

Changing Tides

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



President's Message



As we all approach the end of another year, we can reflect upon some of the issues we were able to accomplish together in 2023. Notable among these was the replacement of a major portion of the fence at Price's Bend. As part of this renewal effort, we were pleased to be able to add security cameras and WIFI service for residents as well.



After that we turned our attention to Valley Grove where we added electrical service so we could begin to hold events there. And we did - we were able to bring live music to Valley Grove at last with our "Endless Summer Concert".



As usual, many great 2023 accomplishments were spearheaded by individual POENB members as well. If you're stuck behind a PSEG road crew waiting to get on or off the neck, you might thank John and Christine Ballow. No really, thank them . . . because the short delay you may experience means that PSEG road crews are out burying lines so that we all have fewer power "blips" and outages.



Getting the utility to act took a huge amount of their time and dedication. So too did the efforts being made at the decaying Bevin seawall. Once again, the Ballows and a board of volunteers formed a coalition of homeowner groups and beach associations impacted by the wall's failure, including the POENB. Harnessing strength in numbers, they got everyone to the table and pressed our political leadership to "do something". Now they have finally begun.



The incoming board is excited to accomplish even more in 2024. We remind all that we cannot make these improvements without membership support, so please stay active or consider joining. This year's membership officially ends on March 31st but we'll be sending out info on 2024 renewals starting in February.

We wish everyone a joyful and healthy holiday and a very Happy New Year.!

Your POENB Board

December 2023

POENB Minutes for Friday, December 3, 2023:

The meeting was held in person from 7:10 pm to 7:35 pm at the Eaton's Neck Firehouse.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a roll call of officers.

Officer Roll Call:

- Frank Pasquale - President (absent)
- Ryan Schaefer-Walker - Vice President
- Anthony Fusaro - Treasurer (absent)
- Yvonne Lambertson - Asst. Vice President Technology, Web, Communications (absent)
- Steve Neuf - Asst. Vice President (Engineering & Special Projects)
- Sally Neal - Recording Secretary
- Nancy Reagan - Corresponding Secretary

Attendance:

Approximately 25 members, including officers, were in attendance.

Ryan Schaefer-Walker's motion to accept last month's minutes as posted on the POENB website and in the Changing Tides was seconded and the minutes were approved.



Correspondence: (Nancy Reagan)

Nancy reviewed the list of inquiries, comments and other correspondence that the Board received during the month of November. The dates, person or persons initiating the question/correspondence and the topic discussed (if relevant) are listed below. The Board's responses to selected items are also included.

● 11.8.23 - Request from PSEG's utility arborist, Stephen Lofaro, to remove a branch from an Elm tree at Valley Grove on Westview Drive. This large branch has grown very close to the primary electric lines and was also interfering with PSEG's radio communications.



POENB Income Statement & Cash Account Balances as of December 3, 2023

<u>Income</u>	
Beach Usage/Rental Fees	\$2,016.21
Changing Tides Ads	\$0.00
Interest Income – Bank	\$0.00
Membership Dues	
Senior	\$18,776.25
Standard	31,257.54
Total	\$50,033.79
Social Events	
4th July	\$935.00
Parti Gras	4,935.82
Endless Summer	1,640.00
Total	\$7,510.82
Watercraft Income	\$638.50
Total Income	\$60,199.41
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank Charges & Fees	\$60.00
Beach Expenses	7,534.03
Beach Improvements	10,104.29
Beach Security Expense	3,651.89
Changing Tides Expense	2,935.18
Meeting Expenses	10.85
PayPal Fees	932.16
QuickBooks Payments Fees	16.74
NY State Sales Tax	26.67
<u>Social Expenses </u>	
4th July Parade	\$1,500.00
Egg Hunt	490.70
Parti Gras	4,280.23
Endless Summer	2,273.42
Halloween Parade and Fire Safety Event	210.72
Total Social Expenses	8,755.07
Software/Website Expenses	362.09
Utilities	
Prices Bend	6,307.20
Valley Grove	879.91
Total	\$7,187.11
Total Expenses	\$41,576.08
Net Income	\$18,623.33
<u>Balance Sheet Items as of December 1, 2023</u>	
● Operating checking account	\$ 32,087.62
● Beach Infrastructure Fund checking account	5,400.00
● 50/50 Savings account	640.16
● PayPal Bank	540.01
● Petty Cash on hand	200.00
Total Cash	\$38,867.79

For public safety reasons, the Board approved PSEG's request to cut this branch.

