

Changing Tides

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



President's Message

Dear friends of Eaton's Neck

There's something nice to be said for getting a friendly wave -- particularly after the last few difficult years. Had you been looking off to the right recently, where Asharoken begins its slow ascent up the hill into Eaton's Neck, you might have spotted this neighbor welcoming you home.

It's hard not to feel happier in March. Winter's not quite gone, but you've got it on the run. The sun hangs with you later into the afternoon. The seals come home to play.

Things feel optimistic. I know I do. Our new 2022 membership drive has just gotten underway, a new board is working tirelessly on your behalf and lots of new (and old) residents have infused The Neck with fresh enthusiasm. Things are looking up. I want to remind all that the primary purpose of the POENB is to protect and preserve our beaches and the way we do that is through membership dues. There are a host of other benefits, but the most important is simply caring for the place you call home, so please join. If you've never done so before, do it this year.

If you join before March 31st you'll receive the lower early bird rate. Also, new this year, we're prioritizing watercraft selection based on when forms come in, so please get yours in today. The form is inside this issue, or you can conveniently join online at eatonsneck.org.

I'm feeling good, are you? If not, I recommend getting out of the house, walking over to a neighbor and giving him or her a friendly wave of hello. We can learn a lot from our friends the seals.

Ryan Cote
POENB President

February / March 2022



Meeting minutes of March 10th, 2022

Our POENB meeting was held in person at the FireHouse. The meeting began at approximately 7:35 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Officers:

Ryan Cote, President
Frank Pasquale, Vice President
Nora Beck, Treasurer
Anthony Fusaro, Assistant Vice President
Yvonne Lambertson, Recording Secretary
Ryan Schaefer-Walker, Corresponding Secretary
Assistant Vice President Steven Neuf was absent.



Attendance of Membership:

There were 15 members present.

Minutes (Reading & Update)

A motion was made to accept the minutes from our February 4th meeting which were eblasted out to the membership and posted online. The motion seconded.

Correspondence:

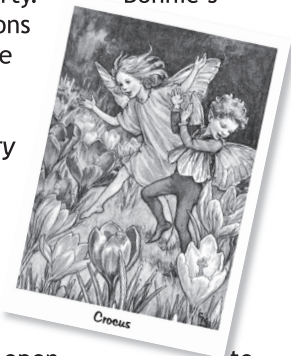
Ryan Schaefer-Walker presented our correspondence: John Ballow sent us a suggestion and company called Earthcam Tourism that would install a webcam over our beaches for POENB members to remotely enjoy the view and to keep an eye on both beaches. John also forwarded a message from the Town of Huntington, they have recently opened their Adult Day care program. We will be including their Brochure on POENB website for anyone who is interested in this program (see ad on back cover).

Bonnie Schalle copied the board on an email she sent to the Town of Huntington Highway Department (around Feb 20th) expressing her concerns with the state of the TOH's section of bulkhead located between Bonnie's property and POENB's Valley Grove property. Bonnie's email followed several communications from the POENB to the TOH about the same problem.

Ryan Cote provided a brief history to those in attendance:

In early February, following one of our winter storms, the POENB discovered a badly eroded area behind the Town of Huntington portion of bulkhead as well a hole punched through the front leaving it open to the sea. Waves had pushed through and scoured out a deep hole of sand behind, thus endangering Bonnie's property and the new POENB bulkhead.

Upon receipt of the POENB's note, The Town sent area foreman Sean O'Connor out to inspect. He and Ryan Cote walked the property; however, no further action was



(cover photo, "Asharoken Seals in March" by Kelly Gifford)

POENB Treasurer's Report

January 1 - March 4, 2022

Income

Interest Income 0.20

Total Income \$ 0.20

Expense

Beach Expenses

Prices Bend 228.11

Valley Grove -

Total Beach Expenses \$ 228.11

Changing Tides 419.24

Loan Repayments - VG 552.48

Monthly Bank Fees 90.00

PO Box 182.00

Office 58.00

Utilities

Prices Bend 238.84

Valley Grove 50.60

Total Utilities \$ 289.44

Website \$ 21.17

Total Expense \$ 1,840.44

Net Deficit \$ (1,840.24)

Operating checking account balance as of 3/4/22 is \$8,541.75

VG Note checking account balance as of 3/4/22 is \$10,050.56

taken by the Town. Bonnie's email to the TOH in mid-February came a few weeks later (excerpts below).

