

RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

RIRA January 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm on Jan 17, 2019 by Russell Brown. It was held at the New Williamsburg Restaurant, which Ron Parker graciously opened for our meeting. Pizza was provided and beverages were served.

Treasurer's report: At the end of December we had \$5,135. (See below for summary) Still outstanding: Trees, costing \$244, were planted by Gordy on Shore Drive.

Russ asked for volunteers to plant flowers and/or small plants around our 3 Rumsey Island signs. Bob and Anita volunteered to do the sign on Towne Center Drive, and Manuel and Judy volunteered to help.

The subject of water testing was introduced. The last two reports of water testing last year did not have good results. Barbara Risacher sent an e communication to Ms. Mumby at Harford County.gov to request that the board of health include in their budget funds for testing of the swimmable water quality around Marina Point park and the Rumsey Island community (this same safety measure is already being done by Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties in their waterfront communities). She also asked for sufficient money in the Park and Recreation budgets to maintain the county parks in our area. A third request was to work toward replacing our 50-year-old street light for better quality lighting, with better energy efficiency. Planning for budgeting for the upgrade of Joppatowne High School and space for expansion of Harford Community College into the lower Route 40 corridor and planning for a community center in our neighborhood were also requested.

Ralph is working with the county to determine how Harford county is going to monitor the water quality in our area. Manuel made a motion to continue our own water testing for the time being. Ralph made a motion that all results will be published on our website and both motions were passed.

We will be inviting our county council rep to a future meeting.

Barbara encouraged us all to become involved by contacting Harford County Executives, so that we can continue to improve our community.

If you are unable to attend a public hearing (times and dates on their website) you can send written comments to: Harford Transit LINK, 1311 Abington Rd, Abingdon, Md 21009 or via email to: hcts@HarfordCountyMD.gov

In community improvement efforts, it was suggested that 3 trees be planted, costing up to \$100, in Neptune Circle.

A motion was made and passed.

Russell spoke to the marina about hosting the crab feast this year (September). It was felt by that the price may be a little high, and that we try to negotiate a little better price, while also looking for alternate locations.

There is some dredging going on now in some of the public areas of the canal. Dredging is an ongoing project for our areas.

There is concern about the bulkheads, as they are reaching the end of their projected life (which was 50 years and has been exceeded). Also, our water levels at high tides seems to be rising, and this is also a concern. There are currently government tax programs available to assist home owners who need bulkheads replaced. We will need to look at alternatives for helping with this much needed upgrade.

There are ongoing Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings on the first Monday of each month at the Harford County Police station on Route 40 7-9pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Russell has been given some free paint to spiff up our fire hydrants in the neighborhood, and is looking for volunteers, when the weather gets a little warmer. Also, the rest of the storm drains in the neighborhood need to have the stenciled message put on them, saying that we don't put anything down the drains except rain water.

Ralph suggested that the light posts along the Shore Drive entrance to our community be painted.

It was also suggested by one of our newest members that we add some community fun days to our calendar and invite people from other communities to attend. Any ideas for activities would be great!

We will need to start planning for this year's activities, starting with our next meeting.

2019 DUES are due!

A 50/50 raffle was held, which gave the winner and the association \$65.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Submitted by **Judy Gonzalez** Secretary
Rumsey Island Residents Association

Treasurer's Report: October 18, 2018 - November 15, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$5,968.04
Dues Collected	\$241.74
50/50 - Oct	\$5.00
Total Credits	\$246.74
Printing Crab Feast tickets	\$26.50
Crab Feast Expenses	\$100.00
PayPal Here swiper	\$17.19
Fall Yard Waste Pickup	\$750.00
Total Debits	\$893.69
Ending Balance	\$5,321.09

Treasurer's Report: November 15, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$5,321.09
Dues Collected	\$815.22
Holiday Party	\$518.30
50/50 - Dec	\$190.00
Total Credits	\$1,523.52
Holiday Party	\$1,469.00
Lights Contest	\$100.00
PO Box	\$140.00
Total Debits	\$1,709.00
Ending Balance	\$5,135.61