

Shelter Harbor Fire District Board of Governors Meeting

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Meeting Minutes

I. Call To Order and Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Patrick Kinney ,Moderator.
- The meeting was conducted in person.
- Board Members present : Patrick Kinney, Alex Platt, Marianne Nardone, Denise Williams. Jack Waters Absent: Bob Palumbo, Michael McEntee
- Officers present: Glen Berwick, Treasurer, and Richard Gregory, Tax Assessor & Collector, Paul Eldridge, Clerk
- District Counsel: David Petrarca
- Moderator Patrick Kinney welcomed all District residents in attendance.
- II. Minutes of June 18,2022 BOG Meeting- Review, Discussion and /or Vote by the Board
- The Moderator asked if Board Members had reviewed the Minutes of the BOG Meeting that was held on Saturday June 18,2022. No substantive corrections or additions were made. Some minor typos were identified and corrected. A motion was made by Alex Platt seconded by Denise Williams to accept the minutes, The motion passed 4-0.
- III. New Business -Review, Discussion and Possible Vote by the Board
- A. Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer Glenn Berwick discussed his report very briefly as he would be presenting it in detail at the Annual Meeting and the BOG members had an

opportunity to review the Written Report, Mr. Berwick asked the Board to act on several resolutions.

- 1) The first Motion was to close SHFD Logo Wear bank account. Mr. Berwick explained this account was used in the past when we bought clothing with the SHFD logo directly rather than the method used currently by Agent Steven Sweeney to have residents purchase the Logo Wear directly from Lands' End. The Logo Wear purchasing is not currently a function performed by the Treasurer so the bank account should be closed and the funds transferred into the General Fund. After a short Board discussion, Alex Platt made a motion to close the Logo Wear account. The Motion was seconded by Denise Williams. The motion to close the bank account was approved 4-0.
- 2) The second Motion was to approve the transfer of unexpended funds in line items in the F/Y 2022 Budget and reclassify and apply such funds to F/Y 2022 Budget items with spending overages. On a motion by Alex Platt seconded by Denise Williams, the BOG voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.
- 3) The third Motion was to add a requirement that any expenditure of \$5,000 or more must be brought to the attention of the Finance Committee for its review and feasibility analysis prior to making a binding contract to purchase services or products from a third party vendor. Glen noted there are a lot of things SHFD is being asked to spend money on by its residents and there are differing views on which projects should be given priority and how much to spend on any project (or whether we should spend money on a particular project at all). We need a new spending approval process with established procedures and checks and balances in place before we contract to spend money in the future. The mechanism for doing this is to make the Finance Committee the spending gatekeeper charged with making sure we make prudent, informed decisions before we spend our money. The need to do this was underlined recently when we found out two items eg., increased dump fees and higher costs for fire protection would add approximately \$21,000 to the F/Y 2023 Budget from what the BOG had expected when next year's Budget was approved at the last BOG meeting on June 18, 2022. After a long discussion, Denise Williams moved to approve the Motion, seconded by Alex Platt. The BOG voted 4-0 to approve the Motion.
- B. Tax Assessor/Collector Report
- Richard Gregory was happy to report all taxes assessed for F/Y 2022 were collected and there were no arrearages for any prior years. An additional \$457.09 was

collected which is attributable to a combination of charges for late payments, fees for tax certificates and other tax information and the net of de minimus miscellaneous under and over payments of less than \$20.

- C.Auditor's Report .

- The Auditor's Report was deferred until the Annual Meeting .

