

# Changing Tides

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



## President's Message

Maybe you have a little turkey soup still sitting in the fridge but, at this point, the leftovers are gone and you should be transitioning from stuffing birds to stuffing stockings. Leaves are being put out, trees are being carried in and we are in full holiday mash up mode on The Neck. But before Santa arrives, permit me to time warp back to November 24th and offer a bit of thanks to the 252 households who joined POENB this year. That's a record.

The purpose of POENB was (and is) to maintain our beautiful beaches. But over the decades we have managed to preserve something equally important—a sense of community. Even if you never set foot on the beach, you can appreciate how they add to your property value. Even if your face is never seen at a meeting, your voice is heard every time POENB advocates to public officials on your behalf. Even if social events are not your cup of tea, you still get to enjoy The Changing Tides with your morning coffee.

Yes, we had a lot to be thankful for in 2022. But on my Christmas list this year will be every household who chose not to join. We need you.

With appreciation,  
Ryan Cote,  
POENB President

November 2022

POENB Meeting Minutes of November 4th, 2022  
(These minutes were e-blasted to the membership prior to the 12/2 meeting.)

Minutes from the Annual Meeting & Election will be included in our December Tides.

**Attendance:**

Our November meeting was held by zoom. There were 19 members on the call.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Thanksgiving Day '22**



POENB's Turkey Trot 2022 was a huge success. Fun photos can be found throughout this issue!

**Motion to accept the Minutes**

A motion to accept the prior month's minutes as printed in the Changing Tides was accepted.

**Correspondence:**

RSW indicated POENB mailed out a hard copy of its drainage letter (excerpted in last month's Changing Tides) to Andre Sorrentino, Ed Smyth, John McCarron and Keith Brown. We're waiting on a response back from them.

We also reached out to SCWA about aligning our backflow valve testing at both beaches. We reached out to Peter Steurwalt and asked him to shut off the water at our beaches which he kindly did. We reached out to True Blue sprinklers to blow out the sprinkler lines at Valley Grove.

We've also reached out to our insurer and renewed our POENB's insurance and umbrella coverages for 2023 at the same rate we paid in 2022. Nora sent out Changing Tides advertising bills and bills for second watercraft spots.

This month's cover, "Waves at Valley Grove", was taken by Caragh Cote  
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2022 POENB Treasurer's Report		
January 1 - November 4, 2022		
<b>Income</b>		
Beach Usage Fee	\$	2,300.00
Watercraft Fee		1,310.00 **
Changing Tides Ads		1,620.00 **
Membership Dues		
Senior		19,462.72
Standard		32,756.93
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>52,219.65</b>
Merchandise Rebate & Sales		607.00
Parade Income		1,255.00
Interest Income		1.50
50/50 proceeds		640.00
Social Income		
Endless Summer		3,230.00
Parti Gras		5,593.49
<b>Total Social Income</b>		<b>8,823.49</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>68,776.64</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Beach Expenses</b>		
Beach Clean-Up	\$	765.39
Storm Clean-up	\$	1,333.31
Prices Bend		13,508.30
Valley Grove		238.94
<b>Total Beach Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,845.94</b>
Beach Improvements		5,702.27
Changing Tides		2,515.44
Insurance		9,974.23
Loan Repayments - VG (through June)		1,657.44
Meeting Expenses		
Membership Expenses		392.68
Merchandise Expenses		1,914.74
Monthly Bank Fees		258.00
PO Box		182.00
Office		60.28
Paypal Fees		530.30
Sales Tax		4.40
Savings Fund		
Social Expenses		
4th of July Parade	\$	1,500.00
Egg Hunt		192.62
Endless Summer		4,537.75
Halloween		-
Parti Gras		3,653.30
Thanksgiving Turkey Trot		200.00
<b>Total Social Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,083.67</b>
Software		
Utilities		
Prices Bend		805.74
Valley Grove		190.20
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>995.94</b>
Website		21.17
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>50,138.50</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,638.14</b>
<b>Valley Grove Note Payoff</b>		
VG Bulkhead Project Excess	\$	10,050.56
Outstanding VG Note Balance		(11,999.23)
<b>Additional Payoff Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,948.67)</b>
Operating checking account balance as of 11/4/22 is \$23,397.48		
VG Note checking account balance as of 11/4/22 is \$0		
50/50 Proceeds savings account balance as of 11/4/22 is \$640.04		
** Invoices Sent - Partially Collected		

