

Riverbay Association

ANNUAL MEETING

October 27, 2018

1. The 2018 Riverbay Association annual meeting was called to order by Association President Shirwin Pockwinse at 10:00 AM at the Chatham Community Center. Shirwin thanked all board members for their service and especially mentioned past president Edward Boyce. A gift will be sent to him.
2. Guest speaker Mike Anderson, Deputy Chief of the Chatham Police Department was introduced. Officer Anderson spoke on how to protect yourself from current frauds, phone, email and door to door scams. Key points:
 - Best defense- HANG UP
 - Financial scammers are VERY good- since 1/2018 there have been 100 documented incidents, \$480,000 lost, only 1 arrest, and 0 convictions.
 - Use your common sense, you cannot win a contest you did not enter.
 - The IRS NEVER calls and the CPD cannot arrest you for a federal crime.
 - All solicitors must register with the CPD- when in doubt call and ask the police.
 - Utility companies NEVER demand instant payment- it is a lengthy process to have your utilities cut off and they would never do so in the winter.
 - Extortion: If you have done nothing wrong, you have nothing to fear.
 - If it sounds too good to be true, it isn't.
 - NEVER provide personal information.
 - Use Google to research scams

If you have been victimized, do not be embarrassed- you are not alone. Report the scam to the CPD, stop bank and credit card payments and report the crime to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

3. President's Report: Last year's minutes were approved. The following highlights from the past year were mentioned:
 - Flag pole upgraded, and a solar light was installed.
 - There were 4 socials- thank you to all who volunteered to host and to facilitate. (esp. Dee Flaherty, Carole Salines and Ann Reydel for offering to host).
 - Yard sale was once again a success- 45 homes participated.
 - Drip irrigation on the "quad" was repaired.
4. Thank you:
 - Thank you to Rick and Michele Crean (Chatham Bakery owners and Riverbay residents) for the coffee and delicious pastries.
 - Sally Davol for guidance as past President.
 - Dick Pockwinse for lowering and raising the flag when appropriate.
 - To all board member spouses for always helping!
5. Treasurer's report- accepted with these notes:

- The Profit & Loss statement showed two years of Annual meetings because of how the dates fell
 - A onetime expense of a computer this year.
 - There was an extra outlay of cash due to storm repair from the March Nor'easters.
6. Membership: Currently 220 members (not counting those that paid their membership dues at the meeting). This number is 20 less than last year. There were 6 new members this year. Real Estate report:
- 7 properties sold this year between \$500K and \$875K
 - Houses on the market from 1 to 271 days.
 - 2 pending sales currently.
 - 11 houses active currently.
7. Beautification: Ann Reydel asks that if you are interested in helping out, please send her your email address. 17 residents helped with the spring clean-up and planting, and 10 helped with the fall clean-up and decorating. There are plans for updating western garden on the quad.
8. Special Events. Dates for the remainder of 2018 and 2019 events are posted on the website www.riverbay.org. Notable:
- Christmas tree lighting on the Quad 12/6/2018 5:30 PM
 - Saturday Social 2/23/19 5-7 PM place TBD
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 - Yard sale 5/25/19
9. Vote on new members of the Board approved:
- Dan Hayden, Vice President
 - Sally Davol, Secretary
10. Discussion
- Florence Selden reminded residents that the Board of Selectmen would be discussing the site of the new COA at the next meeting (10/29/18)
 - Dave Morrison commented on the speed of cars and trucks on Old Comers Rd. despite the efforts of local Police. Offered two petitions for residents to sign looking for more signage and a lower speed limit.
 - Riverbay access to the Monomoy River was discussed. There are residents that would like to create a committee to investigate opening up an access point. A blast email will be sent out to form a committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Davol, Secretary