- D.Review of Annual Meeting Motions

- 1) The first Motion is delete Article 3 Section 3(c) of the Bylaws which require a notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting to be published in a local newspaper at least 15 days before the date of the annual meeting. Clerk Paul Eldridge explained this notice requirement was not a requirement of Rhode Island law and was only included in the SHFD bylaws. Whatever purpose it may have once served in the days before the internet etc, it has little continuing utility and can be a trap for the unwary. If this notice requirement is missed we would have to postpone the date of the Annual Meeting. Also, although the cost of placing the notice is small, it is an expense we can avoid going forward. After a short discussion, Alex Platt made a motion for the BOG to recommend to the annual meeting that the motion be approved. Jack Waters seconded the Motion and it was approved 4-0.
- 2) The second Motion was to add a new Section 7 to Article 3 of the Bylaws to allow time for public comments to be made contemporaneously with each Board Agenda item as it is discussed at any SHFD meeting. Dick Ferris addressed the BOG and explained the purpose of his Motion. Dick indicated the purpose of his Motion was to encourage more informed, collaborative decision making by introducing a simple process change to our BOG meetings. First, the people who regularly attend the BOG meetings are former Board members and officers, former and current Agents, and other voters and volunteers who are interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject before the Board. Asking this group if there are any additional facts to consider before (not after) the BOG decides an issue could be very helpful. The Moderator can control the time allowed for these additional comments the Board can but does not have to respond to these comments.
- Bylaw Agent Joe Rucci gave his opinion that this motion was not appropriate as an amendment to the Bylaws. The BOG is empowered to decide the procedural manner in which it will operate its meetings . Moderator Kinney commented he had purposely operated the BOG meeting today as Mr, Ferris's motion had suggested. Mr. Kinney said he was prepared to run future meetings in the same way today's BOG meeting had been run .After discussion, including a comment by David

Petrarca that it is usually up to the Moderator and Board to decide how their meeting will be run through a formal or informal policy and not by the enshrining it in the equivalent of an ordinance. In a motion by Denise Williams, seconded by Marianne Nardone, the BOG voted 4-0 not to recommend the Motion to the voters at the Annual Meeting.

- 3) The third Motion was to require the SHFD beach bus to change its route to provide service to residences on the east side of Shelter Harbor to help alleviate parking congestion at the SH beach.
- Betty Waters addressed the BOG and said she had done an independent investigation and had come up with a suggested bus route which would solve the issue the Motion raises. Moderator Kinney indicated the BOG had asked Beach Agent Laurie Sweeney to contact the Bus Company to study how to design a new route to provide greater coverage of the SHFD Community and recommend a new bus route for 2023. On a motion by Alex Platt seconded by Denise Williams, the BOG voted 4=0 to not recommend passage of this Motion to the Annual Meeting voters.

E. Motion to Appoint a Long Term Road Improvement Planning Committee (“LTRIPC”)

- Moderator Kinney indicated the condition of the roads in Shelter Harbor and what to do and not do (and on what time schedule)has become a very controversial issue. The issue is critical enough that it is beyond the capacity of one person to deal with it. Moderator Kinney was proposing the formation of a Committee of four to seven people with engineering and road building and repair experience to help Road Agent Steven Sweeney. The immediate focus would be to deal with the road areas which are “broken.” Marianne Nardone made a motion to set up the LTRIPC which was seconded by Alex Platt. The vote was 4-0 in favor of setting up the Committee.

F. Motion to provide the Shelter Harbor Inn with an additional SH Beach parking pass in return for assuming the care and maintenance of the Beanpot Gardens

Clerk Eldridge reported he had received a letter from Susan Carter Morgan who is opposed to giving the Shelter Harbor Inn another beach parking space because we do not have enough parking spaces to handle our weekend traffic. Ms. Carter acknowledged the generous offer of the Shelter Harbor Inn to take over the care and maintenance of the Beanpot Garden. The BOG discussed the issue and the consensus was we could not justify turning over another parking space. Therefore, on a Motion by Marianne Nardone, seconded by Alex Platt, the BOG voted not to give the Shelter Harbor Inn an additional beach parking space..

