

# Changing Tides

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



## President's Message

Dear Friends, Neighbors, Members and Residents,

There's a sudden chill in the air signaling that it's time to batten down the hatches and settle in for winter. For the POENB that means it's also watercraft removal season! We have a December 1st deadline for removal of all watercraft. Any watercraft left on the beaches will be placed in the parking lot at Prices Bend and treated as abandoned property in the spring.

It has been my pleasure to serve our community as the POENB President over the past four years. This time of the year has us all focused-on gratitude and family. Gratitude is what I am full of in this moment. I'm thankful for all the board members during my tenure; Julie Hendricks-Atkins, Nora Beck, Gene Caputo, Nick Cavuto, Ryan Cote, Frank Pasquale, Bethany Pokorny, Steven Neuf and Vinny Mitchell, without whom none of the accomplishments over the last four years would have been possible. They have all made huge contributions of time and energy to make our community the wonderful place it is and many continue to serve our amazing Eaton's Neck family. There are many others who have been faithful stewards of the association. ALL of you are deserving of gratitude and acknowledgement. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

This has been a wonderful opportunity to serve my community and I thank you all for the support, kindness and friendship that has made this job a true labor of love.

Happy Thanksgiving  
Stay Salty Eaton's Neck

Frank Bonomo  
Outgoing President

November 2021





## POENB Meeting Minutes of November 5th, 2021

Our POENB meeting was held via Zoom video conference and began approximately 7:35 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Roll Call of Officers:

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



### Minutes (Readings and Update):

Nineteen (19) members tuned into the meeting. A motion was raised to accept the minutes of our October 2021 meeting as posted to our website. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Membership:

Gene reported our membership remained at a solid 244 member households. A good number considering only one year was higher with 245 in 2019.

### Presidents Report:

This month has been relatively quiet; not much action to report on. Our insurance policy has been renewed at a slightly increased rate. Ryan has been busy working with the nominating committee and slate prospects.

### Correspondence:

This was also a light correspondence

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](mailto:changingtides@eatonsneck.org)

## 2021 POENB Treasurer's Report January 1 - November 5, 2021

### Income

Beach Usage Fee	\$	1,600.00
Watercraft Usage		480.00
Changing Tides Ads		425.00
Membership Dues		
	Standard	26,575.00
	Senior	23,785.00
Total Membership Dues	\$	50,360.00
Merchandise		100.00
4th of July Parade Donation		845.00
Interest Income		4.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>53,814.28</b>

### Expense

Beach Expenses		
	Clean-Up	\$ 2,345.62
	Prices Bend - Sand	2,950.00
	Prices Bend	15,218.69
	Valley Grove	-
Total Beach Expenses	\$	20,514.31
Changing Tides		3,353.92
CPA Fees		900.00
Insurance		9,974.23
Loan Reapments - VG		1,381.20
Monthly Bank Fees		330.00
4th of July Parade Donation		2,000.00
Paypal Fees		387.29
PO Box		146.00
Utilities		
	Prices Bend	631.97
	Valley Grove	105.92
Total Utilities	\$	737.89
Website	\$	103.40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,828.24</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,986.04</b>

### Valley Grove Bulkhead Project

<b>Funding</b>		
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
<b>Costs</b>		
Valley Grove Bulkhead Project	\$	88,548.62
<b>Net Project Surplus</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,050.56</b>
<b>Total Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,036.60</b>

Operating checking account balance as of 11/5/21 is \$18,072.35  
VG Note checking account balance as of 11/5/21 is \$10,050.56  
VG savings account has been closed  
50/50 savings account has been closed

month. We received an email inquiring about Halloween guidelines. Another member submitted a beautiful sunset photo from Prices Bend.

## Treasurers Report:

Nora reported on the financial highlights. Please see page 2 for POENB figures as of the meeting date, November 5 202. Nora's summary included the following:

As of our Oct meeting, we had a year-to-date total operating income of \$53,814.29. and year-to-date total operating expenses of \$39,828.24. As of 11/5/21 this left an operating surplus of \$13,986.04.

During the month we paid our annual insurance premium, We had budgeted about 9,300. It came it at 9,974.23. We continue to make our loan repayments. Our landscaping bill comes in at the end of the season and is still outstanding. Nora Paid our CPA for our annual tax filings. Additional 2021 expenses to pay include Changing Tides printing, beach expenses (dumpster & port-a-potty), landscaping and bond repayments. Our bond repayments are \$276.24 per month.

