Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 05/04/2026 – 4:30 pm

Location: Title Office

Present – Greg Fath, Karen Drucker, Joanne Tallon, John Hiros, Blair Steifbold, Kat Leifeste

On Zoom – John Montone, Dan Von Schaumberg, Karen Cygal

Approval of minutes – April Minutes approved by all

Guest Speakers – None

Treasurer's Report – Blair (attached)

- Starting balance - $17,415.18
- Income - $1835. Membership fees from checks and GIVEBUTTER (Includes wire transfer of $200 from employer match program)
- Expenses –
    - $200 to Haymarket for gift certificates for prizes
    - $15 transfer fee
- Ending balance - $19,035.18
- Outstanding income - $205. (GIVEBUTTER SBTA joint account)
- Reconciled balance - $19,240.18

Committee Reports:

Beautification – John M

- Plants coming up along the cutout
- Hochstrasser's looking better
- Bayside street ends – simple landscaping
    - Decision made to try a few streets and pursue further next year

Membership – Karen C

- Over 400 members
- 35 new members this month
    - Lots of checks coming in
- 14 business sponsors (Joe Pop's pending)
- Pause membership appeal for now
- GIVEBUTTER doesn't have auto-renew and it has been problematic for members with added fees
    - Pursue another platform for next year that has that feature

Communications – Greg/Karen subcommittee status.

- Over 60 surveys completed
  - Summary made by Greg which he will forward to Kristy and town council
  - Volunteer list is pending
  - Finance -budget meeting held– waiting for electronic copy of the proposed

JCTA – Next Meeting tonight at 7 pm. Minutes to follow. (Expect info on feasibility study and school tax information)

Old Business

Chalk Art – Kat

- Weather cooperated
- 16 participants
- Change to 10 – 2 next year
- Close off only half of cutout (will allow parking)
- Thank you sent to Police officer Nick D'Andrea with cc to Chief Potter
- Buy 3 gift cards from LBI Pancake House for judges and Linda Ramsey for helping to recruit 2nd judge
- Susan will let us know what we owe on the markers and chalk
- We forgot to take the banner – Kat will pick up from the Haymarket this week
- Thank you all for your help in making the day a success
- Send pictures of chalk art to Echoes of LBI

Adopt a Beach Walkway kickoff – Greg (giveaways T-Shirts > around 50 with sizes – cost approval)

- We will get light hoodies
- Greg will ask for sizes from the volunteers who are planning to continue monitoring their street

Toy Box - Joanne

- Not many toys left
- Greg to pick up toys from ALO
- Will ask town to place it prior to Memorial Day and ask for donations after it is placed

New Business

Spring Fling '26 – Karen D

- Working with Joe Pop's – they are open to hosting the event
- Thursday, 6/4 from 4-6
- Hot appetizers and soft drinks with cash bar

Police appreciation brunch –Tie in with annual membership meeting in the fall - Karen D

Summer Concert Sponsor – do we want to be one? – no info at this point

Other uses for funds

- Annual budget suggested for the future
- Give money to the Fire Dept at their block party like last year

- Replace signage on the dunes – Check with state

Other items – Post office looks ready to open

Give suggestions of guest speakers at our meetings

Monthly Borough Meetings (calendar with rotating volunteers to attend) – Whomever attends should send a "highlights" recap to our board which can also be sent to all active members via email.

Land Use Board meeting: Tuesday, May 19th - Joanne

School Board meeting: Tuesday, May 5th - Kat

Town Council meeting: Tuesday, May 26th – Greg and/or John Hiros

NEXT SBTA MEETING: June 1, 2026 – Start Time 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste – Board Secretary