G. Old Business

NONE

H. Questions and Comments From the SHFD Community

1. Gail Mallard and Rochelle Levins both had comments about the purchase of picnic tables for Harbor Field;

2. Marianne Nardone reminded us of the upcoming Band Concert and the Beach Party.

3. Dick Ferris mentioned he had attended the Westerly Town Council Meeting and pointed out that vacant lots were not residential units and leveling transfer fees on vacant lots were illegal. Dick said Shelter Harbor may want to appeal the transfer fees assessments on its vacant lots..

Moderator Kinney said he has been getting a lot of complaints about the beach behavior of SH residents and guests from both Shady Harbor and Weekapaug There is a need for providing residents with a Rules for the Beach Advisory.

IV. Adjournment

Moderator Kinney thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Alex Platt. The Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03.a.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted July 31,2022

By Paul W. Eldridge, Clerk

SHFD Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 2, 2022 6:00 pm

Quonnie Grange Hall, Charlestown, RI

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Committee members present: Bob Palumbo, Chair. Renee Davis, Treasurer, Clay Howland, Jim Brower, Denise Williams, Harry Gregory.

Committee members absent: Livia Carrega.

Jack Manning:

Jack Manning's many contributions to the Finance Committee over the years were noted with appreciation.

Minutes:

On motion made and seconded, the Minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Picnic Tables.

It was noted that 2 picnic tables were ordered for a cost of under \$4,000. The tables have been delivered.

Grove Dock Project

Clay Howland reviewed the Grove Dock project, using mater. Clay noted the extraordinary contributions that Dick Ferris has made over the past several years in bringing the project forward.

The entire project includes 3 separable parts. First, maintenance/replacement of the existing floating swimming dock. The length of the swim dock would be increased to 16' to decrease damage from wave action. The dock would be installed a few feet to the north along the concrete dock. 4 new pilings would be installed, and the existing dock and 2 pilings would be removed. The existing dock to swim dock metal ramp would be used. It was noted that the existing swim dock may have only year or 2 of life left.

Second, the sloping concrete ramp would be improved in order to keep the ramp surface dry. Two alternatives were proposed. Alt 1 would involve building a wood deck with handrails. The deck would be attached to the top of the concrete ramp via a hinge, and the lower end would float at water level. Alt 2 would involve purchase of a low-profile float system.

Third, a kayak launch system would be installed on the north side of the swim dock.

A lengthy discussion followed. It was noted that estimated costs of the project are months if not years out of date; it was noted that time is short and completing the swim dock portion of

the project during the current fiscal year may be impossible; CRMC permits may be required; the number of vendors may be limited; the Committee should look for a "turn-key" project; a low-cost, water level kayak launch area to the south of the steps down from the concrete dock should be considered.

Action Items. 1. Denise Williams and Harry Gregory volunteered to meet with Dick Ferris to discuss the various pieces of the project in greater detail, and thereafter to follow up with vendors to discuss to the discuss the project(s) and update project costs. 2. The Chair proposed to schedule a meeting on December 6 or 8 to continue consideration of the project.

New Business:

Discussion of New Business items (Finance Charter, Meeting Schedule) was continued.

Public Comment:

Sarah Connor's presence was noted.

Adjournment:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Submitted by Harry Gregory, November 6, 2022

SHFD Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022 6:30 pm

Quonnie Grange Hall, Charlestown, RI

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.
2. **Committee members present:** Bob Palumbo, Chair. Anne Thomas, Tax Collector. Renee Davis, Treasurer, Clay Howland, Jim Brower, Denise Williams.
Committee members absent: Livia Carrega, Harry Gregory.
A quorum was met. All new and returning members welcomed.
3. **Old Business:** None
4. **New Business:**

1. Comments by SHFD Moderator, Patrick Kinney:

Summarized why the committee was given an expanded scope to review in depth the proposed projects with costs >\$5000, including mention of the volatility of budget planning with unexpected events occurring (e.g. road repairs after storms) and fluctuations in budget projections such as recent revaluation and fire tax and fire protection costs increases.

