

RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 2021

The Rumsey Island Residents Association held a general meeting on April 15, 2021 at the Portside North Restaurant on Rt. 40. Present were officers and board members Walt Smith, Joyce Brown, Ron Parker, Russ Brown, Bev Kott, Bob Walko and Dion Guthrie along with 26 general members. That made up a quorum for voting purposes with a total of 32 residents in attendance.

Walt Smith, President, called the meeting to order and the following matters were discussed:

Sharon Pry, our former Treasurer, was present tonight and offered to take role and collect dues in place of our current Treasurer, Anita Sands, who could not attend the meeting. Sharon reported that we had 48 members who had paid their 2021 RIRA dues at this time.

Walt indicated that we have approximately \$5,000 in the treasury account at this time.

Walt proposed that we conduct a Spring Yard Waste pickup and that Ralph Comegna would organize that. Last fall's yard waste pickup cost \$750. Ralph would contact GFL and get a price. Walt asked for a vote and received approval. Walt also requested funding for Ralph to do the annual clean up, mulching and plantings around our RIRA signs. Cost is usually several hundred dollars. This request was also approved.

Walt said that he has received several emails from residents asking about a Spring Yard Sale. He explained that this was not a RIRA event but that RIRA has always supported the yard sales and posted notice on our Island signs and posted other signs out on Joppa Farm Road. This year, Morgan Anderson, has begun to schedule several Rumsey Island yard sales starting with May 15 and 16 Morgan is also proposing to have other dates in June and in September. We will again support these events.

Walt then began to talk about the need to have the election of officers tonight. He said that all 4 officer positions can have a volunteer or nomination to run for election. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Walt spoke about the duties of each officer and what people could expect. He encouraged members to run for office and said that there is always good support from former officers and from the Board. Walt said that Anita would like to continue to be Treasurer and he nominated her.

John Berry offered to run for Secretary. Walt asked for a show of hands to elect John and a majority, if not everyone, voted in favor.

Walt then asked for a show of hands to re-elect Anita as Treasurer. Anita received overwhelming support also and will continue as Treasurer.

Walt then asked for nominations or volunteers for President and Vice-President. Despite much encouragement from Walt, no one offered to volunteer. Walt made it clear that he was retiring and said he would turn the matter over to the Board of Directors.

At his point Walt took some questions and comments from the people in attendance.

Ron Parker spoke about the potential for crime in the neighborhood and suggested a couple of cameras to video all cars entering and leaving the Island. He offered to pay a portion of the monthly costs to operate the system. Dion Guthrie suggested that funds remaining from the contribution to paint the bridge could be used as well. Ron will get an estimated cost for the system.

Someone proposed that we have a safety seminar.

Dion said that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is being scheduled and will be held in Joppatowne this year. Details will be coming soon.

Someone asked about who cuts the median on Shore Drive. Others said that it was under county contract. The contractor does a terrible job leaving large clumps of grass in the middle of the media. Someone said to call the county. Someone said to use the county's Click-it and Fix-it app.

Barbara Risacher spoke about our environment and the need to plant more trees around the Island as well as participate in cleanup projects in the surrounding Gunpowder State Park. She offered to help coordinate any efforts with DNR.

Russ Brown stood and said that he has been speaking with his wife, Joyce Brown about volunteering for the office of President. Russ asked for a vote. A vote was called and Joyce was elected.

At this point, the official portion of the meeting was concluded.

Jane Smith, member