The cash balances we have currently—our operating checking is \$18, 072.35 and

## Turkey Trot

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



See page six for all details!

the VG note checking is 10,050. 56 and that represents the notes exercised but not yet used from the VG seawall project.

It was noted that there is still some income we have not yet received for some CT advertising and some sailboat slips; we will be billing all that before year's end.

After paying all remaining expenses, we had a projected net operating surplus for 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 in-



## EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smart 911 was the feature of a recent Newsday article. Smart 911 is a national service which saves lives and time when a caller dials 9 -1-1 . It improves 911 services for all individuals. Smart 911 is a service which will allow residents to provide information about themselves and their family to 9 1 1 prior to an emergency. This private and secure Safety Profile will display automatically to the 911 call taker immediately when an individual calls 9 1 1 , call takers and emergency responders can now be provided vital personal and medical information to help understand and respond to an emergency faster and with more detail about the situation.

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A long standing social and communal tradition of the fire department is to offer Christmas trees for sale each year. The trees are freshly cut and the department will deliver them to buyer's homes at no charge. This year there is a shortage of trees, however the fire department secured an order from our supplier. Prices of trees have also increased over 30 % in the past two years. The department will ensure that its prices will remain competitive with major retailers and provide a great tree buying experience for the family. The tree sale dates are Sat Dec 11 and Sun. Dec 12. Department members look forward to seeing you at this happy occasion.

Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

come. 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. After the success of the seawall project, we need a rebuilding year.

Frank recognized our healthy balance

sheet and thanked the board for its fiscally responsible handling. Frank then announced new business and passed to Ryan. **New Business:**

Ryan explained some board members are leaving however we are thankful and happy to welcome some new volunteers to fill their vacancies. Ryan has been honored to serve the community as our VP since 2017.



Ryan recognized that Frank assembled a talented team that he was happy to join, which included Julie, Nora, Steve, Bethany and most recently, Frank P. None of us could have known what we were getting into, or how much work it would entail. Every single board member has tackled many difficult, not always attractive but very necessary, projects. We have overlapped in our duties and efforts and worked alongside community volunteers to get things done.

Paramount among these was the of raising of funds to build the Valley Grove Seawall which was just capped. We modernized the POENB website; a time-consuming project made possible with the volunteer efforts of Gene and Yvonne. We attempted to bring order to our watercraft registration and increase its capacity with help from Greg Hodges. Nick Cavuoto kept our beach reservation system running, along with MaryAnn Timlen our PB Beach Chair. Another huge effort was a refresh of the Changing Tides which we took on with the help of Pete Cartwright who works tirelessly on every issue.

Many of these accomplishments, it was noted, were made mostly during a pandemic; a time of limited social events

and a lack of regular party income. Ryan noted that something even more surprising occurred in the face of those odds; our membership grew, a sign that our residents appreciate the hard work and sincerity of the board.

With that said Ryan announced he would run for president, committed to dedicating more of the same hard work and sincerity. After bulkhead fundraising then Covid POENB, he indicated, needs a normal year. We enter 2022 with reduced finances because extra monies have been spent on the seawall. We need build back up and add to our growing membership. He requested that those who have joined, please keep supporting POENB. Those who enjoy the benefits of living on Eaton's Neck without becoming POENB members, we ask you to consider that you're placing the burden of its upkeep on others. We need non-members to join more than ever because, in fact, we all live out on this small peninsula together.

Ryan went on to say that we need to have a few parties to get folks feeling

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

On Friday, December 3rd., at 7:30pm, POENB will hold its Annual Meeting and Elections for next year's Board in accordance with our Association by-laws. The meeting will be held at the Eaton's Neck Fire House, 55 Eaton's Neck Road. Here is our list of this year's candidates.

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

Voting will be conducted in-person at the Annual Meeting and the issue shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast. POENB Members in good standing shall be represented by one (1) vote per household.



good again. Further, we need everyone to volunteer some of their time to make this all work. One of his goals is not simply to ask for volunteers, but to have someone pick up the phone and call those willing to volunteer and assign them to tasks.

Finally, he indicated, POENB needs new blood. Eaton Neck has lots of new residents. We need their talents. To that point, Ryan was happy to report that along with several returning board veterans, this election brings a slate of new candidate with fresh ideas. Ryan indicated that he had spoken at length with all board nominees and all have his full support and he hopes they will have the support of the community.