Ryan Cote clarified, the hard copy of the drainage letter contained a new cover letter reminding our officials that we're still awaiting some communication from them. That said, on Nov 4, with



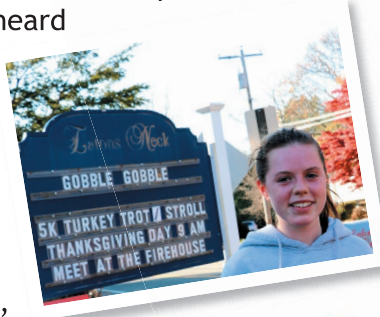
elections about to occur and the expected winter wind down, POENB doesn't anticipate the TOH will be doing much-- but our objective was to get a hard copy on their desk so we're top of mind going into winter and ready to meet with us to let us know their plans going into spring.

A short discussion ensued. Frank expressed his concern that we haven't heard anything from the Town as yet but went on to note that since they've re-opened the overflow pipe to Valley Grove the system has been able to handle "normal" rain events. But, he cautioned, we are going to get more of these torrential rain storms. We need something that can take 3 to 4 inches in a day and he's not sure we're there yet. Ryan Cote agreed.

Chris Ballow reported that this past week (last week of October going into November) there was a water main leak at the bottom of Essex where they had been digging. It took 8 phone calls to get Suffolk County's response. PSEG showed up.

Phil Cuiffo asked for further clarification. Frank P give a brief synopsis of how Valley Grove is the end point of the old cascading drainage system and d when we get the massive rainfalls and our drywells overflow Valley Grove doesn't have the capacity to get to the volume of the water to the sound quick enough. The pipe he feels is too narrow in spots or possibly broken and needs to be scoped to see. If they were to design this system today it would have a 22 inch pipe. Right now, Frank P feels portions of the that is down there may be as only 15 inches. Highway Supervisor Andre Sorrentino told us he would like to scope the pipe from the waterline at Valley Grove up to the first catch basins where Carlisle meets Westview to see if that pipe is compromised. If that pipe cannot handle that volume coming downhill, nothing above it matters. That's when Valley Grove washes out.

Phil said he thought the Town planned to do away with the main pipe at the beach. Frank indicated that was their original plan but the resulting flooding and damage POENB sustained over the summer and again in September convinced the Tow to re-open it. But even after they did so we had another huge rainfall in September and we



## EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please remember to change batteries in the smoke alarms and CO detectors. If either of these warning devices are ten years old please replace them. All manufacturers attest that these devices will not function after ten years. This is very important as the heating season arrives.

The fire department participated in a simulated Mass Casualty Incident at the Northport power plant on October 16. The department members conducted searches for "victims" in the confines of one area of the plant together with fire departments from Northport and Centerport. The simulated MCI was a valuable lesson for inter department communications and search and rescue techniques in a huge environment such as the power plant.

The department will conduct its annual Christmas tree sale on the weekend of December 10th and 11th, 2022 at the firehouse. All trees are Premium Balsam, and while prices of trees are up, the department is doing everything it can to remain competitive with the big box stores. In addition to trees there will be nursery items for sale such as decorated wreaths, poinsettias and roping. As usual the department will deliver trees free of charge. There will also be a children's Christmas party on Sunday December 11th at 2 P.M.

Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

lost close to \$300 worth of lumber on the stairs at valley Grove. Plus scouring of soil behind our seawall. So re opening it has fixed some problems but not all.

Phil asked about the depth of the catch basins. Frank P indicated after the big September storms we had Laser Construction open random catch basins which showed signs of the new ones filling and draining in about a day. From Frank's perspective that system is working. Phil asked if they should be deep enough to drain during the storm itself. No, said Frank. It still takes a day or two; we have clay solid plus lots of leaf buildup. Phil thought they only put them in 10 feet deep with a back hoe. Frank says he thinks some are 25 feet plus.

