



Report  
of the  
127th Year  
of the

**Bar Harbor**



*Village Improvement Association*

October 24th, 2019

Organized 1881  
Incorporated 1891

127 West Street

## **Life Members**

Mrs. Grace Arnold  
Mrs. Catherine Barrett  
Mr. Ron Bilancia  
Mr. Louis Blancato  
Mrs. Charlotte Bordeaux  
Gail Caruso  
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John Collier  
Bob Collier  
Dick Collier  
Suzanne Corbett  
Paul Coston  
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2018

Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association

President: Richard Cough

Vice President: Andy Shea

Secretary: Erin Cough

Treasurer: Jonathan Nicholson

Directors: Les Brewer, Paul Coston,

Phil Cunningham, Jeff Dobbs,

Ericka Duym, Kathy MacLeod, Tom Testa

All visitors to Bar Harbor, as well as residents, are cordially invited to join the Village Improvement Association. No formality is necessary to become a member. Yearly dues for an individual are \$25.00. Life membership is \$500.00.

Dues may be paid on our website [www.barharborvia.org](http://www.barharborvia.org) or mail a check to Mr. Jonathan Nicholson at The First Bank, 102 Main St., Bar Harbor, ME. 04609.

Donations are greatly appreciated. We will acknowledge your contribution.

	AS OF JULY 31ST							Proposed Budget
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
CASH ON HAND AUGUST 1	\$215,241.70	\$198,319.49	\$240,700.71	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$290,146.66	\$340,000.00
RECEIPTS:								
ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$7,385.06	\$11,961.36	\$14,241.98	\$17,184.90	\$18,111.35	\$20,828.69	\$23,322.75	\$25,000.00
O'NEIL TRUST	\$34,431.49	\$47,216.71	\$42,150.00	\$31,400.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,400.00	\$31,850.00	\$32,600.00
INTEREST	\$563.89	\$523.35	\$431.69	\$331.18	\$326.32	\$302.49	\$315.31	\$310.00
DUES	\$60.00	\$350.00	\$250.00	\$950.00	\$710.00	\$1,190.00	\$160.00	\$200.00
SHORE PATH DRIVE		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
VILLAGE GREEN		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
FOUNTAIN		\$2,396.10	\$0.00	\$420.18	\$693.03	\$1,113.14	\$0.00	\$500.00
GIFTS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$12,055.00	\$672.04	\$900.00	\$300.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,200.00
DEGREGOIRE PARK GIFTS RECEIVED							\$173,783.55	\$75,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$42,940.44	\$62,947.52	\$69,128.67	\$50,958.30	\$50,740.70	\$54,134.32	\$230,581.61	\$134,810.00
DISBURSEMENTS:								
SHORE PATH	\$55,219.25	\$7,400.00	\$18,516.00	\$0.00	\$12,925.65	\$7,680.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
HOW MEMORIAL/WOODBURY PARK	\$2,432.93	\$2,317.04	\$2,878.86	\$2,853.95	\$1,930.00	\$1,155.00	\$790.00	\$1,000.00
DEGREGOIRE PARK							\$370.10	\$5,000.00
ACCOUNTANT	\$550.00	\$575.00	\$600.00	\$625.00	\$635.00	\$650.00	\$675.00	\$700.00
INSURANCE	\$782.00	\$770.00	\$826.00	\$850.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$119.19	\$383.28	\$1,986.88	\$419.46	\$1.40	\$0.00	\$28.00	\$50.00
VILLAGE GREEN		\$2,539.50	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GLEN MARY	\$759.28	\$500.00	\$131.59	\$240.34	\$0.00	\$1,346.61	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
HISTORICAL SIGNAGE		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,508.00	\$2,615.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
TOWN CLOCK		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
RENT							\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
ADVERTISING/ANNUAL MTG EXP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$527.40	\$1,040.04	\$1,269.00	\$1,323.47	\$1,500.00
DONATIONS/GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$35,100.00	\$0.00	\$34.69	\$500.00
IRS	\$0.00	\$301.48	\$257.00	\$929.00	\$345.00	\$352.00	\$365.00	\$400.00
TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00			\$0.00	\$10,020.00	\$0.00
PAYPAL FEES			\$45.59	\$7.39	\$19.08	\$24.30	\$12.15	\$50.00
LEGAL		\$3,780.00	(2,572.50)	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$160.00	\$200.00
DEGREGOIRE PARK EXPENSES PAID							\$162,802.55	\$117,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$59,862.65	\$20,566.30	\$97,669.42	\$8,960.54	\$55,510.17	\$13,375.91	\$181,580.96	\$174,900.00
CASH ON HAND JULY 31	\$198,319.49	\$240,700.71	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$290,146.66	\$339,147.31	\$299,910.00
VIA ACCOUNTS RECAP:								
Operating Checking	\$31,175.41	\$70,662.48	\$116,731.01	\$157,758.96	\$151,571.74	\$139,971.48	\$177,244.74	
DeGregoire Green Checking						\$50,000.00	\$60,981.00	
Certificate of Deposit 660883	\$12,854.47	\$12,889.63	\$12,921.86	\$12,954.24	\$12,972.97	\$13,031.54	\$13,083.49	
Fountain Checking	\$0.00	\$2,396.10	\$2,405.51	\$3,113.30	\$4,287.25	\$6,426.09	\$6,938.94	
Capital Reserve CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$154,289.61	\$154,752.50	\$80,101.58	\$80,331.22	\$80,556.29	\$80,717.55	\$80,899.14	
TOTAL	\$198,319.49	\$240,700.71	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$290,146.66	\$339,147.31	
VIA Endowment (market 6/30/19)	\$557,771.48	\$614,774.70	\$685,551.91	\$713,617.19	\$771,175.52	\$827,179.13	\$843,512.85	
Gladys F O'Neil Charitable Trust (6/30/19 - Total balance)			\$2,664,628.19		\$2,806,806.95	\$2,901,805.65	\$2,861,293.50	

Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association

127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

October 18, 2018

President Richard Cough welcomed 13 association members and guests to the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association held at Testa's Restaurant , 53 Main St., Bar Harbor. In attendance were officers: Richard Cough, Andy Shea, Kathy MacLeod and Jonathan Nicholson, Directors: Jeff Dobbs, Philip Cunningham, Tom Testa, Ericka Duym and Paul Coston. Les Brewer was absent but excused.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Jeff Dobbs motioned to approve the minutes. Jonathan Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Election of Officers and Directors

Mr. Cough recommended the group elect the slate of Officers and seven Directors to the BHVIA Board.

President: Richard Cough

Vice-President; Andy Shea

Secretary: Erin Cough

Treasurer: Jonathan Nicholson

Directors: Leslie, Brewer, Philip Cunningham, Jeff Dobbs, Kathy MacLeod, Tom Testa, Ericka Duym, Paul Coston

Kathy MacLeod is stepping down as secretary but will remain on the board of directors.

The motion to elect the Officers and Directors was made by Jeff Dobbs and seconded by Kathy MacLeod.

Mr. Cough welcomed Erin Cough and stated the Board looks forward to having her presence and expertise at future meetings.

Ms. MacLeod read the names of new Lifetime members: Richard, Robert and John Collier, Esther Collier Testa, Suzanne Corbett, Tom Cough, Steve Cough, Ivan and Terry Rasmussen, Kim Swan, Steve and Kay Theede. Mr. Cough thanked them for their generosity.

#### Treasurer`s Report

The treasurer`s report was read, accepted and approved. Motion was made by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Dobbs.

Jonathan Nicholson stated there is a separate account for DeGregoire Park. There have been quite a few donations in addition to the \$50,000 seed money from the Bar Harbor Village improvement Association.

The Shore Path needs more work done especially the access from Wayman Lane.

The fountain account is at \$6400.00. Jon Nicholson is giving up the collection and processing of the fountain coins. The Boy Scouts will begin collecting and processing next year. We collected \$1200.00 from the fountains this year.

