

RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

RIRA April 19, 2018

Meeting began at 7:10pm

Appetizers are a snack, not a meal. The money that pays for it is from the 50/50.

Meeting minutes from last month are on line. Approve Dion, second Ralph

Ralph C. - Culverts are still being painted. Yard waste costs \$750. Donation to buy wristbands for the carnival \$300
Signs were weeded and mulched. Ralph will get more mulch and finish.

Paint for Chesapeake Bay – Blue, yellow and white.

Thank Barb, Ralph, Vincent and Joyce for mulching and planting at the islands.

Yard Waste Saturday May 19th. No plastic bags. Paper only for the yard waste pickup. Dues are due by 5/12 to be able to participate in the yard waste pickup.

Gordy put the two new trash cans in at the two entrances to the park. Please put holes in the plastic bags if you replace them along Shore Drive or Bridge.

Click it/fix it on the road next to Redners. Ralph called, and it has been cleaned up. Ralph and Barb are hoping to clean up the area between the post office and Shore drive, let Ralph know if you are able to help. Joppa Development and Heritage has a group that addresses businesses. Stop by Redners and ask them to help clean up the mess because it is their fault.

Mariner Point work day 4/28, Mountain Christian Church will be helping. Looking for people to separate their daffodils and plant them either at the park or on Shore Drive.

Ralph – everyone choose a light pole and design it. – May need bail money for Ralph.

Notice – amendment to allow renters to be members of RIRA – Approve – all. None opposed.
Remove term restrictions from the bylaws to remove term limits. All in favor except Mike(HAHA).

Election of officers. We need nominations from the floor.

Newly elected officers are:

President – Russ Brown

VP – Mike Donoghue

Treasurer – Sharon Pry

Secretary – Judy Gonzalez

Board – Ralph, Vincent, Dion, Ron (Gordy – past president)

Joyce posted on NextDoor – Speed on island – Some talk about using sign on Rumsey Island to mention speed. “Drive like your kids live here” or possibly premade signs, or we can get one painted. Move the sign on a regular basis. Police will come with their trailer to measure traffic, but the one they have is broken. We could purchase a solar speed sign.

River Keeper- Theaux Le Gardeur – The following issues were discussed:

- DNA mapping project in the Gunpowder and Chesapeake – (Smithsonian) –
- New Zealand snails – like salt- about size of dime, can be 50,000/meter. Disturb fishing spawning areas.
- Algae in the upper river is being identified and it looks to be a New Zealand algae. Disrupting our ecosystem.
- Legal projects – see report. Georgetown law will help with United Container – discharge permit doesn't allow the amount of Nitrogen that was released.
- Environmental Action Center is also partnering with the RiverKeeper. Water is too hot to be entering into the water where trout are. Was 12,000 miles of trout stream, is now only 800 miles of trout stream. Trout can't survive over 68 degrees. Water is 74.5 degrees. The colder the water, the better for the environment.
- MDE permit has 2000 violations.
- School age children – lost a member of the Gunpowder Riverkeeper. Scholarship for high school student. \$500 each for 2 students, one male, one female.
- Trust but verify the depth of the dredging in the Gunpowder. The county didn't empty the center of the park last time. Has settled some since then. Butch was told that it would take 2 years for the sediment to settle in the park.

Maryann Forgan – New resolution 4-18. Mountain Christian Church. Meeting will be on May 1st. To go from a ground water surface permit to replace septic with treated sewage and the water will be discharged into the Little Gunpowder. The treatment would have to comply with wastewater standards. The cost of running the plant is a large issue. Are there options besides this? The water from Loch Raven should be running down the Big Gunpowder, but it is all being sent to other counties. Dredging companies will do spar dredging. You can contact the dredging company to have the area near each pier to pay yourselves.

Dion – presented some info on the hotel tax and how much is available to district A.

50/50 total \$102 – Ralph Won

Christine Guay, Secretary
Rumsey Island Residents Association

Treasurer's Report: Mar 15, 2018 - April 19, 2018

Beginning Balance	\$5,747.33
Dues Collected	\$479.00
50/50 raffle (March)	\$50.00
Total Credits	\$529.00
Parkers (appetizers, April)	\$50.00
PayPal fee	\$3.78
Printron, newsletters	\$51.94
Total Debits	\$105.72
Ending Balance	\$6,170.61