

# THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Meeting Minutes May 29, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:39pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the troops. Martin Bailey – Vice President, Carol Bedell – Membership Secretary, W. Paul Ziems – Treasurer, Kathrine Soscia – Corresponding Secretary and Bob Gluck - Sergeant-At-Arms were present.

### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Erma Gluck welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Erma told the members present of the press conference held the week before at the Wincoram Commons. Shovels should finally be in the ground in the fall. A survey is going out to 700 homeowners around the development.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer W. Paul Ziems reports that the balance in the treasury as of April 30, 2013 is \$3,907.60 minus \$500 encumbered for the scholarship fund. Paul also updated the membership on the last BNL meeting – Cyber-security presentation - too many hacks to track but none get through. Subway surface to air flow analysis in NYC coming up in the summer. Summer Sundays for Families at the Lab. Shipping of 50' ring to Chicago in June via William Floyd to barge at Smith's Point.

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Carol Bedell reports we have 100 paid members. Be sure to pick up your membership card.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

None

### PLANNING & LAND USE

None

### HIGHWAY REPORTS

None

### NEWSLETTER

Latest issue just went out. Next issue in July. Back issues on the website.

### POLICE

None

### WEBSITE

Chris Reilly asked everyone to please check out [CoramCivic.org](http://CoramCivic.org). Let us know how we can be more relevant and get more members.

### 1 DAVIS HOUSE COMMITTEE

Maryanne Douglass informed everyone that the small building in the bag will be removed soon. Eagle Scout cleaning up cemetery. June 3rd they have a meeting with Connie Kepert. Next meeting of the committee will be on June 7th at the Library. Ballots for the officers will be cast. Looking for members and more money after becoming incorporated. There is a little money left in the town budget line for shoring up the inside of the house.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Civic is in need of a new Recording Secretary. Anyone interested please speak to Erma.

### NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Civic Community Service Scholarship to Erin O'Connor – senior at Longwood HS. Erin thanked the Civic for the scholarship and spoke of her accomplishments and plans for the future.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Supervisor Ed Romaine** spoke about Wincoram Commons and the continuation of the Blight-to-Light initiative started by former Supervisor Mark Lesko. Town budget problems: reserve depleted, union contracts previously signed will cost even more (union contracts call for 5% raise in 2014 & 5% in 2015 plus elimination of employee healthcare contributions). Needed to cut old capital projects to keep debt and costs down and keep good credit rating. 31% of Hwy budget and 25% of town spending goes to debt. Will shed non-performing assets including Yacht Clubs, J & R Steakhouse in Rocky Point. Discontinuing Town cell phones. Moving to VOIP. Won't raise taxes in 2014. For the first time in Suffolk county history we lost population. Difficult times ahead but we will make it through and we will be better. Some good things: Green initiative, 50 megawatts solar and wind power project. Land intensification plan to save open space. Protest petition for land owners, larger percentage of town board needed to override. Opened floor to questions from the membership. Study on noise pollution at Macarthur Airport. Projects, traffic, hwy, LIPA, trees, power lines, etc. Yaphank waste-to-energy plant.

## **OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP**

Shops along MCR need to clean up. Wood lot next to Mott House needs to be cleaned. Trucks at Home Depot parking lot shouldn't be allowed to be there. LIPA pole by Mobil Gas Station needs to be removed. Charles Pond will be cleaned up by cub scouts.

## **50/50 DRAWING**

Tonight's 50/50 was drawn by Ed Romaine. Winner, Donna Dunn, took home \$28.00.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, June 24, 2013. Guests: Dan Guilizo – Community Planning Center and 3<sup>RD</sup> District Assemblymen Ed Hennessey.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Bob Gluck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. Seconded by Martin Bailey. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathrine Soscia

Corresponding Secretary