"My property has been flooded out 3 times due to the lack of drainage due to the broken pipe on the beach and no other drains on all three streets. After last night's storm the drain by the bulkhead backed up and eroded all the back fill in the easement. Another storm and I am afraid the bulkhead will go and take my bulkhead with it. I have been trying to get this resolved for 4 years with Kevin (Orelli). Promises of a new pipe and drainage on Carlisle but nothing. Please have your men back fill the bulkhead as soon as you can. I also was told the bulkhead would be replaced upon installing the new pipe which has not happened."

The POENB followed up Bonnie's email with a note sent to Highway Director Sorrentino, Supervisor Ed Smyth. Frank Pasquale read excerpts of POENB's email (excerpts below):

"POENB strongly echoes Mrs. Schalle's concerns regarding the state of the section of bulkhead maintained by the Town of Huntington, over its drain pipe out here at Valley Grove. It is a danger to both adjacent proper-

ties (the POENB to the north and Mrs. Schalle to the south) and in need of immediate emergency repair

For years at Valley Grove we have dealt with disastrous TOH storm water backups and resulting erosive "scouring" problems as a result of the town's failure to maintain its storm water catch basins and drain pipe which run as an easement between our POENB Valley Grove beach and Mrs. Schalle's property. Several times a year, due to massive pressure within the pipe, the water builds up in the pipe and with nowhere to go, backs up and often blows off the heavy metal manhole grate sending water shooting out atop the bulkheads which scours out the sand and



wreaking havoc.

The POENB has spent the last several years soliciting donations from our membership to raise enough money to build a new bulkhead at Valley Grove. We just capped this project last summer and, in addition to the new wall, also installed "returns" at the sides of the wall to tie it back to the hillside and provide protection from weaknesses in neighbor-

ing properties. Were it not for the returns immediately adjacent to the TOH property, it is very likely the current washout behind the Town's property would have caused a failure of our new wall. The POENB's bulkhead is only as strong as its weakest neighbor and that weak neighbor is the Town of Huntington; it has been for decades as the Town has been content to do occasional repairs or band aids but never invest in a substantive long-term solution.

This is one of those ounce of prevention moments. Were a catastrophic winter storm to occur while the Town had ample time to throw up some new boards and do some backfilling, the results would be catastrophic for all. We concluded by asking that the Town please get a team down there to fix it or, at least, shore up the front of the wall and shovel in some backfill, so that you can do the pipe repair but not compromise the adjacent properties while doing so. Once the new pipe is put in, you will then need to address your section of the wall in a permanent way. If you keep patching it, the cycle will continue. The wall has already failed. Your section needs to be rebuilt."

(Addendum: The Town did not our email, but arrived on Friday March 11th and placed some sandbags in the eroded area to provide short-term support from waves for the anticipated March 12 & 13th windstorm).

President Report:

Ryan began by expressing how glad the Board is to be meeting live and in person at the firehouse. He went on to report that a good part of February had been devoted to getting watercraft off the racks. Early in the month the Board sent a targeted e-blast offering Board assistance to help owners remove their boats and received good response. By meet-



reply to



EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

911 is the telephone number to call in the event of a fire or medical emergency. Dialing 911 will ensure the quickest response to your request for help.

As winter fades the department continues training on various subjects including hazardous materials, blood borne pathogens as well as other topics which the State of N. Y. requires. The department closely follows the state requirements and is always up to date.

