

Sengekocket Community Corporation
49th Annual Members' Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2024

LOGISTICS

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

Meeting ended at 10:10 AM.

The meeting was recorded on zoom and several members logged into it.

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors: Betsy Gildroy, Gail Howe, Barrie Levine, Bill Westman

Officers: C.L. Gildroy, Treasurer; Susan Hobart, Secretary

Absent: Les Goldstein, Michael Price, Valerie Stone

Members at the meeting:

Janet & Jim Aram, Rosemary Blair, Evelyn Brady, Milton & Lori Britton, Ed Cavazuti, Lois, Lauren & Bob Dwartz, Marian & Bill Foster, John Gannon, Paula Harker, David Hobart, Jayne & Neil Isford, Bob & Nancy Laroque, Dale Leibach, Barrie Levine, Sarah & John Lolley, Anne Manning, John Nagourney & Wendy Mariner, Greg Massard, Janet & Phil Notopoulos, Stephen Pogue, Erin Ruddy & Christine Savino, Alex Serge, Louise & Paul Swartz, Alexander van Dijk

Members listening via zoom:

Les Goldstein, Dianne Pinderhughes, Jennifer Turner, Eric VanNoy

WELCOME

Susan opened the meeting by welcoming members and having everyone introduce themselves.

ELECTION RESULTS

69 members out of a possible 87 submitted electronic proxy ballots.

Question	Description	Approved
1	Approve the actions of the Board of Directors for FY2024	Y
2	Retain the number of SCC Directors for FY2025 at 7	61 Y
3	Move annual meeting to first Saturday in July	51 Y, 18 N
4	Select Directors for FY2025 (ranked by number of votes)	Betsy Gildroy Les Goldstein Michael Price Bill Westman Barrie Levine Gail Howe Linda Shaw
5	Select Treasurer for FY2025 Select Secretary for FY2025	Ed Cavazuti Susan Hobart

The annual meeting next year will be held on July 5.

FINANCIALS

- C.L. had issued a comprehensive annual report before the meeting.
- After 16 years as Treasurer, C.L. is retiring. He shared some of the changes during his tenure as Treasurer.
 - The previous Treasurer, Alice Butler, had welcomed him by saying, “Good luck, we have no money.”
 - He introduced a formal accounting system and started Sengekontaktet on good business practices, such as not using special assessments to fund current operations because of lack of planning.
 - Over 16 years the Board collected approximately \$1,000,000 to:
 - Install granite street signs and remove the many non-standard signs
 - Repair the clubhouse
 - Clean up the shabby condition of the community
 - Cut back overgrown vegetation near courts, pond, boat launch and walking trails
 - Pave most of the road network
 - Find and clear the interior walking paths
 - Totally rebuild the tennis courts
 - Install good irrigation systems and add gardens and stone wall near tennis courts, irrigation and plantings at entrance and Box Turtle Circle
 - Rebuild a solid contingency reserve.

MAINTENANCE

- Betsy reported that she had Gordon clear the greenbelts within the community. Janet Aram requested that the greenbelt between the courts and Hidden Cove be cleared. Betsy explained that the Board’s policy has been not to clear the SCC perimeter greenbelts to deter trespassing and provide privacy, as requested by some residents.
- Prior to the meeting, Jennifer Turner requested that the vegetation around Turtle Pond be substantially cut back. Betsy explained that in 2017 SCC had appealed to Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission for permission to treat the vegetation in the pond, had hired a consultant, as required, but the consultant’s recommendation was denied.
- After the meeting, Jennifer Turner and Nila Gray agreed to form a committee to address all aspects of the pond’s condition and remediation.

COURTS

- Gail announced that the courts are scheduled to be resurfaced in spring 2025. The courts were installed in 2018.
 - Some members requested that a backboard be installed, but residents abutting and near the courts indicated concern about the noise.
 - After the meeting, Neil & Jayne Isford sent a letter to the Board formally requesting that a backboard not be installed.
- There was a discussion about non-residents using the courts. **Guests are permitted to use SCC facilities only if the resident or tenant is accompanying them.**

CLUBHOUSE

- Gail explained that members can reserve the clubhouse for events by contacting her, completing a form and providing a \$200 deposit that will be returned after it is cleaned.

SALTWATER DOCK

- Barrie introduced herself and explained that she manages the kayaks and will provide stickers to residents, with a limit of two per household. All kayaks must be stored on the racks and removed by December 1 for clean-up of the area.
- Bob Dwartz had left his boat on the dock for several days, which is not permitted. He said the motor is broken and he would remove it.
- Daytime parking is permitted in the dock area, but overnight parking is not allowed.
- Betsy said that the dock is still in good condition, but she has begun the process to repair it which, with permitting, will take a few years.

MAILBOXES

- Les Goldstein had researched and ordered the new package shed. Bill Westman announced that he cleared the poison ivy and brush and they installed the new shed for packages. It was painted to blend with the USPS mailboxes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Speeding continues to be an issue within the community. Contractors, the large landscaper vehicles and many residents are disregarding the 15 mph speed limit. Additionally, drivers are often not staying to the side, but rather driving in the middle of the road.
- Janet Aram requested that a speed bump be reinstalled on Sengekontacket.
 - The speed bump on Sengekontacket had been removed after three bicycle accidents occurred. It was at the bottom of the hill, so not situated to reduce speed. The second accident, several years ago, had resulted in a \$50,000 lawsuit that the insurance company had covered. The third, David Hobart was airlifted to MGH with multiple fractures, after which the speed bump was removed.
 - She volunteered to lead a committee to develop a proposal for speed bumps that will be placed more safely and strategically and will accommodate bicycles and scooters.
- There were questions about the orange extension cords connecting ComCast cable boxes along Sengekontacket Rd. Betsy will contact them.

Dale Leibach concluded the meeting with a sparkling water “champagne toast” to C.L. for his steadfast, excellent contributions to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hobart
Secretary