

Report
of the
130th Year
of the

Bar Harbor
Village Improvement Association
The Great Fire of 1947 ~75th Anniversary



November 8th, 2022

Organized 1881
Incorporated 1891

**127 West Street
Bar Harbor, Maine**

BHVIA 131st Annual Meeting Tuesday, 8 November 2022 at 10:00 AM @ La Rochelle

Agenda

1. Bring the meeting to order
2. Approve 2021 Annual Meeting minutes
3. Election of Officers
 - A. Approve slate of Officers (Dick, Andy, Kim and Jon)
 - B. Approve full slate Directors (Tom, Jeff, Stephen, David, Helene and Erin)
4. Treasurer's Report (spread sheet – approve next years budget)
 - A. O'Neil Trust
 - B. Checking Account
 - C. Money Market and CD
 - D. BH Trust Services VIA Portfolio
 - E. The First Fountain Fund
 - F. DeGregoire Green
 - G. Corporate Report (VIA now filing?)
 - H. Donations received – 10,000.00 (John Darling); Given – 2000 + 5000 (BHHS), 1500 (History Trust)
5. Property Reports
 - A. Shore Path
 - 1) Form Committee to assess and address overuse, promotion, education, etc.
 - 2) New residents along the Shore Path
 - B. Glen Mary
 - 1) Proposed new pool – discussion/approval/next step (Committee?)
 - C. Village Green
 - 1) Proposed bandstand remodel update – Jeff
 - D. DeGregoire Green
 - 1) 2022 work completed – new trees planted, maintenance contracts, new bench
 - 2) Request by Caleb Cough for VIA to pay our share (the park) of his taxes (1887.00)
 - 3) Negotiations w/ Town to take over park (David, Dick) New surveyor – Tom Benson
 - E. Storing/housing the VIA collection – Jesup vs. Historical Society
6. Media
 - A. Website, Facebook - visits, improvements, changes, collaborations (Kim)
 - B. Future publicizing of VIA annual meeting – How much . . . Website only?
7. New Business
 - A. Projects - West Street MUP improvements, welcome to BH sign
 - B. Annual meetings – attendance, promotion, advertising
8. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes of VIA Meeting - October 2021
La Rochelle

President Dick Cough called meeting to order at 3:04PM

In attendance: Steven Coston, David Witham, Jeff Dobbs, Erin Cought, Dick Cough, Andy Shea, Tom Testa, Kim Swan, Helene Harton and Jon Nicholson

The Annual Report and Minutes from last meeting were reviewed - Andy moved and Jeff seconded to accept. Vote was unanimous.

Slate of Officers was presented:

Dick Cough, President
Andy Shea, Vice President
Kim Swan, Secretary
Jon Nicholson, Treasurer

Jeff moved and Jon seconded to approve. Vote was unanimous

Jon reviewed the budget noting expenditures for
ShorePath, regular because of washouts
Degregoire, still a new project and irrigation
Glen Mary, tree cutting, clean ups

Jon noted that the VIA endowment is growing well and is the ONeill fund which the VIA receives 1/4 of.

\$10,000 was added to the DeGregoire budget for surveying and sharing in taxes.

Dick shared several thank you notes to the VIA including the Kirk Family, Helene Harton and Ruth Colket.

Discussion regarding the interest by several community members in creating a Dog Park in the wooded side of Glen Mary Park. VIA agreed to support and suggest that the group formalize and approach the Parks and Rec committee. Kim moved, Jeff seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jeff shared that there is a proposed new bandstand for the Village Green. There is \$16k - \$17k in town budget for design. There will be an RFP for new designs first before anything else happens.

Dick shared more information about DeGregoire Green and how title is held. Caleb Cough continues to pay taxes on the property. 2019: \$1276, 2020: \$1294, 2021: \$919 1st half. Jeff moved and Tom seconded that the VIA should reimburse Cough for their share of costs. Vote passed 8-0-2 with Dick Cough and Erin Cough abstaining.

Discussion on this subject continued with thoughts of how we work out deal with the town to accept the land without creating a non-conforming lot and discussion about a formal agreement with Caleb Cough going forward. An MOU was suggested that would memorialize the agreement on the use of the park and recognize the use for things such as covering liability etc.

Andy Shea and Jon Nicholson will work to draft a memo with Caleb to cover issues such as liability coverage and real estate tax repayment etc. Kim moved and Jeff seconded. Vote was 8-0-2 with Dick Cough and Erin Cough abstaining.

(Jeff Dobbs and Erin Cough left the meeting at 3:40 PM)

There was further discussion about the VIA website and having past annual meeting minutes on line. There are VIA minutes from 1881 in the VIA office at La Rochelle. It was agreed that we would keep the website with TownSquare and would make tweaks.

Dick reviewed future projects including:

West Street will be done and will include a multi use path from DeGregoire Green

A new Welcome Sign in the ANP style of signs.

Concern about addressing safety issues at West and Eden Streets.

Suggest neighbor meeting regarding Dog Park.