He also has spoken to those current members exiting the board who have assured him that they will continue doing many of their existing jobs such as watercraft allocation and social events, but in committee chair capacity versus being on the board proper. With that, Ryan turned the meeting over to the nominations chair, Tom Bishop.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Tom Bishop read the slate of nominees:

President, Ryan Cote

Vice President, Frank Pasquale

Treasurer, Nora Beck

Assistant Vice President, Steven Neuf

Assistant Vice President, Anthony Fusaro

Recording Secretary, Yvonne Lambertson

Corresponding Secretary, Ryan Shaffer-Walker.

Tom then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. A motion was made to close the nominations which was seconded and subsequently approved. Ryan invited any of the new nominees to speak.

Anthony Fusaro introduced himself. Anthony resides at 1 Abington with his wife Jennifer and their dog Cove. He owns and runs a financial advisory firm in Huntington and he looks forward to helping the board in any way he can. The membership thanked Anthony for stepping up.

Ryan thanked the returning members and new volunteers for their willingness to help the community by running for 2022 positions.

Belated thank you!



To the Carl and the folks over at Eclipse Sign. They built our POENB sign at the firehouse years ago and, this summer, came out & repaired the plastic strips at no charge.  
[www.signsbyeclipse.com](http://www.signsbyeclipse.com)

Frank reiterated his commitments made during the VG fund raising campaign to stick around while the notes are paid off. He remains compelled to do so in a different capacity of the board. He will also continue to assist with watercraft. Bethany will continue to assist with social events.

### **New Business:**

A member drew the meeting's attention to the fact that often individual board



Bad weather didn't rain on our Halloween Parade!

members receive texts directly from residents to their private phones or email addresses.

These messages often push the boundaries of the roles of our board members by encroaching on their personal time, often with matters not related to the POENB. Or sometimes the messages relay one member's personal requests on a matter.

It was requested that anyone wishing to reach out to the board do so by emailing all board members concurrently at [info@eatonsneck.org](mailto:info@eatonsneck.org). This allows everyone on the board to see the correspondence at the same time. Further, this protocol keeps messaging totally transparent and forces the person sending the text to consider whether the request they are making is a legitimate board concern.

Also sending texts to [info@eatonsneck.org](mailto:info@eatonsneck.org) officially makes the text part of POENB correspondence, which can then be reported to the membership.

Another member thanked the board for tackling the VG wall re-build and for all they have done over these past few years.

Frank noted a financial comparison of when the board came on versus where we are right now and feels we are in good shape. A motion was made to adjourn which was seconded and approved. A brief discussion ensued concerning our December meeting being live vs. zoom and how to vote. A member noted only one (1) vote need be cast since everyone is running unopposed. Use of the fire house was then briefly discussed.

Our next meeting, referred to as the annual meeting, is scheduled for December 3rd (details of the location and voting will be sent out via eblast). The only business allowed to be conducted at this short meeting is the election of the 2022 board.

We adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm

**6th Annual POENB Thanksgiving Day**  
**5K TURKEY TROT AND STROLL**  
11/25 @ 9:00am  
at Eaton's Neck Fire House

ALL ARE WELCOME

Immediately Followed by Refreshments & Kids Football Game

Access the turkey trot route map using <https://www.plotaroute.com>. Search POENB 5k.



# community

Bulletin Board

The following tribute was excerpted from a 2021 Facebook post by Necker Conor Berry. The Changing Tides thanks him for allowing us to print parts of it.

I wanted to share this photo with Neckers who grew up here in the '70s and '80s who are now -- gulp -- in their fifties! As the caption regrettably indicates, we take 1st Place in the premature death category. Maybe it was a Gen X thing... or all those angst-ridden John Hughes movies.

This photo is circa 1979, my dad's coaching days -- back when a coach could chain smoke on the sidelines and say things like "get in there, babe, and give 'em hell" and still be allowed to coach kids. All the guys in the photo grew up together in our neighborhood, graduating high school between 1984-86, and many are no longer with us -- what a cryin' shame. It got me thinking about the days when the Neck was a place where kids played wild in the woods, never knowing whose property they were on. Everybody knew the cut-through routes from neighborhood to neighborhood, whether over a split-rail fence or through a gap in a fence.

If we missed the bus, we'd hitchhike. The best spot to get a ride was up by the firehouse, because it was hard for your friends' parents to drive by without stopping. We exploited that. We went out at night to ring-and-run people's houses. One time, the entire Altimari family hunted us with flashlights and dogs. One by one, we got picked off. When I heard Kevin Boylan, the wiliest of the Peterborough Punks, get popped, I knew I didn't stand a chance. Seconds later, Carmine Altimari nabbed me as I crouched behind the Beattie's woodpile.



