

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 02/02/23

Attendees: Barbara Bishop, John Hiros, Rob Vidal, Karen Drucker, Greg Fath, Denise Cleveland, Joe Oliver, Kat Leifeste, Dan von Schaumburg, Blair Stiefbold, Jacquelyn Valerio, Joanne Tallon, Joanne Leichte,

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm. Minutes from 01/05/23 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Balance in account is reconciled at \$2,498.95. Rob provided his monthly treasurer's report for January, along with the December TD Bank statement, showing one deposit for \$70 and one pending deposit for \$35. Rob wrote one check for a reimbursement to Kat Leifeste for the insurance for our Chalk Painting event. Report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Dan said it is all quiet. No update at this time – it is winter! 😊

Bike/Pedestrian Safety – Karen called Mary Allen Realty and they will put cards in all bags – approximately 500. Karen texted our printer to get specifics on pricing. She asked if someone could contact the town to pass out our bike safety flyers with beach badges. Jacquie said she would coordinate with the town. Barbara said she will share contact info between Karen and Jacquie.

Membership – Rob & Joe don't have an update at this time. Joe said he will have an updated for next meeting.

Newsletter/Facebook – Barbara said we are having an issue with someone posting that will need approval before being publicized. This person was posting Non-Ship Bottom info. Joe said Ann gave him some ideas to further monitor our Facebook page. Newsletter is published every 1-2 months depending on information that can be distributed. Please share any "news" with Barbara.

JCTA – Barbara said we are out of sync with them. Next meeting is Monday 2/6. Liability insurance will be a main point on the agenda.

Old Business:

Ship Bottom Budget – Barbara stated that Ship Bottom's Financial Officer will be out of the office for the next 8 weeks due to back surgery. She knows our group is interested in reviewing it.

Insurance – Greg said we are awaiting JCTA meeting on 2/6 in which an insurance representative will be present. The various groups are looking into a master policy amongst other ideas. More to follow by the next meeting.

Audit Committee – Rob has uploaded reports / documents and associated receipts. Jim Ulrich and Rich Neff are still on the committee and a report should be available for next meeting.

New Business:

SBTA 2023 Focus – At the last meeting, Barbara asked the board to share items that they felt should be our emphasis for the year. She compiled a lengthy list that was attached with the agenda she distributed this week. Items discussed that had the most conversation:

1. **Communications:** Direct Mailings to Ship Bottom owners. Barbara has the latest tax rolls with address info, etc. Maybe a mailing to the residents with a cut off to mail back and also include a QR Code that links them to our website. Barbara will ask Barnegat Light for a copy of their letter.
2. **Beautification:** Barbara said we should try to focus on a couple of these items. We can speak with owners or ask the town for suggestions. Surf City Fishery property seemed to generate the most discussion. Hopefully we can get some new members and create committees in the near future.
3. **Environmental Concerns:** Much discussion revolved around Wind Farms and there were strong positions presented. Barbara mentioned Science Saturday is going to have a session on the Wind Farms.
4. **Other Tax Impacts:** Mayor and Council have said they are not sharing information on the school sale topic which inhibits our ability to have a direct impact on the situation. Barbara said our best approach is speaking at the monthly council meetings. Can funding of the schools be changed? Can we get a grant for open space? All municipalities on the island use the same individual for all grant applications. Input in the budgeting process to obtain Green Acres funding is something we may be able to get involved with to put funds aside for potentially purchasing undeveloped land.

Event Planning:

Chalk Painting – Kat said that with Barbara’s assistance, we have two artists to be judges for the Haymarket Gift Certificates as prizes. We have some high school students that want to participate and some that want to assist during the event. Kat has a meeting scheduled with Chief Potter (and Barbara) to discuss logistics. Kat has reached out for the woman in charge of the Art program at the elementary schools. She has not received a response as of tonight. Advertisements for the day will occur in the month of April. Food trucks are not permitted as per our initial permit.

Wine Tasting & General Membership Meeting / Elections – These items will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: March 2, 2023: All Leadership Team meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month. They will be via Zoom until at least April/May.

Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm. Minutes submitted by Greg Fath.