Ryan Cote said there were two issues with regard to how deep they go. One is going too deep and fouling the water supply. The other is the natural clay we have out here which prevents absorption of the water. It is draining, Ryan said, but not as quickly as we'd hope, There are many

variables as to why: quantity of rainfall in a short time, leaves lining the bottom of the catch basin, clay in the drainage soil, pitch of the road, etc. Valley Grove is not the only trouble spot, we have them all over Eaton's Neck: the bottom of Drake, Essex, Worcester and Birmingham. Plus, water cascading down from Robert Lenox. Ryan encouraged residents to drive down Robert Lenox and some of the other long hilly roads leading down to the beach. You will discover, he said, that those long roads only have 1 or 2 catch basins which given the length of those streets is crazy, but it's what the standard was back then when the streets were put in. Today, the number of catch basins is woefully inadequate for the rains we now get. Part of our request is to say that in spite of the deficiencies of the new system, we still need more drainage all over Eaton's Neck—not just the streets already worked on. And we need refinements of the streets that have been done. Our specific asks are all outlined in the October Changing Tides. WE tried to set the table for the Town because we didn't have the confidence that they're going to come back to us proactively and say here's what we're going to do for you. With that Ryan suggested we table the drainage discussion.

### **Beach Report:**

Steve Neuf said that at PB the water is being shut off and we're in the process of blowing out the sprinklers at VG. We have a shut off valve at VG that is free spinning and a repair ticket has been put in to Suffolk County Water authority. At Price's Bend the Dumpster is locked and closed thanks to RSW. Sand Raking is done for the season and we appreciate Anthony's negotiations. The pile of Wood chips at prices bend is Frank's. He got close to 80 yards for free and he accepted them and plans to put them to good use. Residents and kids, please steer clear of them. At Prices Bend have a volleyball post down which we'll replace. Should just be a bag of concrete, Steve will handle it.

Steven indicated that Yvonne will continue working with watercraft owners on boat issues. The POENB thank Pete Steurwald for shutting off our water. We also thanked Greg Atkins and Phil Beamer for brining in the swim lines. Special thanks to Nick Cavuoto for doing his usual excellent job of handling the beach reservations throughout the year. Thanks to Greg and Meghan



Hodges for all they do for our beach care and special beach projects all year long. Thanks also to several residents around the Prices Bend area who take special pride in doing the little things all year long that keeps Price's Bend looking great. You know who you are.

### **Watercraft:**

Yvonne reminded members to not throw away their car hang tags. POENB will be providing new stickers for 2023 which will go over the old parking sticker. She reminded all that 2023 is not a watercraft re assign year so boats in their primary spot (first spot issued) can be kept there this winter and next summer assuming continued POENB membership. Any second spots or any sail craft, large or small, need to be brought home now please. Ryan made special request of sail craft owners, large and small, who have left their craft on the beach for several seasons -- noting that the beaches belong to all and cannot serve as long-term storage. POENB politely requests removal of all sail craft now with appreciation for everyone's cooperation.

### **Changing Tides:**

Ryan Cote reported that the Changing Tides will be printing a November and December issue to finish out the year. He went on to thank all our block captains, noting how impressed his is that within an hour of getting an issue back from the printer Diane Ryan has them out to the block captains who then get the issue into mailboxes right away. The effort benefits all.

Ryan also recognize Pete Cartwright who handles the layout of each Tides issue and keeps the content clean and organized. He finished by thanking regular contributors, Rich Baer, Terry Reid and Kelly Gifford, those who submit photography and, most important, the advertisers whose support makes it go. He finished by noting that the Tides is always looking for new content so if you have an idea, reach out to [changingtides@eatonsneck.org](mailto:changingtides@eatonsneck.org) and share it.

### **Social:**

The 10th Annual Turkey Trot was announced. Tom Bishop asked everyone to come out and run. Ryan thanked Tom and his turkey team for all their hard work in putting together this great event. Ryan also thanked Bethany, Julia L. and their team of volunteers who put on another fantastic Kids Halloween Parade. Special thanks to the Eaton's Neck Fire Department for putting on the kids party and fire safety demonstrations after. It's always a great event.

## Report of the Treasurer:

Nora Beck reported that income so far this year was \$68,776.64 which is a good number and reflective of the excellent membership year we had. Total expenses were \$ 50,138.50 leaving us with an operating with a net surplus of 18,638.14. We expect to end the year with a moderate surplus factoring in the expenses we have yet to pay such as landscaping, printing for a few remaining issues of Changing Tides, sprinkler winterizing, etc. Nora indicated she sent out invoices for Changing Tides and watercraft.