●11.9.23 - Copy of a letter written by John Ballow on behalf of the Greater Eaton's Neck Community in support of VOA Mayor Leticia's letter to Mr. Matthew Chlebus at the NYS DEC asking for the ACOE to re-engage with TOH and VOA regarding studying and repairing the Bevan Seawall.

●Multiple emails, from new homeowners regarding interest in (1) POENB membership, (2) watercraft space, (3) mooring procedures, and (4) POENB committee participation/service.



Treasurer's Report: (Ryan Schaefer-Walker)
(on behalf of Anthony Fusaro)

Ryan provided highlights from the Income Statement for the period January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023 and three Balance Sheet line items as of December 1, 2023.

As shown in the Income Statement, net income for the first 11 months of POENB's operations was approximately \$18.6 K.

As part of the Board's routine year-end review of the financials, in December, some minor revenue reclassifications (<\$2K) were made between Beach Usage Income and Membership Income. Additionally, in December, expenses were reclassified between Beach Expenses and Beach Improvements to more accurately reflect the nature of the expense.

In addition to the beach expense reclassification, in November, POENB also paid for electrical improvements made to Valley Grove.

Before the end of the year, POENB will receive and must pay two significant bills: (1) insurance and (2) beach landscaping. The 2024 insurance premium (estimated to be

\$12K) is 20% more than POENB paid in 2023. POENB's landscaping service is estimated to be \$7.7K. The landscaper provides POENB one bill for annual services at the end of the year.

Additionally, expense payments due in December include (1) utilities (water and power) for November and December, (2) Q4 '23 internet services for the security camera at Price's Bend, (3) contractor services to move a large pile of dirt at Price's Bend to Valley Grove, and (4) selected small payments associated with the Turkey Trot and other miscellaneous activities.

By the end of the December 2023, the dirt pile currently residing at the entrance to Prices Bend will be relocated from PB to VG. The dirt will be used to level the ground at the top of the VG bulkhead/retaining wall.

The projected net income for 2023 is expected to be a deficit of approximately \$2 to \$3K.

That said, as can be seen in the abbreviated balance sheet (assets only), POENB has plenty of cash on hand and also has a health equity account (not shown). The \$2-3K deficit simply means that POENB's equity account will decrease by \$2-3K.



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POENB's financial condition continues to remain strong. Please see the report on Page 2 for details.

President's Report: (Ryan Schaefer-Walker)
(on behalf of Frank Pasquale)

Ryan asked John Ballow to provide an update on two public safety issues.

1. **PSEG** - John Ballow stated that the "go live" date for the completion of the underground electric lines is December 27th. PSEG stated that the operational team is on track to make that deadline. In Q1 '24, PSEG will conduct extensive tree trimming and will also complete the installation of several "smart switches." These switches will help identify and isolate the source of electrical power loss as well as more rapidly restore electrical power during a storm or other event. PSEG has provided detail on the status of its efforts on its website. <https://www.psegliny.com/reliability/EatonsNeck>. If members have further questions, they may call PSEG Long Island Customer Service at 1-800-490-0025 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

2. **Bevin Seawall** - The Bevin Seawall is rapidly deteriorating and John Ballow, as Eaton's Neck representative, is working with multiple impacted stakeholders to:

- Further educate local, state, and federal politicians of the public safety hazards to the 2,000 residents living north of Bevin Road (inability to access fire, police, and health services), and
- Provide a fact base to help politicians (Village of Asharoken (VOA), Town of Huntington (TOH), Suffolk County, and NYS) collaborate with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the US Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) on solutions and funding.