Just a reminder that half of all home heating fires take place in the winter months. And 1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in 5 home fire deaths involve heating equipment. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source. Keep portable generators outside. Plug only 1 heat producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electric outlet at a time

As daylight savings is upon us, please remember to change batteries in smoke alarms Also consider purchasing new CO alarms and smoke detectors if they are close to ten years old. Research has indicated that a ten-year old detector will NOT work and therefore your home will not be protected in the event of a fire. Please practice fire safety.

Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

ing time, most boats had been brought home. The POENB has spent the last few years building more capacity and re-organizing craft to make our watercraft system better and more for all. People's help in clearing the spaces reinforces that and the POENB appreciates everyone's cooperation.

Ryan reported that the 2022 POENB membership drive had kicked off earlier that afternoon with the 2022 Membership form going live on our website. Prior POENB members were emailed copies of their form, already filled out, for their convenience.

He reminded attendees that this year, POENB will be prioritizing watercraft selection based upon when membership forms are returned, with the goal of incentivizing early membership:

Ryan explained that the system will be completely fair, regardless of whether one chooses to submit a form on paper or online. He turned it over to Anthony Fusaro to explain the process we've put in place. Anthony explained that he will be going to the firehouse every single day during the membership drive to check that box. All forms are dated on the day they are collected. If there is more than one form in the box, the form on the bottom will be labeled #1 and so on. Ryan Cote will be doing the exact same thing in the PO Box in Northport. If more than one form is in the PO box, earliest postmarked date will be #1. All dated envelopes are dropped off to Membership Chair Gene Caputo for data entry and checks go to Treasurer Nora Beck. All paper forms are integrated with online membership date/times.

Ryan noted that the POENB is pleased to be keeping dues rates the same as last year. Everyone's 2021 membership officially expires at midnight on March 31st. Those who join by March 31st will receive the early bird special which is outlined on the membership form. Seniors also pay a reduced rate. He went on to explain that among the many benefits of membership is one watercraft spot which the POENB defines as either a dinghy, a kayak, a double kayak or a paddleboard. Craft that are not stackable and take up more beach real estate (small sailboats, hobie cats) are considered lottery spots for which one must enter and, if selected, pay a seasonal premium (still TBD) for the convenience of not having to trail their sail craft. POENB has made 10 sunfish spots and 5 Hobie spots available. These are not considered part of the POENB membership allotment system. More to come on that as the season approaches.

Ryan indicated that we still have a problem with a few derelict sail craft down at Price's Bend; a few of which have been left there for years. He reminded all that dumping one's property for others to deal with is impolite. It also makes the beach look like a used car lot. The board will continue reaching out and asking owners to be consid-



It's POENB Membership Time.

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

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of Long Island where, daily, we are re-invigorated (and challenged) by the beautiful waters that surround us. POENB's primary mission is to preserve and protect our two beaches, Price's Bend and Valley Grove, for generations to enjoy. Most recently members saw this accomplished with the completion of the Valley Grove bulkhead (a needed long-term improvement) and in the thousands of dollars paid to re level Price's Bend after a major erosive sand wash out event last fall (a short-term fix, which will happen again).

POENB membership brings with it access to our two beaches, The Changing Tides newsletter, lots of fun social events and a sense of belonging. But the most important reason to join is because you love nature and you draw sustenance from our unique home. If it's worth living here, it must be worth preserving. This year, we make a specific appeal to the nearly half of Neck residents who love it out here but do not join. Make this the year that you do.

Thank you.

Welcome to the Neck!

**The Lovelands to Argyle Drive
and
Heather Warrington to Norfolk Drive**

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

erate and remove their property.

Ryan Cote thanked Yvonne Lambertson and Gene Caputo who did a ton of back end work making sure the membership drive got up and running smoothly.

Membership Report:

Gene indicated that all 2021 members should have gotten a pre-filled out form. He asked that if you need to make any changes on the form, please write them in.

