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# The Cape Anne Tide

<u>Next General Meeting</u> Saturday, July 15, 9 am The Pavilion

Key Reason to Meet - Discuss Future Projects

# July 2023 CACA President's Message

Hello, Cape Anne, and hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July. There is much coming up in the month of July, everyone should try to attend the public meeting on the 19th at the Deale Library as they are looking to plan more dredging on our waterways and to possibly rebuild some of the marsh near our community. Also, we are looking into the feasibility of the pier near the entrance to see if it's even possible to replace it, as well as getting estimates to fix/see if anything is wrong with the swimming pier. And mark your calendars for the crab feast on September 16. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 15th.

-Ryan Hostetter, President

# Cape Anne Summer 2023 General Meeting July 15, 2023, 9 a.m. Pavilion Proposed Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Welcome new members & residents
- Review minutes of 4/22/2023 General Meeting, as published in The Cape Anne Tide
- 4. Review Treasurer's Report, as published in The Cape Anne Tide
- 5. Board Report
- 6. Harbormaster Report
- 7. Committee Reports
  - a. Facilities & Maintenance
  - b. Special Events

- c. Community Outreach
- d. Plants Committee
- e. Web Site
- 8. Old Business
  - a. Long-term projects
  - b. Vandalism
- 9. New Business
  - a. Welcome Committee
  - b. Broadwater dredging
  - c. Community suggestions
- 10. Adjournment

# CAPE ANNE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING April 22, 2023, Minutes

President Ryan Hostetter called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Attendance was noted on a sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting.

Ryan welcomed new residents Betty and Winston Scott, Brad Mendez, and Jerry Rowe.

<u>Meeting minutes</u> - Minutes for the December meeting, as published in the Tide, were accepted by acclamation.

<u>*Treasurer's Report*</u> - The county has approved our budget, and insurance has been renewed. The Treasurer's Report, as published in the Tide, was accepted by acclamation.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- <u>Facilities and Maintenance</u> Mowing has started for this year and goes through October. The final mowing will mulch leaves.
- <u>Special Events</u> We need volunteers to assist with special events. This will include the crab feast and possibly other events.
- <u>Community Outreach</u> We need volunteers to assist with community outreach, which will include loop captains and emergency preparedness.
- <u>Website</u> Ryan is maintaining the website and the Facebook page.

#### **ELECTIONS**

The proposed slate was published in the Tide. Since the Tide went out, Cathay Freel has decided to step down as a director, after many years of service to the Board. We have three openings for directors this year.

Vice President - Kathy Heiner Treasurer - Mark Smith Maintenance - Darcy Scott Director Director Director

Joan Liddy, Brad Mendez, and Liz Sequeira have volunteered to serve as directors.

Questions were raised about the number of officers and directors, their terms, duties, etc. This information is available in the bylaws, on the website.

The motion was made to accept the proposed slate, seconded, and approved by a show of hands.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- <u>Long range planning</u> We need to verify ownership of the land adjacent to the swimming pier. The pier requires repairs after high tides and storms, which community volunteers have made. We may look into checking the safety of the pier.
- <u>Vandalism</u> No incidents have been reported recently. We will look at signage for piers, pavilion, and the pocket beach. The areas must be posted to report problems.
- <u>Dock at entrance</u> We don't believe this dock was built with a permit. We are looking at removing or replacing it. Repairs or replacing will require a permit. We can talk with the county about the path to repair or replace it.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- <u>Shoreline and tree maintenance</u> A committee has been working since last summer to review the tree canopy and shoreline and make recommendations to maintain and improve the existing conditions. The committee has been working with the county to determine what is permitted under county regulations and researching possible grants available for financial assistance for planning, plants and possible work needed. The first tangible step is the clean up later today, to remove invasive species such as poison ivy, English ivy, clematis, and phragmites at the Cherry Blossom shoreline. We have obtained a permit from the county for this work. County regulations prohibit digging or displacing the soil to remove invasives. They can be cut, and the stems sprayed, or "smothered" with cardboard and mulch. Phragmites may be sprayed, with EPA approved herbicide for aquatic areas, and cut. Many of our trees are reaching their life expectancy. We need to plant replacements, focusing on native trees to our specific environment.
- <u>*Golf carts*</u> The use of golf carts has increased in the community. Are there rules for use of them on public roads, how do we know if they are licensed and insured?
- <u>*Traffic issues*</u> Speeding on Battee continues to be a problem. Residents should report this to the police, so they can monitor. Also, traffic often goes the wrong way on the circle.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyla Baumann, Secretary Cape Anne Citizens Association