As discussed in prior editions of the Changing Tides, the VOA has secured two \$1 million grants.

- The first \$1 million is an earmark from Sen. Schumer to substantially repair several hundred feet of collapsing steel.
- The second \$1 million is a hazard Mitiga-



EATON'S NECK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department's need for new members is a topic of continuing concern for the Eaton's Neck community. Trained firefighters are essential, and are needed by the department as current members age out of being interior fire fighters. If you are a new or recent resident of the community please consider joining the fire department. Stop by the fire house on Sunday mornings, or speak with a neighbor who is a member of the department for information.

In case of an emergency call 911 for immediate assistance. To help guide responders, turn on the front lights of your home.

As the seasons change from the hurricane season to the heating season please use care with portable heaters, fireplaces and wood burning stoves. Review instructions concerning fire extinguisher use and consider a new product for fire extinguishment called the fire blanket. It is easy to use, especially on kitchen fires where 48% of fires in homes start. The ease of use is important because the NFPA reports that 83% of Americans do not know how to operate a fire extinguisher! For more information about this product google fire blanket . It is 40" x 40", and smothers fire by cutting off oxygen, it is reusable and leaves no mess.

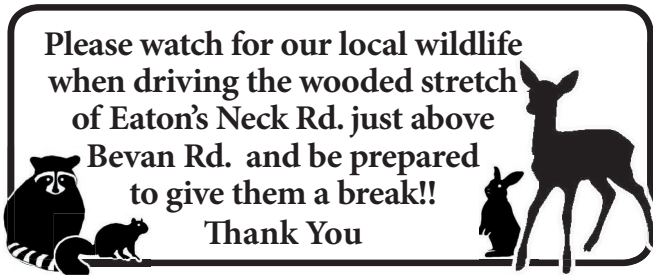
The department thanks you for your support of the annual Christmas tree sale and wishes everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Yours for fire safety, Rich Baer

tion Grant to prepare an engineering solution to permanently restore the seawall and the beach.

- Both grants have a local share meaning that VOA (ideally with NYS) must fund \$250K of the first \$1 million grant and \$107,600 of the second \$1 million grant.
- In order to access the Seawall grants, VOA

Mayor Leticia (in conjunction with the TOH) must first issue RFPs (request for proposal) to qualified firms. These firms will be asked to bid on a comprehensive engineering study to design a permanent solution to ensure safe and secure passage through the Seawall area for residents who live beyond Bevan Road.



John stated that the greater Eaton's Neck community is continuing to push forward on permanently repairing the Seawall. The current "sticking point" is the ability/willingness of the VOA to fund the local share of the two grants (~\$300K). Assuming each of the 300 homes in VOA equally contributed to the local cost share, each home would be "taxed" an additional \$1K. Since only 100 of the 300 homes are above the Seawall and would be impacted in the event of a breach, the 200 un-impacted residents may be reluctant to shoulder such a financial burden. The VOA, therefore, is exploring other options to fund the local share.

John stated that Assemblyman Brown, NYS Senator Mattera, and SC Legislator Bontempi have been "excellent" and highly supportive of permanently repairing the Seawall.

Unfortunately, other elected representatives have not been as helpful or enthusiastic. John and the Greater Eaton's Neck community will continue to put pressure on TOH politicians as well as Rep LaLota, Sen Gillibrand, both of whom are both up for re-election in 2024.

This pressure includes continual education given that many local (NYS, SC, and TOH) politicians believe that all persons living north of Bevan Road are residents of Asharoken.

A member asked about using the Coast Guard station as "leverage" to permanently repair the Bevan Seawall. John stated that because the USCG military base is deemed to be "self-sufficient" in terms of power (back-

up generators), food, water and other necessities, the US Government does not believe the Coast Guard base would be negatively impacted if the Bevan Seawall was breached.

Finally, John asked that POENB members continue to support the work of the Greater Eaton's Neck Community to "keep the pressure on" our elected officials. We need to use our collective, tax-paying voices to improve public safety on Eaton's Neck.