Yvonne Lamberston highlighted how easy it is to join online; simply go to eatonsneck.org click the link and fill in your information. When finished you'll be asked to click a link to be redirected to the PayPal Site where you can complete the transaction with a credit or debit card or your PayPal account. You don't need to be a PayPal member to do this. Yvonne reminded all that joining on-



POENB
Property Owners of Eaton's Neck Beach

2022 Membership Form

Eaton's Neck is a remarkable place to call home and is fortunate to have within its borders two beautiful beaches, Price's Bend and Valley Grove, which provide residents serenity and value all year long. POENB's primary mission is to care for and protect these beaches, which is accomplished through the annual collection of member dues. Your dues were most recently put to work in the completion of the new protective seawall at Valley Grove.

Additionally, POENB sponsors or supports many eagerly anticipated community events ranging from our Labor Day beach party to the Neck's famous July 4th Celebration hosted by the EN Fire Department, Friday Night Grillin at Price's Bend in June, the Easter Egg Hunt & Halloween Parade, Community Garage Sale, Changing Tides newsletter & more.

Membership runs from April 1st to March 31st and provides access to our two members-only beaches; entry to POENB events & beach storage for one dinghy, kayak or paddleboard. This year, to incentivize early membership, watercraft spot selection will be prioritized based on when you join. All forms will be date stamped daily & the order recorded.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Phone (primary contact) _____

Email (primary household email) _____ Another email if desired _____

Please choose a membership level below, checks payable to POENB. Please add any donations to your check.

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)

Optional Donation: POENB General Fund
Present Day Initiatives: July 4 Parade, watercraft storage, etc.

Optional Donation: POENB Futures Fund
Future Emergency Reserve: Beach erosion, bulkhead repairs, etc.

POENB membership entitles you to one complimentary watercraft spot, assigned in even years. The spot can be occupied for two years provided you remain a member in good standing. Racks are cleared & spots re assigned every two years. Once single spots have been allocated there may be additional single-season spots available for an extra fee. These cannot be requested now.

(check one) **I don't need a spot** **I do need a spot at (circle one) Prices Bend / Valley Grove**

(circle one) **My watercraft is a: Kayak / Double Kayak / Dinghy/ Paddleboard**

POENB runs on volunteerism. Please check a box for yourself and a spouse/partner so we can reach out. 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 (write in your unique talents!)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Join online at eatonsneck.org (PayPal fees apply) or place this form in the POENB mailbox next to the firehouse mailbox or mail it to POENB c/o PO Box 124, Northport NY 11768

line costs a few dollars more because PayPal charges us a transactional fee. Ryan indicated his PayPal charge was an additional \$8.87.

Yvonne went on to discuss two ways members joining online can make an additional POENB donation. After the PayPal transaction is a link that says Return to Merchant which returns you to a thank you page featuring two optional donation buttons. One button for the POENB General Fund which supports present day initiatives like the July 4th parade, building of watercraft storage, etc.). The other is the POENB Futures Fund—an emergency fund held in serve for future unanticipated events that impact our beaches (i.e. erosion, bulkhead repairs, etc.). We appreciate all those able to give a little more to these good causes.

Ryan reminded all that the primary purpose of POENB membership is to maintain and protect our beautiful beaches. Added benefits include a watercraft spot and The Changing Tides newsletter. Members receive access to our private beaches and many eagerly anticipated community events hosted or co-sponsored by the POENB including a Labor Day beach party Eaton's Neck's famous July 4th Celebration hosted by the EN Fire Department, Friday Night Grillin at Price's Bend in June, the Easter Egg Hunt & Halloween Parade, Community Garage sale and more. Plus advocacy on issues that affect Eaton's Neck.



Social:

We're pleased to announce that the annual POENB Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday April 16th (the day before Easter). Parents and kids should arrive by 11:45 am. The hunt begins sharply at 12 noon. Bring baskets or bags to collect eggs.

Changing Tides:

Essex and Exeter residents did not receive their issues last month. We will inquire as to why.