2. Discussion regarding expanded role of the Committee regarding SHFD projects:

Detailed discussion of what kind of research and paperwork (to include unmet need/requirement for project, proposed costs, timelines, etc.) would need to be provided by the person(s) bringing forth proposals for budgetary spend (project advocate). It was noted that some projects with these higher costs may be very complex. Detailed costs of each part of projects would be needed, which may require input from an outside vendor(s) who is proficient in the work needed to be done, as well as potentially having the need for a paid consultant to be involved. The idea of an assigned Finance Committee member to work with the advocate in some cases, to ensure the needed information was gathered and presented to the committee, was proposed. It was also noted that the committee would need to have an understanding of a process for prioritization of projects (e.g. safety and required spend most important, benefit to community, etc.). The Roads Projects and Grove Dock Project were used as examples to facilitate the discussion above. A new Roads Committee is established, will meet 9/30/22.

Action items: 1. Prepare a draft template of a proposal package/application by the next meeting - Anne Thomas.

2. The committee will review the draft and update as needed.

3. Review and update of the Finance Committee Charter:

The charter was circulated to the committee members prior to the meeting. A quick review by members at the meeting was done to highlight what seemed to be important to retain, and what pieces could be updated.

Action items: 1. The committee was asked to reflect on the document and then send proposed updates to the chair (Bob Palumbo), prior to the next meeting for review and incorporation.

2. The committee will finalize the updated charter at the next meeting.

A detailed discussion of this project was undertaken and it was also used as an example for discussion in New Business #2. Dick Ferris is the advocate for this project, but was unable to attend the meeting. Patrick, Bob, and others had met previously with Dick at the dock to review the project. It was pointed out that the project kept evolving both in scope and in cost since its inception as a kayak launch project, as new issues such as the need to replace the floating dock came to light and due to the overall complex scope. It was questioned whether the project should be done in a stepwise fashion, such as addressing the most important safety issues at all docks, such as a slip-free ramp, first. It was pointed out that the Bach Road kayak racks held the most kayaks for launching, not Grove dock. This would be an example of a project that could benefit from dock building vendor input and/or a paid consultant. It was ultimately determined that due to the complexity and potential high cost of this project, it was not ready for a decision to move forward, as more input/research needed.

Action items: 1. Clay Howland was appointed to work with Dick Ferris on obtaining additional data for this project, consistent with the discussion in New Business #2 and the new template being drafted.

2. New information will be presented at a future Finance Committee meeting for review and consideration.

5. Picnic Table Project:

This project was proposed by Rochelle Levins who was present at this meeting. Details had been provided at prior BOG meetings. Also, in the recent past, Mike **McEntee** was tasked by Patrick Kinney to work closely with Rochelle to understand what needs were being addressed, and the past research done on the project leading to the current proposal for 3 round tables costing \$7500. Mike is planning to give a summary of his findings with a recommendation at the BOG meeting on September 24, 2022. Gail Mallard was also in attendance at this meeting and voiced concerns about the need and reasoning for 3 tables costing \$7500 (a written document of her voiced concerns was provided to the chair and later sent to the committee).

Her detailed questions about the background of the project were in line with the committee's new requirements about projects outlined in New Business #2. In addition to Rochelle, Helene Hardick was present to support this project.

Action items: 1. Mike **McEntee** to summarize findings at BOG meeting September 24, 2022
2. Finance Committee to discuss whether there has been enough information to move forward at the next meeting

6. Establish a Finance Committee Meeting schedule for current fiscal year:

It was determined by the committee that another meeting should be held prior to the winter break. Late October/Early November was felt to be a good time, as important new information on projects may be available.

Action Items: 1. Bob will solicit dates of availability of the committee members after the meeting, and schedule the next date for a meeting.

7. **Public Comment:** Public comment was open during each new business item.

8. **Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Submitted by Denise Williams, September 15, 2022

Shelter Harbor Fire District Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:00 A.M.

