

**BEVERLY BEACH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**September 19, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am at the home of Linda Kemp.

Present: Trustees Joel Wight, Ron Buzard, Gordy Frederickson, Linda Kemp, Dianne Shiner, Robin Charlwood, and Member Jean Summers

Absent: Fred Marshall

**Trustee Transition**

Joel Wight thanked Jean Summers for her service on the Board. Jean will continue to work (with Dianne) on a procedures manual for the Board. Gordy Frederickson was welcomed to his first meeting.

**Annual Meeting Motion**

All were invited to comment on the annual meeting which was well attended and highly participatory. The rate structure was favorably received. Island County Hydrogeologist Doug Kelly was unable to attend. Robin has re-scheduled his presentation on seawater intrusion for Monday, Sept. 22, at 6 pm at the Charlwood home.

One concern was followup on the approved motion that "the Board investigate alternative methods for addressing the flushing discharge and report back to the membership". Ron noted the positive results of unidirectional flushing as demonstrated by our passing the Dept of Health contaminants test this year. He was also aware of several factors that have reduced the impact of the discharge, including Island County's past installation of a new culvert, catch basin and rip rap in the gully, and their intention to open the ditch from Brainers along Beach to the gully in the future. It was felt that education of the broad community on this issue was most important. Ron offered to prepare a responsive report regarding discharge and erosion for the Board to review. Then we will decide whether the opinion of an outside party should be sought.

**Volunteer Fund**

Treasurer Linda Kemp reported that annual fees are already coming in nicely, and that we ended the year last year with a carryover of only 1 small outstanding bills. One member proposed that we begin a voluntary fund to assist households who have difficulty in paying their bills. One contribution has already been received. After discussion, the Board decided NOT to formally begin such an account for many reasons, although we encourage caring neighbors to offer support when there is a need. Linda will contact the member about refunding their donation.

**Fire Hydrant**

Gordy participated in Joe's flushing process on Monday and noted that a fire hydrant is broken. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the money necessary for this repair be made available, including the use of capital funds if the cost should exceed \$2,000. (The Board has since been advised that Joe Waldrup has repaired the leak.)

Additionally, Gordy noted that the meter at the well which should show the amount of discharge is not working. Ron explained that we had been ill-advised regarding this meter and that a viable option has not been found. Also, there seems to be a need for an operations backup manual at the pump house; Ron will check with Joe about this.

### **Succession**

Ron, Robin, Gordy, and Dianne participated in the Whidbey Island Water Systems Association meeting on Sept. 18. The main topics were rate structures and succession challenges when a new water manager is needed. This could become a concern for BBIC within 5 years or so. Joe has already identified a possible replacement who is familiar with the complications of our particular system. Ron will pursue a meeting with this certified operator with Joe.

### **Fireworks**

The Board received several complaints regarding loud and illegal fireworks this summer, some by renters of a vacation home. Joel will draft a statement, including the legal limits of firework operations, that will urge everyone to comply and to be mindful of neighbors. Landlords are considered responsible for informing tenants of this notice. Dianne will see that this is posted on the website, by email and in neighborhood signage in advance of the 4th of July. All members are encouraged to bring complaints directly to the responsible parties.

### **Burglaries**

Concern has been expressed regarding a recent burglary in the neighborhood as well as mail theft, in addition to a serious increase in crime on South Whidbey. Gordy will pursue the cost and design of Neighborhood Watch signs for BBIC.

### **Holiday Party**

The group who has hosted a Christmas party for 10 years is passing the baton with the hope that others will continue. Robin said there is already a small group working on this. Though greatly appreciated and enjoyed, this is not a Board responsibility.

### **Blackberries**

We have been notified that blackberries growing on the lot owned by BBIC are encroaching on a member's property. Ron will ask Luke to cut them back.

### **Email responses**

Dianne reported that about half of the members responded to the request for identifying preferences for receiving formal communication from BBIC. She will pursue a second request to those for whom we have emails but no response. We will continue to mail to those who fail to respond. The Board reaffirmed that we will continue to mail statements as the most effective way to receive payment.

**Next meeting** is scheduled for 10 am at Joel's on Wed. January 7, 2015.

submitted by Dianne Shiner, Secretary