#### Village Green

There was a discussion about enlarging the bandstand. The band has grown in numbers and there isn`t enough space for everyone to sit. The band director, Brian Booher will get designs and will consult with the VIA.

Thank you to Alexander Philips for maintenance of the Town Clock.

## Glen Mary

The granite bench in memory of Mary Shannon was unstable but was reset by the Town and is now firmly set and safe. George Merrill has been watering the flowers. The Town is responsible for maintenance and Tom Savage is responsible for tree trimming.

## Shore Path

We have been maintaining the Shore Path since 1891. Steve Raab has documentation stating the Shore Path has been in existence since 1876.

Stones replaced the walkway on the southern end of the Shore Path. The bridge could be eliminated and replaced with bricks and stone dust.

Mr. MacQuinn made repairs before the summer season.

The Wayman Lane end of the Shore Path near Janie Whitney and Paul Coston is in need of repair. The stone wall needs to be restored. There needs to be a road so trucks can get in and out.

## Woodbury Park

Hooper Cuts was hired to mow the grass and trim shrubs. Mr. Cough and Mr. Testa trimmed the cedars around the How Memorial.

## DeGregoire Park

Mr. Cough shared a PowerPoint presentation of the progress of our new park.

There will be a granite bench in honor of Les Brewer and another in memory of Gladys O`Neil placed in the park.

Donation letters were mailed. We have received a number of generous donations including \$10,000 from the Town.

Mr. Cough thanked everyone who has worked on this project including board members, Ericka Duym for the many hours she spent on the plan, Kathy MacLeod and Erin Cough for their fundraising efforts. Everyone thanked Dick Cough for his foresight, planning and hours spent to make DeGregoire Green a reality.

### **DeGregoire Green Project Summary (Mr. Cough`s notes)**

August 2016 – VIA offers 50,000 to Town for Route 3 path upgrades

November 2016 – Detailed park plans drawn up by Dick Cough

Met with landowner, Joe Cough

August 2017 – park plan presented at VIA annual meeting

May 2018 – VIA informs Town we'll use the 50k for our own park

July 2018 – Sargent Corp. cuts, clears, hauls and grades

Professional plans drawn up by Ericka Dyum

August – Approval of BH Design Review Board received

September – Permits in hand from Town of Bar Harbor

Grindle Landscaping hired as general contractor

T.G.Dunn hired as plumber

MCM Electric hired to do lighting

Water to site installed

Grindle does more site prep work

Fund raising campaign begins

October – Grindle dug out for fountain and fire memorial

Norwood poured slab for fountain

Grindle set 8 granite posts for fire memorial

8 bollard lights ordered

Grindle laid pavers for path, fountain and fire memorial

9 10,000 gifts for park benches received

8 curved and 12 straight granite benches ordered

Note: Daily site visits, measuring, phone calls, e-mails, deskwork, site work and dealing with contractors, land owners, MDOT and the Town

The plan is to complete Phase II (all in ground work) this fall. In the spring do Phase III (install elements, landscaping and hydro seed)

The week of 10-14

## My work

Write and send article and Park and Annual Meeting to MDI Islander

Cut trees on Lance's entrance

Do drawings for Lance's entrance

Stake out location of benches

Stake out location of lights

Contact Jeff Gemelin and order Fire Memorial Stone

Contact Jeff Gamelin and order 8 curved benches

Do photos and drawings for MDOT (culvert area)

Lay out upper path entrance

Get Tommy Dunn on site to work on water supply

Contact irrigations guy – Ken?

