

Centerport Harbor Civic Association
General Membership Meeting, April 30, 2024

Present: Anne Wesp, Bob Berding, Betsey Cambria, George Pullis, Bob Lopez, Mike Regan, Jim Walker, and Carol Zwiulich

Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer's Report: \$8,747.46 balance as of today. No outstanding bills are due.

CHCA's email: Comment about temporary change in email. CHCA is back to using the email ending in "11721".

Guest Speakers for Tonight:

- Dr. Rory Manning, Superintendent of Harborfields Central School District, Dr. Manning discussed the Annual District Budget *Vote* taking place on May 14th, 2024. Two propositions up for vote. Proposition #1 is the annual school budget. Proposition #2 requests that the residents authorize the Board of Ed. to liquidate the 2015 Capital Reserve, one of the District's cash reserves, which will be used to pay off outstanding debt that exists in the District. A total of 10 claims (7 of which have been resolved) of sexual abuse accusations have been filed against the District. Liquidating this cash reserve will save the local taxpayers money.
- Voting site: Old Fields Middle School
- Absentee ballots are available on the District's website, along with additional information.
- Dr. Eve Meltzer-Krief, pediatrician at Huntington Hospital, reminded members that she is seeking their support as she is running for a second term for Harborfields School Board. Dr. Krief gave a brief, yet thorough review of her past accomplishments and of her future goals.
- Captain Kevin McKeon, Police: Captain of the 2nd Precinct in Huntington Station. Captain McKeon gave an overview of the crime statistics in Centerport. He noted that Centerport is a very safe place; there has been no uptick in crime.
- Extra vehicles parked on 25A. A question was raised regarding the ignoring of the zebra stripes on 25A between Mill Pond House and Water's Edge. Captain McKeon noted that the 2nd Precinct is responsible and should be informed of these infractions. He noted that Centerport residents pay taxes and are entitled to these services.
- **Mr. Mark McAteer, Chairperson of Eospa (Environmental Open Space and Park Fund Program)**, Mr. McAteer noted that residents pay for Eospa through their tax dollars. Eospa receives \$1.5 million dollars every January which is then allocated to different categories: land acquisition, park improvements, neighborhood enhancements, and green energy projects. Mr. McAteer provided a detailed summary as to how the Eospa money from the respective categories is allocated. He also informed members how to access the applications for obtaining Eospa funds. He also informed members to check the Town of Huntington website (www.huntingtonny.gov/eospa) to check the Eospa schedule for meetings which the public can attend and to scroll down for applications.
- Chalet: Mr. McAteer noted that Eospa purchases land from a willing seller. Eospa only pays for appraised value.

Jellyfish: In response to the long form, EAF, that Jellyfish has filed with the Town Planning Department, CHCA has requested an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement).

CHCA had a meeting with owners of Mill Pond House and Jellyfish, Scott Paternoster and Johnny Heil.

Cholet: **Update:** On April, 9 CHCA believed that there was a willing seller. Shortly afterwards, CHCA was informed that the owners rescinded their "willingness to sell" letter.

- All five parcels of zoned properties will be appraised.
- A rumor exists that a boutique hotel may be built.
- CHCA would still like to see the Chalet property become a park.

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Pictures of 2024 Spring Clean Up

Ms. Wesp provided a brief review of the success of the Annual Spring Clean Up which was illustrated with a picture.

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 at Harborfields Library in the Large Meeting Room at 7:00 pm.

- Guest Speakers: John Avalon and Nancy Goroff, two congressional candidates from District 1, competing in the June 25, 2024 Democratic primary, have been invited to speak. Either the candidate or a representative will attend our meeting.