Other Business:

(2024 POENB Officer Nominations - Christine Ballow)

Christine Ballow, the Chair of the Nominating Committee (one of POENB's five standing committees), read the slate of candidates for 2024. The candidates are:

- President - Tom Kehoe
- VP - Ryan Schaefer- Walker
- VP - Yvonne Lambertson - IT, website and watercraft
- VP - Steve Neuf - Beach and Special Projects
- Treasurer - Anthony Fusaro
- Recording Secretary - Sally Neal
- Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Reagan

A vote was held and all candidates were elected unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 pm on Friday, January 5th at the Firehouse.



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Bulletin Board

**Happy New Year
from the Changing Tides
Editorial Staff . .**

Ryan Cote
& Pete Cartwright



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Thank you for another year
of getting the Changing Tides Out! !

Block Captain Coordinators for 2023 . .

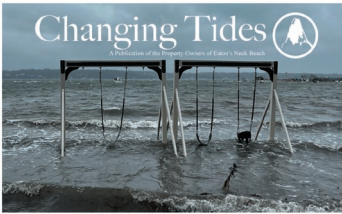
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President's Message

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

When I was asked in this just December if I figured I'd have a few months to get my feet wet. Just before Christmas, Mother Nature obliged -- flooding not only feet but both our beaches. We get lucky on this one, but it's a reminder of how fragile beaches have become. And a reminder that POEBN's ability to restore its beaches depends on a strong membership.

As we turn the calendar on another new year here on THE NECK! We're all looking forward to the upcoming beach season and your POEBN board has been working hard to get ready. Thank you to all the members that took the time to answer the 2023 Membership Survey, we had 85 responses and received some great feedback! Keep an eye out for the full results shortly.

Our social calendar is just about finalized. We will have new events along with some returning activities but goodies. Stay tuned and find out! The plan this year is to get our full calendar of events out to each beach membership as close as possible.

Very shortly the 2023 membership drive will begin and we need your help. We will be asking everyone to renew their membership or, if not yet a member, to join for the first time. This leads to our biggest need - volunteers. A Beach Survey would also be NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION to the ultimate exercise in democracy. No voice in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Our vision is to create a community that connects to all of our humanity, our kindness, our beaches and each other.

Frank Pasquale
POEBN President

January 2023



President's Message

"The opposite of courage is not cowardice, it's conformity. Even a dead fish can go with the flow." - Jim Tagliavento

We have some real big fish problems out here on the Neck. Fish of water; as demonstrated by our ongoing drainage issues. Fish of electricity; intelligent monthly by the February storm that took out PEGE's power and a whole lot of some heating pipes. And the ever-present fish of traf-

fic. Some of the Board and our membership's want to extend my sympathy and concern for all those who sustained damages in the February 24 power outage. While not a POEBN issue specifically, it's one of quality of life. We are lucky to have a group of smart, courageous and concerned residents from all parts of Eaton's Neck and Adirondack who have taken it upon themselves to coordinate efforts among the different experts and responder associations. They have given the flow going in a good way...needed communication.

I encourage all to follow their progress by tapping into the several Neck-related social media platforms. Please consider supporting their efforts by getting informed; it's not only the quality of one's life is usually determined by the quality of one's contribution.

The POEBN's annual membership drive is in full swing. As of March 11, we had 121 members which puts us ahead of last year's pace. We encourage you to consider making one of the early bird special and sign up by March 31st. The vision of this board is to create a community connected by humanity, common beaches and common kindness. Down to you another.

Frank Pasquale
POEBN President

February / March 2023



President's Message

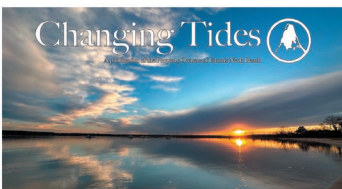
April presents her green traffic light and Eaton's Neck hits the gas and says, "GO!" Spring is all about new beginnings and transitions. It's a season that symbolizes starting fresh and starting over. After months of cold temperatures that can result in many of us feeling the winter blues, spring reawakens us and our reading environment, bringing everything back to life. This time of the year is what life on the Neck is all about - a NECK LIFE!