Beach Report:

We plan to issue watercraft stickers in 2022. Ryan Schaefer-Walker and David Walker are working on a new sticker design. We appreciate their talent and hard work. As reported in previous issues of the Tides, we've had a problem with residents dumping personal garbage, leaves, dog waste, etc. in the POENB dumpster. In Feb, Ryan Schaefer-Walker supervised the delivery of a new locking dumpster. It will stay locked until our beach season begins around or just before Memorial Day. Dog lovers, we respectfully ask you to bring your dog waste bags home instead of prying up the lid & dropping them in our container.

Report of the Treasurer:

Please see page 2. Nora reported our only income as of

March 4 was some interest income.

On the expense side we had beach expenses of: \$228 dollars which paid for the required testing of our backflow valves. Changing Tides ytd \$419.24 dollars. Total loan payments ytd \$552. 48 dollars. Monthly bank fees are \$90 dollars. Po Box --\$182 dollars. Office expense- \$58 dollars. Utilities were \$289.44 dollars. Website expenses of 21. 17. We have a net ytd deficit of \$1840.24. Our checking account balance is at \$8541.75. The Valley Grove note checking is \$10, 050.56. Laretta Alio wondered if our bank fees could be lowered. Nora said she would check on that. For the new folks, Nora reminded them that we took (3) \$5000 notes to fund the VG bulkhead. We used \$5000 and still have the remaining \$10K.

New business:

We were happy to welcome two new members, Heather Warrington and Ron Loveland. Loveland asked about the buying group for oil and wondered if it included propane. At present it does not. He also inquired about mooring rights. Anthony Fusaro indicated that members need to speak to the Town of Huntington Maritime services about moorings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING

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

The next POENB meeting
will be Friday April 1st.
- No fools, just fun.
Join us. 7:30 @ firehouse.

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A few questions about our 2022 Watercraft Process

How are watercraft spots being assigned?

This year, to incentivize early membership, we will be prioritizing watercraft selection based upon when a member joins. All forms will be dated with the day they were collected from our firehouse and PO boxes (we are checking every single day) and integrated, time-wise, with those submitted online. We're still working out the specifics of actual spot assignment, but those who submit memberships earliest will be awarded the earliest selection "waves".

When will spots be assigned?

In years past it was about mid-May. This year we're hoping to get it done sooner but folks should understand that although global warming sometimes makes it feel like Spring has arrived in January, our beach season does not begin until Memorial Day. Once racks are clear (which takes most of winter) we have to do maintenance. Everyone's desire to take advantage of nice weather doesn't change our reality. We have a work session on our dinghy racks scheduled in early April and beach cleanups in mid-May. The quick answer to the question is, as quickly as possible; when we know we'll let you know. But please do not put any boat on a rack before you've been assigned a spot or you will forfeit your watercraft spot for 2022.

Can I request a second spot?

Not right away. The goal is to let the membership process play out so that more members have an opportunity for one spot. We will figure out a date where second spots can be requested and publicize it. Likely members will need to fill out a google form. If demand exceeds supply we will issue second spots by public lottery. Second spots will be charged a fee (TBD) and are for one season only. Second spots will not be adjacent to first spots and will likely be placed in designated, second tier locations of the rack such as top rows – to make use of that real estate.

Will you be issuing watercraft stickers this year?

Yes, which will need to be displayed or the craft will be removed. We'll get the stickers out as part of the watercraft assignment process.

What if my boat is going in early?

This applies only to those who own craft that would be moored in Price's Bend early, before the season begins and require a launch to get out to service the boat. If you fall into this category, you must email info@eatonsneck.org and make an official request. We will direct you to a temporary location.

We ask that all POENB Members please familiarize themselves with the Watercraft Rules at eatonsneck.org. We appreciate your help in keeping our system orderly and fair for everyone.



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*If your property is currently listed with another brokerage please disregard. It is not our intention to solicit the listings of other brokerages.

POENB
Easter Egg Hunt

*Saturday, April 16th
12 PM Sharp
(arrive by 11:45)*

*Price's Bend Beach.
Bring a basket or bag*



Rain date 4/23



Clark Gillies, Douglas Cerrato, Anthony Fusaro, Peter Leonard



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