



## **The Town of Bowers**

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### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., July 14, 2016 by Treasurer Helena Hannah

Council members present were: Helena Hannah, Bob McDevitt, and Janis LaRochelle

Total number in attendance: 15

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted from the June 9, 2016 meeting and was seconded and unanimously passed. A copy was available for anyone to take a look at.

The final treasurer's report for the year was read. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to accept the treasurer's report as read.

A motion was made to table the executive session until next month, seconded and unanimously passed.

Tom Antonio, a new guest, was moved up on the Agenda. He is considering purchasing the "Donovan's Dock" area. Tom spoke to the council and attendee's regarding questions he had on the Town's comprehensive plans regarding leaving some commercial space and also possibly some residential as well. He would like to leave the commercial space downstairs towards the dock, possibly adding a small market and also two additional commercial spaces, making room for Tabitha who runs the Bait "shack" business into this area (removing the current bait shack building) and possibly something else. He spoke to the current restrictions and easements on that property and had questions regarding having commercial mixed use on that property and height (of the building) restrictions. Bob McDevitt answered all Mr. Antonio's questions. Additional plans would be for he and his family to be living permanently upstairs from the business and would possibly have two to three additional (condos? NOT apartments or rentals) built above the business for income generating purposes. He wants to build something that will enhance the town and the dock area. The town attendees and council were very enthusiastic about his tentative ideas and plans.

## Committee Reports

### **Parks & Recreation:**

Forty yards of mulch was purchased, delivered and placed in the Community Park playground. Thank you to all who volunteered to help get this completed. Residual mulch was placed at the Museum and will also be distributed around the park trees and some at the Town Hall fence area. Paint was purchased for re-painting the sign "Our Fish You May Take, Give Our Kids A Brake". This was partially completed but due to the heat and humidity, the rest will be completed asap prior to Big Thursday.

Bob also added that we have some disappearing trash cans and to be lookout for those and will try to recover.

**Planning:** None

**Streets:** None

**Board of Adjustments:** N/A

**Code Enforcement:** None

### **Old Business**

#### **Drainage:**

Mark and Ada were absent. Discussion and updates were tabled until next month's meeting.

#### **Beach Replenishment:**

There is no funding or budget for this.

**Town of Bowers Election Update:** Election notifications were posted on the town kiosks, the website and on the Firehouse marquee meeting all official deadlines. Election information does NOT have to be listed in the paper, only in three public places within town. July 25<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for anyone applying for open seats. The Town of Bowers Board of Election members had a meeting on July 14, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. and discussed the parameters of the Town Election procedures in case there was an election.

### **New Business**

A letter was delivered to Helena (two different people) from Kyle Miller regarding Phragmites. Helena read the letter after a disclaimer that it was not from the Town. Helena stated that the Phragmites were sprayed last year, however, in 2014 there was a lapse because of budget reasons. They will be sprayed this year and next but only in the common areas. Those residents who have them on their property will have to manage them on their own. Residents should be cutting their Phragmites as they are a high fire hazard. The Town of Bowers Fire Chief Phil Pennington was in attendance and spoke of not wanting to burn the Phragmites as doing that can cause additional problems. Bob had already heard from the Department of Forestry and was working with Kyle from Forestry to prepare for the annual spraying.

### **New Business continued...**

Bob was also asked to contact the vendor to see if he has any kind of handout or brochure as to spraying and possible pricing for residents to be able to take a look at for purchasing spraying on their private properties (in September).

Larry Foley gave a lengthy explanation about Phragmites.

Maritime Museum: Judy reminded everyone of two events coming up. Jack Hearn's Mariner Experiences is speaking at the Town Hall on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and on July 30<sup>th</sup> The Southern Delaware Jeep Club will be coming to Bowers with a Show and Shine, music, vendors and fun.

Phil Pennington asked Judy about the upcoming Big Thursday event and will be discussing with her regarding possibly getting some bands to play and have a drum line competition for prizes and trophy's, etc.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis LaRochelle – Secretary  
Town of Bowers