Contact Electrician

## Contractors

Scott Grindle

Finish pavers

Dig ditch for lights/conduit

Dig bases for benches

Haul in fill and feather off low and high areas

Remove excess hot top near Harbor Lane

Make sure Lane doesn't repave this piece

Tommy Dunn

Install holding tank

Install shut off for water supply

Install tee and shut offs to supply fountain and irrigation system

Mike Musetti

Install conduit for wiring for lights

Install concrete bases for lights

install conduit for fountain timer and sump pump

Issues that need to be resolved in the park

1. MDOT ROW/easement

A. file paperwork for license

2. Fence

A. What are the set backs,

B. Where will it be located

C. How far will it run

D. Must I provide access to power poles

### 3 Path

A. Where will it ultimately come into the park off MU path

### 4. Additional Elements

A. What else is going in the park

1) Flower beds

2) Planters

3) Stone piers

4) Benches

a. engraving

b. exact words

c. coordinating order

B. Where exactly will they be located

C. How many of each element

10-12

DeGregiore Green Projects Goals

Fall of 2018

Main Goal – Have all in ground work completed November 15

Walking path, fountain and fire memorial plazas

Underground conduit for lighting and fountain

Pour slab for fountain

Underground conduit for water for fountain

Water holding tank set in ground and plumbed

Water lines and shut offs in and drained

Irrigation line installed

Concrete light bases set in ground

Conduit for lights

Base material for 12 granite benches

Order granite benches (8 curved and 12 straight)

Order granite obelisk fire memorial

Order concrete fountain

Spring 2019

Main Goal – Complete above ground elements

Plant trees and shrubs

Get benches engraved

Set 20 benches

Set 2' x 4' stone planters

Set Granite obelisk fire memorial

Set medusa fountain

Build stone piers

Order and install wrought iron fence

Loam and hydro-seed

Install park, wayfinding and MITS signs

10-5

My work for next week:

mark light posts locations

mark benches locations on both paths

finish paperwork for MDOT license

choose holding tank

try to get Tommy Dunn there to get the water work underground done

try to get Mike Musetti there to get electric work underground done

Send out another 100 donor letters and cards

Research fence set backs

Let Scott know about sidewalk changes (mark out and remove hottop)

Let Scott/Norwood know no box in center of slab - will be concrete

What happened this week:

Did backup overflow/drain pipe for the fountain. Went before Town Council and got 10,000 for to do pavers on the park path.

Changed the path access on Harbor Lane end as it now comes out in the road as opposed to the MU path. Run alongside the road around the Norway maple.

Pavers delivered - Scott should finish up next week and is willing to dig the ditch for the conduit and lights if we have the concrete bases.

A little disappointed in the grade of the path going into the Fire Memorial . . . should have dipped down well before the memorial to allow for a level area going past the memorial.

Some issues with ownership and ROW on Lance Mahaney's property. Must get license with MDOT for any elements in that area.

Met with both owners of the land today Joe, Caleb, Sydney and Lance and Patricia. Joe is selling this land to his son, Caleb. Concerned about privacy, noise and want a solid fence but will try hedge and wrought iron w/ wind screen first. Met Patricia for the first time, thrilled with the improvements and willing to pay for more including the fence.

9-15

Consider pouring a slab under the fountain (this will insure the fountain is level, provide a stable base, prevent heaving, provide a line for Scott to brick around now.

If this is to be done the following must be completed before hand:

Dig ditch from water box to fountain center

Lay 2 3" conduit lines to center of fountain

Run water line (four ¼" polypropalene tubing) through conduit from water box to fountain center

Run drain line for recycling water to the fountain (this will require power and a pump/circulator)

Notes:

Line up plumber (Dunn)

Line up contractor (Scott)

Line up Electrician (MCM)

Slab Details:

Slab will be a perfect circle with a 20" x 20" square hole in the center (for water and drain line).

8" thick, 10' in diameter

Use #4 1/2" bar running in both directions every 12" (2" off the ground)

Other fountain issues:

Determine where the drain pipe will be in the base rim

The cost for DeGregoire Green is \$179,000. We are trying to keep the cost down.

## Website and Facebook

Ms. MacLeod reported there were over 300 website views in the fall of 2018. Our Facebook page has 1931 likes.

Our bylaws now state: “The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in October at some convenient place in the Village of Bar Harbor.....”

The meeting timeframe changed from August to October.

## New Business

Mr. Cough spoke briefly about the Bar Harbor Historical Society purchasing LaRochelle.

Chuck Soul stated he is concerned about the apple tree on the Shore path near his house. He is willing to trim the tree. He said the tree is much healthier since the Shore Path has been repaired around it. Mr. Cough thanked Mr. Soul.

