

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2014

The general meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:35pm, 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 braving the cold and attending. Meeting announcements now being sent via email to all membership.

GUEST SPEAKER

Supervisor Edward Romaine

Swore in our officers – Vice President Martin Bailey and Membership Secretary Carol Bedell were sworn in for another term.

Supervisor Romaine was impressed by the crowd in attendance and opened up the floor to questions and comments from the membership. Issues discussed included: bringing economic growth to area. Youth labor dept for summer. Brookhaven has full ten-year tax abatement for industrial improvements. Brookhaven is hindered by the state which is among the highest in corporate tax rates. Stony Brook tax free zone. Brookhaven Lab is working on addiction treatment, battery power. Need a regional approach to Long Island. Coram has done its share by offering the most rental housing.

Town debt ratio is very high and working to reduce. Focusing on cutting all extraneous costs. Needs more help but Town cut part time hours due to Obamacare. Town Vacant bldg registry. Writing a blight/maintenance code. Wants all signs taken down on poles and roadsides. Commercial rents have skyrocketed. Trucks parked in Home Depot Parking lot. Wants code enforcement. Members should report everything to council person. Civic pick the top 10 blight problems and present to town. Problem with homeless due to Social Services – state does not require housing to meet state code. 31% of town property off tax rolls. (80% is developed or preserved). Caithness is up for vote. Single stream recycling going very well. Working with schools to implement recycling as well Three Civic round tables and Chamber of Commerce round tables coming up in the Spring.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer W. Paul Ziems reports that the balance in the treasury as of December 31, 2013 is \$2,173.44. Paul also updated the membership on the last BNL meeting. BNL is working on new carbon technologies, super conductors, lithium fuel-cell batteries. Utility energy saving contract. Solar Farm. Tick Management.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Carol Bedell reports we have 57 paid members. Please renew your membership and be sure to pick up your membership card. Also we have a new business booster – Burger Shack.

VICE PRESIDENT

Martin asked for donations for Scouting for Food, bags are available for collecting food for the pantries. New battery technology being worked on for autos and other uses.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

No correspondence to report. We do still need a Recording Secretary if anyone is interested.

PLANNING & LAND USE

Going to closing on financing for UA Property. Bldg should be coming down and shovel in ground in Spring. Caithness hearing at town board meeting.

HIGHWAY REPORTS

None

NEWSLETTER

Back issues are available. Latest issue just went out.

POLICE

None

WEBSITE

Chris Reilly asked everyone to give Civic Board feedback at website.

DAVIS TOWN MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY, INC.

Maryanne Douglass reported that the abandoned building had been taken down in December. Working on getting grant money for interior work. Please join and check out website at www.DavisTownMeetingHouse.org.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP

Members were asked to send in vacant properties to present prioritized list to town.

50/50 DRAWING

50/50 was drawn by Maryanne Douglas. Winner, Alex Hanson, took home \$36.00.

Next meeting, Monday, February 24, 2014.

Guests: Congressman Timothy Bishop and Longwood CSD Superintendent Dr. Michael Lonergan.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Martin Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Seconded by Kathrine Soscia. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathrine Soscia
Corresponding Secretary