Cape Anne Citizens Association, Inc. Financial Report FY 2023 (Qtr 3) as of March 31, 2023 (Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)

County Tax Funds (Truist) Balance Forward		
balance For waru	12/31/2022	Checking \$26,161.64   Savings \$ 5,362.55
		\$31,524.19
Income (+)	County Tax Funds	\$12,005.41
	Other	\$ 475.00
	Interest	<u>\$14</u>
		\$12,480.55
Expenses (-)	Administrative	\$ 1,256.62
	Maintenance	\$0
	Recreation	\$0
	Loan	<u>\$ 3,393.60</u>
		\$ 4,650.22
Ending Balance	3/31/2023	Checking \$33,991.83
		Savings <u>\$ 5,362.69</u>
		\$39,354.52

CACA Boat Owners Assoc Balance Forward Income (+)	e. (Truist) 12/31/2022	\$ 12,165.56 \$ 0
Expenses (-)	None	\$0
Ending Balance	3/31/2023	\$ 12,165.56

Prepared by Mark Smith, Treasurer

### Harbor Master

The marina is in good condition. We need to supplement the stone placed last year around the entrance to the pier and on the boat ramp.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Facilities and Maintenance

Lawn mowing is going well. Fewer cuts were required this spring due to the dry weather. We had a good community clean-up day with follow up a few weeks later. The swimming pier is being repaired as needed by volunteers in the community. We will have an engineer look at the pier to determine if there are any safety issues. We need to research the history of the pier at the entrance to see if there was a permit when it was constructed, and to determine the feasibility of repairing/replacing it. We are looking at planting trees to maintain the tree canopy as older trees need replacement. No trespassing signs will be posted at the pavilion, marina, swim pier and pocket beach so we can report people who should not be using the facilities.

#### Special Events

The crab feast will be held on September 16th this year. Last year's event was a lot of fun, and a great welcome back to community events after the two-year COVID break. We look forward to another great time in September.

#### Plants Committee

Invasive plants were removed from the Cherry Blossom shoreline on the April clean-up day and mulch spread a few weeks later. Many thanks to those who worked on this, and we're so glad we all avoided the poison ivy. The phragmites will be sprayed later this summer and again in spring, and late this fall we'll plant native species.

#### **Old Business**

#### Long Term Projects

We are looking at upcoming maintenance needs for the swimming pier and the pavilion, as well as possible work on the dock at the entrance, and getting cost estimates to help the community determine priorities.

#### Vandalism

There have been no recent incidents at the marina or the pavilion, but two chairs at the pocket beach and a table on the swimming pier were damaged in the past few weeks. Signage will be installed at these four locations.

#### **New Business**

#### Welcome Committee

We would like to reestablish a Welcome Committee to greet new residents and provide them information on Cape Anne amenities and local services such as trash pickup. Volunteers are needed for this effort.

#### Broadwater Creek Dredging Proposal

The county will hold a public meeting at the Deale Library on Wednesday, July 19, to discuss a proposal prepared by Bayland regarding slurry dredging of Broadwater, Carr's, and Parker creeks, and possible locations for the dredge material. The initial preferred site for the dredge material is in the marsh between Cape Anne and Franklin Manor. The full proposal and an analysis by George Donohue, past president of CACA, were forwarded to residents on July 3.

<b>CACA Officers and Directors</b>		<u>Until</u>	Phone Number
President	Ryan Hostetter	4/24	443-852-8385
Vice President	Kathy Heiner	4/25	301-346-7498
Treasurer	Mark Smith	4/25	914-672-7731
Secretary	Lyla Baumann	4/24	667-231-5416
Director	Darcy Scott	4/25	202-669-7340
Director	Joan Liddy	4/24	802-673-0441
Director	Brad Mendez	4/25	708-990-4908
Director	Liz Sequeira	4/25	301-538-7577
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	4/24	443-744-9314

#### Committees

Facilities & Maintenance	Darcy Scott	202-669-7340
Special Events	Sonia Ramirez- Guarin	240-671-6236
Community Outreach	Kathy Heiner	703-853-6619
Web Site	Ryan Hostetter	443-852-8385
Harbor Master	Mike Waldow	443-744-9314
Loop Captains	Volunteer Needed	
Newsletter	Lyla Baumann	667-231-5416

## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR CAPE ANNE

Summer General Meeting	Fall General Meeting
Saturday, July 15, 2023, 9 am Meeting, The Pavilion	Saturday, September 16, 2023, 9 am Meeting, The Pavilion
Winter General Meeting - Budget	<b>Spring General Meeting - Elections</b>

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9 am Meeting, Location TBD Saturday, April 20, 2023, 9 am Meeting, The Pavilion

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