Held Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m. by Moderator Thomas Lloyd, who welcomed all District residents attending the meeting through ZOOM
- II. Approval of Draft Minutes from the Annual Meeting of August 8, 2020
- A motion was made by Patrick Kinney, seconded by Bob Palumbo to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting. Gigi Porcelli said the 2020 minutes should be changed to indicate the Ferris and Waters Motions to investigate Shelter Harbor voting practices were discussed simultaneously by the Shelter Harbor community. The Ferris motion was ultimately withdrawn and the Waters Motion substituted. The Waters motion was thereafter voted on and approved. The change was agreed to. A voice vote was taken and the vote was unanimous to approve the amended minutes.
- III. Appointment of a Parliamentarian
- Moderator Lloyd appointed Joe Rucci as Parliamentarian for the meeting.
- III. Announcements:
- A. In Memoriam:
- Catherine J, Aborjally
- Steve_Dreska
- Oskar Hellwig
- Sylvia Rice
- Rev Trevor Thomas
- Dr. John Varanelli
- Phyllis Visnauskas

- B. Introduction of New Residents
- Aron and Susan Ain- 95 Wagner Road
- Lauren Baker-13 Gounod Road
- Mick and Elena Consalvo-82 Gounod Road
- Frank Devita and and Merrill Bullis -76 Wagner Road
- Chris Mrazek and Alyssa Irving-88 Donizetti Road
- C. Thanks to ALL Volunteers

IV. Moderator Tom Lloyd asked for a motion to bring forward for discussion two motions. One was contained in Agenda item IX, Old Business and the second one in Agenda item X A. New Business. The Old Business Motion was from the 2020 Annual Meeting which established an Ad Hoc Voting Committee("Committee"). This Committee was to study current Shelter Harbor voting practices and procedures and to write a report recommending any changes to them. .the New Business Motion was made by Richard Gregory and seconded by Gail Mallard.It proposed to count votes at the 2020 Annual meeting two ways. First, to count votes according to historical voting practices. The second counting method would apply the one person one vote principles vote counting . Richard Ferris made such a motion, which was seconded by JohnTobin. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

. Moderator Lloyd asked Paul W. Eldridge , the Co-Chairman of Ad Hoc Voting Committee to summarize the Committee's Findings and to present a motion to amend the SHFD Bylaws.

Mr. Eldridge summarized the Ad Hoc Committee's conclusions as presented in the Committee's report of May 8, 2021. The Committee's report concluded the current Shelter Harbor voting practices violated the equal protection clause of both the U.S. Constitution and the Rhode Island Constitution. and the conclusions reached in numerous U.S. Supreme Court cases and the Rhode Island Supreme Court case of Flynn v. King. In light of these conclusions , the Ad Hoc Committee recommended that Article 2 of the Bylaws should be amended to provide that a Qualified and Registered Voter could cast only one vote in any Shelter Harbor election.

The Ad Hoc Committee also examined our current proxy voting system which allows a Qualified and Registered voter to vote up to three proxy votes of another Qualified voter at any SHFD meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee found that the Rhode Island Supreme Court case of Dias v Portsmouth Water and Fire District that concluded there

was no provision in Rhode Island law allowing proxy (absentee) voting) in Fire District elections. This means proxies are allowed in Shelter Harbor elections only if our Charter allowed them. The Ad Hoc Committee research indicated Rhode Island had not amended its election law since the Dias case was decided. (this conclusion was subsequently confirmed by Robert J. Flanders) Despite an oral opinion of District Counsel Ruggiero that the language of our Charter(while ambiguous) did allow proxy voting ,the Committee nonetheless recommended that proxy voting should be changed to limit the number of proxies any qualified and registered voter could cast from three to two.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Ad Hoc Committee Report , the Shelter Harbor Board of Governors hired former Rhode Island Supreme Court Judge ,Robert J.Flanders to give the Board a second opinion. Mr. Flanders subsequently issued his opinion on August 22, 2021, agreeing with the Ad Hoc Committee's conclusion that current Shelter Harbor voting practices violated the equal protection clause of both the U.S and Rhode Island Constitutions. This meant the Shelter Harbor Bylaws needed to be amended along the lines recommended by the Committee.

