

January 5, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

Director's present: Chuck Sabatt, Cliff Dow, Jim Germani, Richard Sheehy, Bruce Harding, Peter Hansen, Fermin Osborne, Jim Crocker, Art Marney, Mary Jane Savage, Gail Nightingale, Tiffany Swan, John Crow and Karen Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Barnstable Police Chief Paul MacDonald and Officer Delaney appeared before the Board to discuss recent break ins- in the Village of Osterville. There have been twenty one house breaks between September and December 22nd. The break-ins occurred south of the library to West Bay, and down Seaview Avenue. Three arrests have been made in connection with the break-ins. A resident of Scudder Ave was arrested and charged with 17 of the break-ins. Two individuals were arrested in Cotuit. Chief MacDonald apologized for the way the investigation was handled and for the lack of communication between the police and the Village. However, Chief MacDonald did defend his reasoning for holding back information.

Chief MacDonald asked that if anyone sees suspicious activity to call 508-775-0812. That number goes directly to dispatch. There is a valuable tool on the Barnstable Police Website called crime reports. Type in any address and you will receive a police report for any criminal activity in that area.

Barnstable Community Preservation Act: A possible location for land acquisition has been identified at 738 Main Street. This information will be passed on to Tom Mullin.

Public Comment: Bay School –A new bid is scheduled to go out soon. The Town may use some of the space and they may have an opportunity to lease some of the space.

Secretary's Report: Jo Nyall's name was spelled incorrectly in last month's minutes. The Minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$25,754.72. Jim suggested opening an account with ING

Motion to open an ING Account and deposit \$15,000 into account subject to review with the OVA's accountant. Motion carried

Membership Committee: We currently have 997 members. John Crow will prepare a letter to send to people who have paid twice. He will ask if they would like to donate duplicate funds to the Bob Smith Fund or use as prepayment for next year's dues.

O.B.P.A. Our next breakfast meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at Cape Cod Academy at 7:45 a.m. Notices will be sent out or emailed to all members.

The final income from the OVA/ OBPA Christmas Charities Appeal resulted in donations to Salvation Army and Cape Cod Times Needy Fund of \$2,800 each. We presented each of them with a check for \$2,500 on December 10th and we will send each an additional check for \$300. We are still receiving a few donations which will go towards next year's postage expenses. We also received one additional \$120 check made out directly to the Needy Fund (through the efforts of Ann Rascati of Kindred's) which we have turned over to them. We thank Bruce Williams for heading up this committee for both of our organizations.

We had a very successful Christmas Open House & Stroll on December 12th. We thank the OVA again for their donations towards the horse drawn carriage rides and the trolley rides.

Plans are being made for our Chocolate Fest to be held on Saturday, February 7, and for our next Winter Cocktail Party to be held at Five Bays Bistro at a date to be determined in February. The cocktail party is being sponsored by Five Bays Bistro and TDBanknorth.

Osterville Fine Art & Design is closing and therefore Barry Applebaum has resigned from our Steering Committee. His replacement will be voted at our next meeting. We have a new business, Irresistibles who will be opening at the former Vintage Flowers premises on Wianno Avenue in March or April.

We have two new OBPA Members:

Vintage Flowers, Cindy Muzyka, now located at 877 Main St.

William Raveis Real Estate, 1284B Main Street

The report was accepted.

Osterville Record – Copies will be handed out to review and the Record should be ready to be sent out in a week.

Robert Smith Fund – Request from the Library for a CD/DVD repair machine. Lee Anne Amend spoke to the Board and explained how this machine works to clean and repair scratched CD's and DVD's. The other libraries in the Town of Barnstable will have access to the machine at a cost to be determined.

The machine costs \$2500 which includes cleaning solution.

Motion to approve \$2500 to purchase a CD/DVD repair machine. Tiffany Swan opposed. Gail Nightingale abstains. Motion Carried.

New business: Flag Pole light down to one light. John Crow will speak to Larry Siscoe.

The Osterville Voice is no longer in business. The balance remaining at the end of the association was \$2048. According to their By-Laws, any funds remaining would be donated to the OVA. Mary Jane Savage presented a check in the amount of \$1024.00 to Chuck Sabatt. A

second check for \$1024 was presented to Gail Nightingale for a donation to the building fund of the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Smith

Secretary

The next meeting of the Osterville Village Association will be held on Monday, February 2nd at the

Osterville Free Library at 7:00 p.m.