We pool-hopped in the handful of pools in the neighborhood back then, including the pool at the Morgan Estate, which entailed each of us jumping in and exiting before they could catch us. We camped out on Sand City and played in Morgan's woods, always on the lookout for neck-high razor wire (a myth) and armed watchmen (also a myth).

We rode our bikes across Asharoken to get into town to play video games at Phase II Pizzeria, which had the greasiest slices around. Back then, the Neck was a wilder, freer place. There's no doubt that all this freedom led to the early demise of some of these guys, but it sure was fun while it lasted. RIP, fellas.

**Top L to R (coaches):** Coach in baseball hat (unidentified); Warren Berry (RIP), George Fitzpatrick. **Middle L to R:** Tim Berry (RIP); Hugh Boylan; Pat Cancroft; Jimmy Brumm; Chris Leahy (RIP); Peter Wetzel (RIP); Tim Boylan; Michael Leahy; Mike Fitzpatrick. **Bottom L to R:** (Maybe Kevin Dobson?); Chris McCarthy; Tom Wallace; Pat Leahy (RIP); Craig Fligstein.

We'd like to make "The Neck Recollects" a regular part of the Tides Issue. It doesn't need to be a full story, just a photo and short caption will do. Please email yours to [changingtides@eatonsneck.org](mailto:changingtides@eatonsneck.org)





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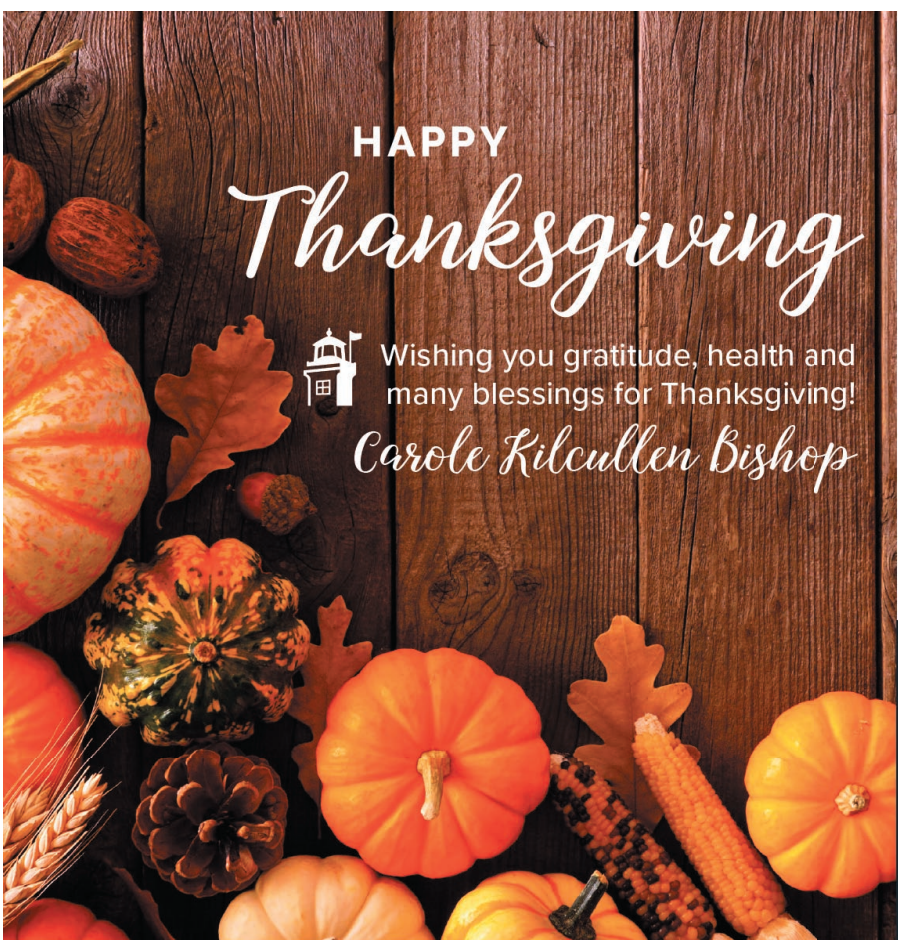
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*Thanksgiving*



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