However, Flanders concluded that the Shelter Harbor Charter did not allow general proxy voting. Earlier versions of the Shelter Harbor Charter had allowed spouses to vote each others proxies.and to enact a bylaw allowing people who were too sick to attend the annual meeting in person to vote by proxy. Flanders theory was the 1993 Charter change expanding who could vote in Shelter Harbor elections was not intended to repeal prior limited proxy voting.

Subsequently, Moderator Lloyd asked Mr. Eldridge to draft a new report and resolution to amend the Ad Hoc Committees recommended proxy Bylaw change to allow only spouses to vote each others proxies. This incorporated Mr. Flander's recommendation on limited proxy voting.

After an extended discussion on the proposed bylaw changes on voting, Richard Gregory moved we separate the voting on the one person one vote issue and the proxy issue to vote on them separately. This motion was seconded by Ann O' Shea The motion passed unanimously. Richard Gregory made a motion, which was seconded by Gigi Porcelli to call the question on the one person one vote change to the Bylaws, the change was adopted unanimously by voice vote..

After a very long further discussion of the proxy Bylaw change, a motion was made by Richard Ferris to vote on the proxy issue. This was seconded by Denise Williams .The motion to vote was adopted unanimously. The motion to change the existing Bylaw

provision on proxies took place using the Slido voting tool. It was subsequently reported the motion to change the existing Bylaw proxy rule failed. by a small margin.

In light of the result on the one person one vote issue, Gail Mallard and Richard Gregory withdrew their Motion entitled :Voting and Counting of Votes.

V. Reports of the Tax Assessor/Collector,The The Treasurer and the Finance Committee Chair

Tax Collector Richard Gregory reported all District taxes assessed for fiscal year 06//30/2021 ("FY 2021") were collected. There were no overages for the FY 2021. As in prior years.there were small extra amounts collected for sundry items such as penalties for late payments, fees for tax certificates and other tax information. Mr Gregory requested that the Moderator entertain a motion declaring all that accounts with under or over payments of less than \$20 be deemed "paid in full." The Moderator called for a motion to that effect. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Glen Berwick reported he provided a written report to the SHFD community which includes the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30,2021 along with the recommended budget approved by the Board of Governors(BOG) for the fiscal year ending June 30,2022. Mr.Berwick provided a short summary of his written report. Denise Williams made a motion to to accept the report of the Treasurer , which was seconded by Marianne Nardone. A discussion ensued. The Moderator called for a voice vote, which was unanimous.

The Finance Committee Chair Robert Palumbo reported that the proposed budget represents the revenue and expenses needed to fund SHFD activities and commented on the budget.

Patrick Kinney made a motion seconded by Denise Williams to approve the Financial Committee Report, as presented. It was approved unanimously by voice vote.

V. Report of the Auditor

Auditor Nick Manuzzi reported he reviewed the financial statements and associated records of the District for the fiscal year ending June 30,2021. In Mr Manuzzi's opinion the financial statements fairly and accurately represent the District's financial position at June 30, 2022,The Profit and Loss, as well as the Funds Statements ,accurately reflect the operations for FYE 2021

A motion was made by Robert Palumbo and seconded by Alan Leadbetter to accept the Auditor's report as written. The Moderator called for a voice vote which was unanimous.

VI. Agent Reports

Mr. Lloyd drew everyone's attention to the various fine Agent reports of their activities during F/Y2021. The Moderator asked the Shelter Harbor Community if anyone wanted to comment on any of the reports. Several Community members commented on the very fine work being done by the Agents. Marianne Nardone made a motion to thank the Agents for their great work. The motion was seconded by Betty Waters. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

VII. Action Required of the Meeting.

A. Approval of the Budget for FY 2021/2022

1) Resolution to Assess Taxes

The Treasurer reviewed the budget as presented and explained the budget in more detail. After some discussion, a motion was made by Vivian Duff and seconded by Alex Platt to approve the budget as presented, including the reconciliation of accounts requested by Mr Gregory. The Moderator called for a voice vote, which was unanimous.

