

# BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2023

### **Trustees**

#### **Attending:**

Rich Brodman  
Tony Dandola  
Bill Chernelich  
Jack Byrnes  
Bruce Allen  
Betsy Aras  
Wendy Baker  
Mary Ann Crutchlow  
Phil Kahn  
Kay McDonnell  
Scott Neff  
Maddy Pantzer

#### **Excused/Absent:**

Madeline Weinrebe

Rich Brodman called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

The minutes of July 15th meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Opening Remarks – Rich Brodman**

None.

### **Reports**

#### **1. Membership – Kay McDonnell**

As of August 24th, we have approximately 616 members consisting of:

- 525 individual/household
- 86 lifetime
- 5 business.

We have total lapsed of 121; 69 overdue since 4/27 and 52 not renewed since 4/22.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report – Bill Chernelich**

- Madeline now has check signing authorization, replacing Bill. We will be moving to QuickBooks from the Excel spreadsheet approach
- July collections were excellent. Fund balances are approximately \$31,000
- Anticipated future expenditures include the defibrillator (approximately \$2000) and contributions to the Fire House and EMTs (approximately \$500 each).

3. **Social Media – Betsy Aras, Wendy Baker, Scott Neff**

The beach cleanup is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>. We have a General meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with two speakers, Karter Larson on the fishing industry and Postmaster Tom Altman. Mayor Larson will also share news and updates. We plan to send out an email announcing new Board Members and their backgrounds. For existing Board Members, we will direct folks to our website.

4. **Little Free Library – Mary Ann Crutchlow**

We continue to pursue the collection of more children's books.

5. **Donation to Barnegat Light – Rich Brodman**

The defibrillator has been purchased, and we are anticipating delivery. There was no grant money available. We are considering making this donation in honor of Bob Selfridge's amazing rescue last August. A plaque is under consideration. We will also be making our annual donations to the Fire House and First Aid Squad at the September meeting.

6. **Remaining Meeting and Events – Bruce, Jack and Rich**

At our General Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Karter Larson and Tom Altman are our two speakers. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the movie, *Drift*, will be shown at 7:30PM at the Pavilion. The Taxpayers Associations from Harvey Cedars, High Bar Harbor and Loveladies will participate. A gift of \$500 will be made to Save The Bay which should cover the projection costs.

The Museum will hold its wine and cheese gathering on Sunday, August 27.

7. **Borough Council Meeting – Bruce Allen and Rich Brodman**

The following points were discussed at the meeting.

- The bamboo issue remains a clear focus of the Borough Council
- The shed at the pickle ball courts has not opened yet. We expect that it will be soon
- We have removed 20 unregistered kayaks, only two of which have been claimed so far
- Beach badge collections have been excellent, totally \$210,000 this year, \$21,000 more than 2022
- The Borough Council has received a \$65,000 grant for equipment at the Bay Beach Park
- The fobs for the dog park are failing and will be replaced. A fence is being considered to separate big and small dogs.

8. **JCTA – Rich Brodman**

There was nothing new to report.

9. **New Business**

We are considering a gift to the folks on Maui displaced by the fires, perhaps \$1,000. A group called "The Youth with a Calling" where 100% of the funds go to those in need is under consideration.

The next meeting of the BLTA Board will be at our General Meeting at the Pavilion at 9:30AM on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Byrnes  
Secretary