Which brings me to another new beginning, a new beach season. Our first official POEBN social event of the year: The POEBN Easter Egg Hunt, was a huge success. We have many more events planned for the summer, so please check our social calendar for dates and times. Several beach cleanup dates have been scheduled to bring our properties, facilities and beaches into prime condition. First will be the Prices Bend Clean Up on May 6, with a rain date of May 7. Valley Grove will follow on May 20th. Please come down and give back to your community whether it be for one hour or several. The beaches belong to all, so we really need everyone's participation.

Also, the POEBN membership drive is in full swing. As of April 20 we had 214 members, which puts us way ahead of last year's pace. I continue to be excited about the amazing amount of new faces walking the streets of our community. We have many new families, couples and residents on Eaton's Neck and I look forward to meeting you all in person and welcoming you to POEBN events in the coming months. Like your POEBN Board, which is made up of volunteers, it is a Neck Village! Our village only gets better with every new member. Please join today and be part of it.

Frank Pasquale
POEBN President

April 2023



President's Message

"In Early June the world of leaf and blades and flowers explodes and every sunset is different." - John Steinbeck

With the meteorological summer upon us, THE NECK has been exploding with new activity. We kicked off the season with two very successful beach cleanups and Frank all who volunteered their time can be found inside this issue. If you missed anyone, please let us know! Members, we appreciate YOU!

Lots of other new things have been happening too. We've pleased to report that we have installed new security cameras down at Prices Bend. We're also adding wifi for member meetings (payments in the minutes). Lastly we have new fencing installed at Prices Bend! Exciting existing material was gathered and re-installed on the west side of the property and new fencing was installed from the path a gully to east. A very big shout out to all those involved in the planning, bidding, purchasing and installing.

Our first social event of the season, "The 100 Club" was a huge success! The perfect weather came in to order and a few new additions like face painting and the car cream trucks were a big hit with the children. Huge thanks to Heather Kennedy & Ryan Schaefer-Walker who ran the show, plus all the volunteers who made it go.

The fourth of July is just around the corner. Please come out and enjoy the best parade and the most you can have on our Nation's Birthday.

Here's another quote: resonated with me, "Everything good, everything magical happens between the months June and August." - "INCKLIFE"

Frank Pasquale
POEBN President

May / June 2023



President's Message

"Everything good, everything magical, happens between the months of June and August." - "INCKLIFE"

We had surprises in the middle of a beautiful summer! We had started strong, with lots of the best Fourth of July parties in my remembrance. Even with multiple down pours, the turnout was very impressive. I personally would like to thank, The Eaton's Neck Fire Department, our board and all our members that made this day such a great experience for all, year in and year out.

Our membership drive has once again, exceeded the previous year's numbers and is still growing. The board would like to thank all of you, who have joined this month. If you haven't joined as of a member yet, please consider do so. These funds make it possible for us to maintain/improve our beaches and upgrade our infrastructure, having a well-maintained beach increases our property values.

Our next big event is just around the corner: ENDESS SUMMER 7th CONCERT will return again this year on September 15th. Please take advantage of the early bird pricing before August 15th. Division Street Band will be performing live from 3 pm till sunset, catered food, servers, and soft drinks will be provided in the lowest price. This will, in an event, not be missed. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. (BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!) It's going GREAT!

"Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance." - "Ina Oso"

Frank Pasquale
POEBN President

July / August 2023



President's Message

And all at once, summer collapsed his full. "Oso! Wills! Fall is officially upon us here on the Neck. The weeks have grown colder and the days are getting shorter. As we look forward to trees changing colors, we should be grateful for the wonderful summer season we just enjoyed in our paradise.

We closed our summer 2023 with our second annual Endless Summer Concert! The Valley Grove band was the perfect backdrop to the Division Street Band who added to their earlier members enjoyed great food and great music. Both bands had a great time with their supporters and POEBN once again put on an amazing show for our community. I'm a special shout out to Ryan Schaefer-Walker, Heather Kennedy and Ben and Cassie Kings for making this event happen. Thank you to everyone who supported the concert and the POEBN. The new power will also expand use of both POEBN beach properties.

