

## THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### General Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for the troops. Martin Bailey – Vice President, Carol Bedell – Membership Secretary, W. Paul Ziems – Treasurer, and Kathrine Soscia – Corresponding Secretary were present. Sergeant-At-Arms Bob Gluck were absent with prior notice.

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Erma Gluck welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Erma informed the members and candidates present that each candidate would have 5 minutes to introduce themselves then questions would be opened up to the floor. She reminded everyone that Star registration notices would be coming out and offered the availability of the Youth Bureau newsletter for anyone interested.

Vice President Martin Bailey reported that Coram has the highest recycling rate in the town of Brookhaven. Cub Scouts have set up a table selling popcorn and candy.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer W. Paul Ziems reports that the balance in the treasury as of August 31, 2013 is \$3,569.09. Paul also gave his BNL report – controlled burns of the forest at the lab would be taking place to help cut down on potential brush fires. Fire Departments have been notified. The 18th Annual Pine Barrens research forum will be taking place on Oct. 3rd & 4th. Discovery Park – a new visitor center facility has been started. The lab had record setting attendance at Family Sundays.

#### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Carol Bedell reported we have 107 paid members.

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Kathrine Soscia read a thank you note form the Coram PTA for our Box Tops for Education collection. Kathrine also contacted Principal Denton at Coram School regarding the Chorus performing at our Tree Lighting again.

#### PLANNING & LAND USE

Erma reported that the Wincoram wetlands permit was approved; hoping for shovels in the ground soon.

#### HIGHWAY REPORTS

None

#### NEWSLETTER/WEBISTE

None

**POLICE**

None

**DAVIS HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Mary Ann Douglas presented the Civic with a plaque of recognition and appreciation for our support of the Davis House. The Yard Sale & Craft Fair held the previous Saturday was a success.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Van Johnson informed everyone that the Fire Department will hold its Annual Fire Prevention Open House on October 13th beginning at 12:00.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Tom Muratore could not attend.

Each candidate spoke for five minutes then took questions from the audience.

John McManmon (D), Candidate for the State Assembly 2nd District

Sarah Anker (D), Incumbent, Suffolk County Legislator 6th District

Anthony Palumbo (R), Candidate for the State Assembly, 2nd District

Jennifer Juengst (R), Candidate for the Suffolk County Legislator 6th District

**OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP**

Several first time attendees spoke of their concerns and willingness to get involved.

**50/50 DRAWING**

Tonights 50/50 was drawn by Carol Bedell. Winner, Steve Meszaros won \$13.00.

Next meeting: Monday, October 28, 2013. "Meet the Candidates" (primarily for Town of Brookhaven Supervisor, Council, & Department of Highways).

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Carol Bedell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm. Seconded by Kathrine Soccia. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathrine Soccia  
Corresponding Secretary