B. Election of Officers F/Y 2021

1) Moderator- Patrick Kinney

2) Treasurer- Glen Berwick

3) Assessor/Tax Collector- Richard Gregory

The Moderator explained that since all individual officers were running unopposed , he asked for a motion to approve the election of officers as a slate. The Moderator called for a voice vote on the slate of officers as presented. The voice vote was unanimous.

C. Election of Members of the Board of Governors(2 positions)

1) Marianne Nardone

2) Denise Williams

The Moderator explained that both candidates are running unopposed. Mr. Kinney asked for a motion to approve the election of BOG members as a slate. The moderator

called for a voice vote on the slate of BOG members as presented. The vote was unanimous.

D) Ratification of Prior Actions and Resolutions

Richard Ferris and Art Weiner objected to granting a blanket ratification for the actions and resolutions of the BOG and Officers this year. Richard Ferris mentioned the failure to schedule a special meeting to consider voting issues even though the Bylaw requirements had been satisfied. Richard's second point was the continuation in Office of Board members and officers whose terms had expired in August, 2021. Art Weiner also cited the Board's hiring of legal counsel to issue an opinion on the same voting issues which the Ad Hoc Voting Committee had been assigned to research and report on to the Shelter Harbor voters. Mr Weiner believed the hiring of outside legal counsel was explicitly contrary to the wishes of Shelter Harbor voters. At the 2020 annual meeting the Shelter Harbor voters had initially considered hiring outside legal counsel but ultimately rejected it and instead appointed the Ad Hoc Committee..

After an extended and at times contentious discussion , The motion to approve the ratification of prior actions and resolutions was approved by 77% of the Slido voters.

Viii. New Business

A.Motion to Establish a Special Long Term Planning Committee Submitted by: Ann O' Shea and Arthur Weiner

Ann O'Shea explained the purpose of her Motion. After a spirited discussion a motion was made to Lay the Motion On The Table.This motion was approved after a Slido vote of 70 percent yes votes in favor.

B. Motion to Establish a Bylaws Review Committee Submitted by Ann O'Shea and Arthur Weiner. Ann explained the reason to form the Committee was to conform the Bylaws to what the Charter says. For example the Charter says the BOG is to be comprised of 6 members. The Bylaws say the BOG is comprised of seven members including the Moderator. Ann O'Shea amended her Motion to change the proposed number of Committee members to five to seven. Certain deadlines were also changed to be current because the original motion was prepared for an August Annual meeting. The Vote on this Motion on Slido was too close to call at the Annual Meeting.

C. Motion to Limit Voting to One Person One Vote Per Person Submitted by Arthur Weiner and Ann O'Shea. Arthur Weiner and Ann O'Shea withdrew their Motion

D. Motion to Limit the Number of Proxies Held to Two. Submitted by Arthur Weiner and Ann O'Shea . Arthur Weiner and Ann O'Shea withdrew their Motion.

E. Motion : Purchase of Turco House Submitted by : Mike Van Vranken and James Brewer.

Mike Van Vranken explained the reasons he thought it would be a good idea to buy the Turco house to add to our green space . The Turco space is 0.9 acres. Mike mentioned his due diligence and the state of the negotiations on acquiring the property with the Turcos. On advice of the Parliamentarian, the motion was withdrawn.

IX. Public Comment

Mike Van Vranken asked to take a straw vote to gauge the interest level of proceeding with the negotiations to purchase the Turco house. A voice vote indicated there was little interest in the Shelter Harbor community to purchase the Turco property..

Rochelle Levins asked for volunteers to help get Harbor Field ready for tomorrow's Oktoberfest celebration.

X. Adjournment

Moderator Kinney asked and received unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul W. Eldridge ,Clerk