

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:40pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for the troops. Carol Bedell – Membership Secretary set up for the meeting but had to leave early, W. Paul Ziems – Treasurer, and Kathrine Soscia – Corresponding Secretary were present. Vice President Martin Bailey and Sergeant-At-Arms Bob Gluck were absent with prior notice.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Erma Gluck welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Erma passed along several announcements: from the Town Supervisor - For Love of Country concert July 27th a 5-9pm at the Longwood Estate in Ridge; from Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker's office Heritage Park will be hosting a Summer Concert Open Mic on July 31st; and the Free Summer Concert Series in Rocky Point; and the Brookhaven Lions club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sept 21st 8-10am at Applebee's in Farmingville.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer W. Paul Ziems reports that the balance in the treasury as of June 30, 2013 is \$3,754.00. Paul also reminded the membership that two Sundays remain in Summer Sundays for Families at the Lab. Be sure to bring ID.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Carol Bedell reported we have 106 paid members.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

None

PLANNING & LAND USE REPORT

As reported in Newsday the UA property will be breaking ground in the Fall and hooking up to the Sewage treatment facility at Bretton Woods, and with the Davis House exterior complete the Coram downtown is coming along.

HIGHWAY REPORT

None

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE REPORT

The second quarter issue of newsletter was just mailed out earlier in July and is also available online at the Civic website as well (www.coramcivic.org).

POLICE REPORT

None

DAVIS HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee has evolved into a separate New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation—**Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.** More information can be found at their website www.DavisTownMeetingHouse.org.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GUEST SPEAKER

State Senator John Flanagan spoke of his 27 years in government and his position on the Senate Education Committee. We take for granted all we have access to here on Long Island. Elected officials often react to what is brought to them. He recently passed a law to notify patients if they have dense breasts to aid in cancer detection. New York's number one job is educating children. Challenge is to fund education with all the diversity in the State. Libraries also play a critical role. The NYS Budget is the largest thing they do in Albany. Flanagan tries to serve constituents. He took questions from the floor regarding Race to the top funds distribution; Parks Access – every student has to take tests on computers at the same time – the State needs to fund this; Developments in state education issues; Mandate relief; LIPA restructuring, etc.

OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP

Dan Tomaszewski shared with the community that the AVR development project on William Floyd Parkway had been approved. The Open Space Council dropped the lawsuit. AVR donated \$2 million to help fund the clean up of Yaphank Lake.

50/50 DRAWING

Tonight's 50/50 was drawn by Senator Flanagan. Winner, Michael Grant donated his winnings back to the Civic. Thank you!

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 23, 2013. "Meet the Candidates". No meeting in August.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kathrine Soscia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Seconded by Paul Ziems. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathrine Soscia
Corresponding Secretary