

## THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

November 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and the tragedy in Paris. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Robert Gluck, Carol Bedell, and Jean Hartling,

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**President: Erma Gluck** thanked Mildred Zimmerman for her annual donation to Save A Pet in name of the Coram Civic Association. She invited the membership to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 6. She reminded members that the offices of Vice President, Membership Secretary and Recording Secretary are up for election and requested any nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming. Recording Secretary, Jean Hartling, cast one vote for the slate of officers. Current officers will remain in office for an additional two-year term.

**Treasurer Paul Ziems** reported a balance of \$3221.02 at the end of October.

**Membership Chair Carol Bedell** announced there are 152 Civic members.

**Officer Gabaldi of the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct** provided an update on recent crime patterns and resolutions. The department is concentrating on issues along Rt. 25 as a priority. Inspector Bill Murphy is available to discuss resident issues. The vacant house issue discussed at the October Civic meeting has been resolved.

**Fire Commissioner Van Johnson**, candidate for re-election at the December 8<sup>th</sup> elections, provided an overview of his background and experience. He encouraged residents to exercise their voting rights. The Annual Santa parade will take place December 19<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Tree Sale at Substation 2 beginning November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Davis Town Meeting House Society President Maryanne Douglas** gave an update on recent progress. Steel beams and roof trussing and being installed. Assemblyman Steven Englebright is working on funding of \$125,000.00 for interior renovations.

### GUEST SPEAKER:

**Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy** gave an overview of his duties as chief fiscal officer for Suffolk County. He discussed his reasons for stressing more audits and accountability and less debt, explained the hotel/motel 3% lodging tax, and the consolidation of the Treasurer's and Comptroller's offices. The membership asked questions about recouping funds from improper recovery, performance monitoring, implications for the county of the excise tax and health insurance, and streamlining paperwork.

### General Discussion:

The membership raised questions about progress of commercial rentals at Wincoram Commons, renovations of the existing McDonalds and proposed new one at Pine Road, plans for the old Swap N Shop, Plaza 99, and needed restructuring of the intersection of Coram Mt. Sinai Road and Rt. 25.

### 50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Robert Gluck who donated it back to the Civic so the total donation of \$86.00 can be used to assist a needy local family at Thanksgiving.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Hartling, Recording Secretary