There was a motion from Ms. Duym to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Dobbs. Mr. Cough thanked everyone for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy MacLeod

## BAR HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION GIFTING POLICY

Since 1890, The Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association has worked to carry out the mission of its founding fathers who assembled, based on their perceived need, to provide: *'some method of united action to preserve the natural beauties of the place by ornamentation of the streets and public grounds of the village, by the planting and cultivating of trees, and doing such acts as shall tend to beautify, adorn and increase the attractions of the village and to promote the public welfare.'*

To that end, The Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association has decided to establish an annual gifting opportunity for the community; the criteria and application process, as written below, reflect the original intent of the Association. As in the past, the Association does not intend to fund entire projects, but rather to provide seed money to initiate a project, or perhaps to complete one. Funds will be awarded once a year at the discretion of the VIA. Applications may be submitted to any Director by April 1<sup>st</sup> and will be announced at the annual meeting in August.

### Criteria:

- 1) Project must be within the town of Bar Harbor
- 2) Town projects will have priority over other groups

### The presentation to the board should include:

- 1) Project plans
- 2) Project description (not to exceed one page)
- 3) Estimated cost
- 4) How project will enhance the community

### Award winners and amounts will be based on:

- 1) Value added to the community
- 2) Enhancement or beautification of some aspect of the community
- 3) Number of people who will benefit from the project
- 4) Other sources of funding for the proposed project
- 5) Presentation of proposed project to the board
- 6) The discretion of the VIA Board



## Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association

### **Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association**

#### **By-Laws**

(adopted 8-8-1941; revised 8-15-1991; revised 8-17-2017)

**Preamble:** Whereas, it is evident to all who are interested in the Village of Bar Harbor that some method of united action is needed in order to preserve the natural beauties of the grounds of the village, by planting and cultivating of trees, and doing such other acts as attractions of the village and to promote the public welfare; therefore we have formed ourselves into an Association and agree to be governed by the following by-laws:

1. "The corporation shall be known as the Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association."
2. "The following persons shall be members ex-officio of the Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association and free from obligation to pay dues: all municipal officers of the Town of Bar Harbor, including the Town Manager, the Superintendent of Acadia National Park, or his designee. Other members shall be such other persons as may be elected by the Directors. Annual Membership fees for an individual or a Life Membership fee for an individual may be established by vote at any annual meeting.
3. "The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in October at some convenient place in the Village of Bar Harbor of which due notice shall be

given by the Secretary. Other meetings of the Association may be called by the President and shall be called upon written request of five members.”

4. “At the annual meeting, the Association shall elect by ballot the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven members to serve as Board of Directors of eleven, which shall include at least one member acquainted with the conditions in each of the following fields: 1) Finance, 2) Health and Sanitation, 3) Paths or Trails, 4) Public Grounds or Parks, 5) Town Building, Zoning or Planning Ordinances. Special Committees may be appointed at any time by a vote of the Association or by the Board of Directors.”
5. “The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors, and in his absence the Vice-President shall perform the duties of his office. The Treasurer shall have charge of all money and other property of the Association and at the annual meeting shall report in writing, supported by an account and vouchers for audit. He shall be the sole dispersing officer of the Association and shall pay out monies only upon written approval of the President or a member of the Board of Directors, except for usual office expenses. The Secretary shall keep a complete and careful record of all proceedings of the Association and its Board of Directors, shall have charge of the books, records, and seal of the Association, shall give due notice of all meetings, shall send copies of the minutes of each meeting to all of the Board of Directors, and shall take charge of the preparation of the Association’s Annual Report.
6. “Deeds and contracts shall be executed by the President and Treasurer and shall be stamped with the seal of the Corporation bearing its name and the year 1891. No member shall be personally liable for any contract or debt of the Association.”
7. “Eleven members of the Association or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum; and a quorum being present, a majority thereof shall control.”
8. “These By-Laws as a whole, or any part thereof, may be repealed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any official meeting of the Association, but notice of any proposed change shall be given at the call of the meeting.”