Members that wish to join our new, which means we will need to be removed from the rolls, please let December 15th to us can get the news cleaned up and maintained for your enjoyment next season. Our base of members will be the best in the industry and the only one we can do with the respect and participation of our members. Thank you for your help.

Get out the seas, start bringing in the threaded and put some hot coco on the stove. Fall is one of the most awesome on Eaton's Neck and we get into, trees and happy trees come.

Frank Pasquale
POEBN President

September 2023



President's Message

The sandpipers may be heading south for the winter, but as I type this we are experiencing yet another beautiful, autumn day. People like to talk about the beauty of New England, but have you noticed whose leaves are America's most colorful on Halloween Day? ... "Just saying" ... and Speaking of Halloween, we had another great parade and party on October 28th. Those of you who were brought to you courtesy of the hard work and event planning of Christine Nastos, Mike O'Donohue and Ryan Schaefer-Walker. If you see them, please express your thanks, and while you're at it, think of events you can help organize to make the Neck the special place that it is.

A bit of Halloween advice to all those teens too old to march and too cool to get dressed up anymore... find a costume, grab a drink or treat bag and let yourself for a bit. Life happens every day. Enjoy these years. Plus, we moms and dads take it when we only get one thing at the door all night. In recent years some Eaton's Neck homes have gone all out on Halloween. There were killer clones walking the end of Eaton's Neck Road last in an amazing haunted house. And I'm having rumors of full-sized candy bars on Cherry Lawn. Get out there, be safe and have fun.

Next up, our Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day.

Frank Pasquale
POEBN President

October 2023



President's Message

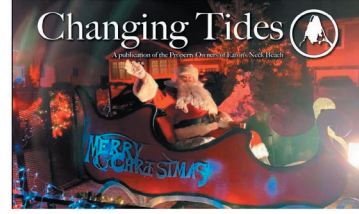
As the leaves make one final drop, the skies darken way too soon & families gather for their Thanksgiving treat, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible sense of community that defines our little beach haven. We wide everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving with particular appreciation to the 257 households who joined POEBN this year. That figure is yet another record year and we hope to continue to grow further.

The purpose of POEBN is to care for and maintain our beautiful beaches. We cannot do it without the support of our members. New members should realize that unless most beach associations, which have mandatory dues, POEBN is non-compulsory. If nobody joins, we have no money to replenish the beaches after a wash out. Or replace the fence. Or upgrade the electric. Or hold a Halloween Parade for the kids. Member dues are critical to carrying our mission of protecting and preserving this amazing place we call home. So, it doesn't really matter if you ever attend a party or a parade or even a kayak. If you live here, please consider your membership an investment in the place you're lucky enough to call home.

We have completed many beach improvements this year plan on adding to that list in the years to come. If you don't join in 2023, please make 2024 the year that you do. Your continued support will keep Eaton's Neck beautiful.

The POEBN Board

We wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.
November 2023



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As usual, many great 2023 accomplishments were spearheaded by individual POEBN members as well. If you're stuck behind a PEGE road crew waiting to get on or off the neck, you might thank John and Christine Bellow. He really, thank them... because the short delay you may experience means that PEGE road crew are out burning tires so that we all have fewer potholes "holes" and potholes.

Getting the utility to look a huge amount of their time and dedication. So too did the efforts being made at the occupancy group and beach associations impacted by the neck's future, including the POEBN. Harnessing strength in numbers, they get everyone to the table and present our political leadership to "do something". How they have finally begun.

The incoming board is excited to accomplish even more in 2024. We remind all that we cannot make these improvements without membership support, so please stay active or consider joining. This year's membership officially ends on March 31st but we'll be sending out info on 2024 renewals starting in February.

We wish everyone a joyful and healthy holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Your POEBN Board

December 2023

And that's the Year that was on Eaton's Neck in 2023 Looking Forward to a Terrific 2024!!