



CENTERPORT HARBOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2026

Location: Harborfields Library.

Meeting led by: Jim Walker and Michael Regan

Participants and speakers identified in the recording: Dr. Catherine Knight, student ambassadors Charlotte Mongillo and Callie Schomburg, Rob Schwartz, Dave Clemens, Bob Berding, CHCA members, and community residents. Some speakers were not identified by name.

Prepared for review from the Plaud transcript. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. No formal roll call or quorum declaration was captured, and some names in the automated transcript were unclear.

1. Student ambassador introductions

Dr. Catherine Knight introduced the two CHCA student ambassadors for the 2026-2027 year.

Charlotte Mongillo was recognized for a demanding AP course load, environmental cleanups, school broadcasting and media work, tennis, and National Honor Society participation.

Callie Schomburg was recognized for her AP coursework, environmental cleanups, fundraising for blood-cancer research, athletics, leadership and employment experience, community service, and National Honor Society participation.

2. Eagles of Centerport environmental initiative

Rob Schwartz announced that the Eagles of Centerport will award two environmentally focused scholarships to Harborfields students. He also invited members to the November 7 Raptor Day program and described a forthcoming eagle calendar supporting wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and environmental education.

3. Community yard sale and brick campaign

The community yard sale is scheduled for **Saturday, September 26**, with a rain date of **Saturday, October 3**. Additional sellers are being sought through the CHCA website. The recent community mailing generated interest, and yard-sale sponsors and business supporters were acknowledged.

The **interactive sale map** will be released only shortly before the event to discourage early buyer contact. The second phase of the Heron Park brick campaign is underway, with purchases available online or at the CHCA table during the sale.

4. Centerport history presentation

Local historian Dave Clemens presented historic maps, artwork, postcards, and photographs showing the development of Mill Pond and surrounding Centerport. He discussed the mill and dam, the Chalmers House, the early Centerport Yacht Club, shoreline and road changes, the former Heron sculpture, and how tidal water powered the mill.

5. Mill Pond and Heron Park historical signage

Bob Berding described CHCA's two-year effort to create detailed historical signs using photographs, artwork, and narrative text. The first signs focus on the Mill Pond/mill area and Heron Park, including the original Heron sculpture and the pond's artistic history.

The signs are complete and in CHCA possession, while the pedestals are with the Town of Huntington. **Installation was expected during the following week**, subject to Town scheduling.

6. Traffic safety and community discussion

CHCA reported on a recent meeting with Senator Mario Mattera and his special assistant concerning hazards along Route 25A, Little Neck Road, and the Center Shore Road/firehouse area. CHCA asked for help bringing NYSDOT into the discussion. Ideas included roadway widening, directional signage, and intersection changes. The Senator supported further DOT review; no engineering plan or road work was approved.

Residents discussed signal timing, turning movements, visibility, stop-line placement, speeding, and pedestrian hazards on Prospect Road and nearby streets. Suggestions included engineering review, speed humps, warning signs, and enforcement. CHCA noted that road jurisdiction varies among state, county, and Town agencies and said it would continue raising these concerns with the appropriate officials.

7. Centershore Park / DEC review

CHCA reported continued work to obtain a DEC letter of non-jurisdiction so the Town can move forward with improvements at Centershore Park. A former DEC official retained by CHCA has submitted the request, and DEC has asked for additional documentation. CHCA is working with the consultant to provide the requested materials and will update members as the review progresses.

8. Chalet monitoring and other business

The Chalet property was discussed in response to a community question. CHCA reported that the property changed ownership last year and that regular FOIL monitoring continues so any formal development activity can be identified early. No current development proposal was reported; secondhand information that the owners may continue operating a motel was not presented as confirmed.

CHCA asked residents to bring credible information forward for verification rather than relying on rumors. The brick campaign was also revisited, with a second phase of personalized bricks planned for Heron Park.

Adjournment: The meeting concluded after the final community questions and announcements. The recording does not capture a formal motion, vote, or exact adjournment time.

Action items and next steps

Timing reflects statements made during the meeting. Where no deadline was stated, the item remains open or ongoing.

Owner	Action	Timing
CHCA leadership / yard-sale team	Continue seller recruitment; finalize late registration, map release, park-table information, and brick-sale arrangements.	Before / Sept. 26
Bob Berding / CHCA	Coordinate installation of the Mill Pond and Heron Park historical signs with the Town once the pedestals are ready.	Week of Sept. 21
CHCA traffic-safety team	Follow up with Senator Mattera and NYSDOT regarding Route 25A, Little Neck Road, Center Shore Road, and related intersection-safety concepts.	Ongoing
CHCA traffic-safety team	Continue raising Prospect Road speeding and pedestrian-safety concerns with Town and police officials; seek engineering, signage, traffic-calming, and enforcement options.	Sept. 18 / ongoing
CHCA / DEC consultant	Provide the additional documentation requested by DEC for the Centershore Park letter-of-non-jurisdiction review.	Open
Carol Zweilich / CHCA	Continue regular FOIL monitoring of the Chalet and report confirmed planning or development activity to the board and membership.	Monthly / ongoing

Source: September 17 Plaud transcript supplied for the CHCA general meeting. The September 15 CHCA board minutes were used as the formatting model and for established spellings where the automated transcript was unclear. These minutes summarize the recorded proceedings rather than reproduce the transcript verbatim.