## President's Report:

Ryan Cote indicated that over the last five years of service to POENB, he's been fortunate enough to be part of several fantastic iterations of the board, but the 2022 board is extremely special to him. Apart from their many talents, they work tirelessly and care only for the betterment of our community and making it run more efficiently. Ryan then announced that after five years of recent POENB board service and 8 years of total service, he feels he needs to take a slight step back. With a pending home renovation and three kids moving into college age, his time is getting pulled in many directions. For these reasons, after much thought, Ryan announced his decision to not seek re-election as POENB President in 2023.

Ryan pledged to continue to work as hard if not harder for POENB, just out of the spotlight.

He will continue to serve as drainage

Liaison, put out the Changing

Tides and handle other special projects needed by the Board. Ryan noted that Eaton's Neck has a long tradition of former board members continuing to serve--Gene Caputo is our current Membership Chair, Christine Ballow is Nominations, Nick Cavuoto handles Beach Reservations, Julie Atkins acts as political liaison, Bethany continues to assist Heather Kennedy with social events, and the list goes on. Volunteerism makes Eaton's Neck run and Ryan said he will be no different.

Although a difficult decision, it was made much easier when all current board members agreed to stay on and continue the good work this board has started. That continuity and experience will benefit all Eaton's Neck. Ryan went on to com-



ment that if were possible to make this board even better, we have done so with a new nominee but long-time Necker, Sally Neal. As Sally joins the team to run for recording secretary, Nora Beck has decided to step away after five years of dedicated service as POENB Treasurer. We will all have an opportunity to thank Nora at our December meeting and thank are in order as Nora has given of her time selflessly, helped structure the financing of our VG Seawall, paying off all our debts and putting POENB on a path to financial solvency. We cannot thank her enough.



With that, Ryan turned the meeting over to Nominations Chair Christine Ballow to formally read the names of the 2023 slate of Board Nominees.

Chair  
Ballow to formally read the names of the 2023  
slate of Board Nominees.

## Board Nominations:

President - Frank Pasquale

Vice President - Ryan Schaefer Walker

Assistant Vice Present - Steve Neuf

(Engineering & Special Work Projects)

Assistant Vice President - Yvonne Lambertson

(Technology, Web, Communications)

Treasurer - Anthony Fusaro

Recording Secretary - Sally Neal

Christine Ballow noted that we have an opening for a corresponding Secretary and that anyone interested in filling that role can contact [nominations@eatonsneck.org](mailto:nominations@eatonsneck.org). The board will be able to managed correspondence as a group effort if no one steps forward.

## New Business:

Ryan congratulated the board nominees and introduced Sally Neal who provided a brief bio of herself to the audience. Sally moved to Eaton's Neck as a child back in 1966 when far fewer families lived out here. She lived on Peterborough until leaving for college. In her adult life and for her career, Sally moved to and lived in New York City. When her dad passed just prior to covid, Sally returned to the Neck to help organize his house and has been enjoying her return. Ryan thanked her for graciously volunteering to give back to community.

Janet Corcoran kindly commented how impressed she was with how this board; both its handling of difficult ongoing issues (flooding, drain-



age, erosion) as well as its commitment to bring back fun community events. She gave specific recognition to Frank Pasquale for his tireless work transforming Valley Grove. Janet noted that the time board members volunteer for the community is time they must take away from their families and thanked them all.

Phil Cuiffo asked to speak on the issue of security around Eaton's Neck. Security, he noted, is becoming a bigger deal and he feel that the Asharoken Police, once a potent deterrent, is becoming less so. He cited that in the past the force was a bit more diligent about the lookout for cars with heavily tinted windows, concealed plates, expired registrations, etc. As a result, Phil suggested it may be time to form an Eaton's Neck neighborhood watch group.



Phil provided the board with a flyer as to how to go about doing this, safely and requested we reprint it in the Changing Tides for anyone interested. Ryan asked if the POENB has ever had a community watch. Christine Ballow indicated no but that we have hired a security car for certain holidays in the past (Halloween). Greg Hodges registered agreement with Phil, citing cars frequently parking in Price's Bend late at night and nonresident parking in the streets around the beaches and walking in.

