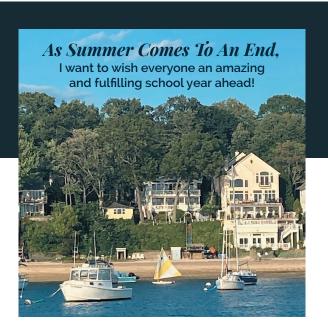
Julie asked if anyone would like to be on our nominating committee. Nominations come to the floor in November and elections are in December come to the floor at the November meeting. It's a lot of fun. It's a good group. We need new blood.

We adjourned at approximately 8:20PM.

Our next meeting will be a meet the candidate zoom. We will spend the majority of time on that and then finish with a condensed version of our regular meeting. As this issue is a combined Sept/October issue that is coming out before the forum, we will eblast out a link to the candidate forum and meeting minutes after it occurs, in early October







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The POENB welcomes
Kristin and Tim Dunckley
and son Jack to Eaton's Neck Road



Hobie 16' giveaway

I have a Hobie 16' with a cracked hull and am giving away either the whole boat or any parts including the mainsail, jib and mast.

If you want the whole boat it comes with a dolly.

Email Dave Lieberman at dlieberman@qcc.cuny.edu



September /October is a combined
Changing Tides issue.
Minutes for our October meeting which
occurred as we were going to press will
be sent out via email link.





From the Mail bag Dear POENB:

There is an older man in a black Honda CRV who regularly puts home garbage in the Price's Bend. dumpster. The first time he put bags of grass clippings in there. Shortly after, he dumped a white kitchen bag with some motor oil containers and oily rags. It was just a few containers so he probably changed the oil in a snow blower or generator, but these things are considered hazardous waste and supposed to be disposed of at Huntington recycling facility. Please tell folks to be on the look out.

From the POENB Board --The dumpsters are for beach garbage, not personal debris. Further, putting hazardous waste in any garbage is illegal and dangerous. Please show courtesy to your neighbors and dispose of your personal debris properly, at your own home.

Thank You



POENB Bobcat Corps

Ida reminded us that having a small group of local Bobcat owners (or other small earth moving-vehicles) able to mobilize on short notice could have saved our sand. If you own such a vehicle and would be willing to help in an erosion emergency, please email info@eatonsneck.org

Hurricane Ida Took a Toll on POENB Beaches





On Birmingham Drive overtaxed catch basins, unable to keep up with the rush of water, backed up. Water overtopped the curbs, creating a river bed that rushed past the kayaks, turned right, then scoured the sand from under the swings—on a path to the water. The same happened at Worchester Ct. and by the dinghy rack.





The above photos show the piles of POENB sand carried to the water's edge. POENB requested help from the TOH in retrieving these before they were lost. The Town initially agreed but decided to check with the DEC to confirm which delayed things. Ultimately This sand was washed away and POENB paid a contractor to re-level our beach using existing sand. As we went to press, the TOH alerted us that the DEC confirmed they can help us in such situations.







At Valley Grove the water pressure backing up inside the Town drain pipe blew off the metal storm grate. The force of water shooting up through the grate scoured sand at the base of our wall where the pipe runs. With nowhere to go, water at street level pooled then re-directed down POENB stairs, carving out a hole at the base.