Ryan Cote cited prior POENB boards where this topic was brought up and, legally, it was decided that POENB could not sponsor a watch in case anyone extended their authority or were injured. Both Phil and Greg clarified that any neighborhood watch would be entirely unaffiliated with POENB. This would be a purely voluntary, non POENB program. Phil echoed that this concept would not involve engaging with anyone. Its purpose is to set up a formal protocol on contacting the authorities if needed. The conversation was left that anyone wishing to find out more can leave Phil a message on his office phone at 631-757-4053.

Christine Ballow brought up the issue of the decrepit Asharoken seawall and suggested that we advocate for DEC to ask them to create an arti-

cial reef out in the Sound off of Bevin Road. This has been done it in several other areas of Long Island.

Sally Neal asked Frank P for some additional clarification on our drainage system and suggested putting a diagram for the Tides to help explain how it works to others.

\*\*\* Turkey Trot Request \*\*\*  
Every year our turkey trot volunteers go out the day before Thanksgiving and mark the route with a few small lawn signs at the curb line. We collect those signs a few hours after the race so we can re-use them the following year. This year at least one was pulled out of the lawn, bent and discarded. If you happen to live at an address where a turkey trot lawn sign is placed, the POENB requests that you kindly leave it in place; it will be removed the next day. Thanks.

Our next meeting is Friday December 2nd at 7:30 at the firehouse. This will be POENB's Annual Meeting at which we formally elect the new board by a simple majority of those in attendance. Everyone is invited to come vote and participate then stick around to greet the new board and join them for some holiday cheer afterward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Clark Gillies, Douglas Cerrato, Anthony Fusaro, Peter Leonard

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# community

## Bulletin Board

### \* WATERCRAFT REMOVAL FAQ \*

“I was issued a spot in 2022, do I need to remove my kayak, dinghy, or paddleboard?”

No, not if it was your primary (first) spot issued. 2023 will be a non-assign year so you get to keep your first space this winter and next summer—assuming you maintain your membership.

“What does non-assign mean?”

POENB realizes moving one's boat is a pain so we only require removal every other year, in even numbered years.

“I was also issued a second spot, do I need to remove that?”

Yes, second spots and sail boat spaces are good for only one season. We offer them by lottery when we have space available, but every season we need to re-evaluate that based on new arrivals.

“I was issued a space but never used it”

Beach rules state you must use your spot. If you didn't you can email [info@eatonsneck.org](mailto:info@eatonsneck.org) and make a request to keep it but if we don't hear from you your space will be re assigned

“I am keeping my assigned spot but took my boat home for the winter.”

Please email [info@eatonsneck.org](mailto:info@eatonsneck.org) to let us know. Include your name and assigned space.

### This Incident on Birmingham

Last month a few homeowners along Birmingham Drive experienced a group of kids setting off fireworks in the parking lot of Price's Bend.

The incident was followed up by the kids throwing eggs at least one homeowner's home and car--- causing property damage. Based on camera footage, the homeowner thinks these might have been local kids.

We mention it to alert parents and ask all to please keep an eye on your kids. We want everyone to enjoy living and growing up out here, but with that privilege must come respect for all neighbors.

Thank you.

Congratulations  
Heather and Patrick Kennedy  
on the arrival of baby boy Finn,  
born November on 23rd

## You're Invited

Eaton's Neck Fire Department's  
Children's Christmas Party



DECEMBER 11TH  
2-4PM

And they're off . . . .



Congratulations to all our Thanksgiving Turkey Trotters with special thanks to Tom Bishop and Bethany Pokorny for organizing our 10 th annual Trot.



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10% DOWN

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\$425,000

10% DOWN

6.5% RATE

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\$3,053

## Happy Holidays!

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*Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.*

Should the conversation with friends and family turn to real estate, I hope you will remember me and pass along my name. Your local neighborhood specialist and neighbor for 22 years!



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## Hello Neighbors

As your local real estate expert, I'm here for you and as a newcomer to Eaton's Neck, I understand what attracts buyers to your home and our community.

Please reach out if you are searching for a trusted advisor who is committed to helping you make informed real estate decisions.

Sincerely,  
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