Andy moved and David seconded to adjourn meeting at 3:58 PM. Vote was unanimous.

	AS OF JULY 31ST								Proposed Budget 2022-2023
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	
CASH ON HAND AUGUST 1	\$240,700.71	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$290,146.66	\$351,417.31	\$303,480.96	\$262,367.80	\$318,000.00
RECEIPTS:									
ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$14,241.98	\$17,184.90	\$18,111.35	\$20,828.69	\$23,322.75	\$23,680.32	\$29,661.24	\$26,769.20	\$27,000.00
O'NEIL TRUST	\$42,150.00	\$31,400.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,400.00	\$31,850.00	\$32,600.00	\$32,600.00	\$32,600.00	\$32,600.00
INTEREST	\$431.69	\$331.18	\$326.32	\$302.49	\$315.31	\$275.57	\$113.52	\$146.14	\$160.00
DUES	\$250.00	\$950.00	\$710.00	\$1,190.00	\$160.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$570.00	\$500.00
FOUNTAIN	\$0.00	\$420.18	\$693.03	\$1,113.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GIFTS	\$12,055.00	\$672.04	\$900.00	\$300.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,011.00	\$8,100.00	\$18,500.00	\$7,500.00
DEG PARK/ROY BENCH GIFTS RECEIVED					\$175,131.70	\$72,993.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$69,128.67	\$50,958.30	\$50,740.70	\$54,134.32	\$231,929.76	\$131,560.72	\$70,974.76	\$78,585.34	\$67,760.00
DISBURSEMENTS:									
SHORE PATH	\$18,516.00	\$0.00	\$12,925.65	\$7,680.00	\$0.00	\$62,184.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
HOW MEMORIAL/WOODBURY PARK	\$2,878.86	\$2,853.95	\$1,930.00	\$1,155.00	\$790.00	\$1,771.14	\$1,685.00	\$1,960.00	\$2,000.00
DEGREGOIRE PARK					\$370.10	\$5,582.37	\$7,725.10	\$11,147.81	\$10,000.00
ACCOUNTANT	\$600.00	\$625.00	\$635.00	\$650.00	\$675.00	\$690.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$725.00
INSURANCE	\$826.00	\$850.00	\$864.00	\$864.00	\$0.00	\$1,690.00	\$0.00	\$926.00	\$923.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,986.88	\$419.46	\$1.40	\$0.00	\$28.00	\$55.73	\$273.76	\$367.83	\$400.00
VILLAGE GREEN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GLEN MARY	\$131.59	\$240.34	\$0.00	\$1,346.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,911.25	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
HISTORICAL SIGNAGE	\$0.00	\$2,508.00	\$2,615.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,340.50	\$725.84	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
TOWN CLOCK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
RENT					\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
ADVERTISING/ANNUAL MTG/WEBSITE	\$0.00	\$527.40	\$1,040.04	\$1,269.00	\$1,323.47	\$785.71	\$1,032.00	\$1,548.00	\$1,600.00
DONATIONS/GRANTS	\$0.00		\$35,100.00	\$0.00	\$34.69		\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
IRS	\$257.00	\$929.00	\$345.00	\$352.00	\$365.00	\$432.28	\$1,374.97	-\$686.86	\$600.00
TRANSFERS	\$75,000.00			\$0.00	\$0.00	-	80,000.00	-	\$0.00
PAYPAL FEES	\$45.59	\$7.39	\$19.08	\$24.30	\$12.15	\$24.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
LEGAL	(2,572.50)	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$185.00	\$200.00
DEGREGOIRE PARK EXPENSES PAID					\$161,900.70	\$96,780.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$97,669.42	\$8,960.54	\$55,510.17	\$13,375.91	\$170,659.11	\$179,497.07	\$112,087.92	\$23,147.78	\$49,748.00
CASH ON HAND JULY 31	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$290,146.66	\$351,417.31	\$303,480.96	\$262,367.80	\$317,805.36	\$336,012.00
VIA ACCOUNTS RECAP:									
Operating Checking	\$116,731.01	\$157,758.96	\$151,571.74	\$139,971.48	\$187,264.74	\$164,206.58	\$204,078.43	\$258,587.04	
DeGregoire Green Checking				\$50,000.00	\$63,231.00	\$37,194.43	\$37,194.43	\$37,194.43	
Certificate of Deposit 660883	\$12,921.86	\$12,954.24	\$12,972.97	\$13,031.54	\$13,083.49	\$13,135.85	\$13,169.94	\$13,198.89	
Fountain Checking	\$2,405.51	\$3,113.30	\$4,287.25	\$6,426.09	\$6,938.94	\$7,925.00	\$7,925.00	\$8,825.00	
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$80,101.58	\$80,331.22	\$80,556.29	\$80,717.55	\$80,899.14	\$81,019.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$290,146.66	\$351,417.31	\$303,480.96	\$262,367.80	\$317,805.36	
VIA Endowment (market 7/31/22)	\$685,551.91	\$713,617.19	\$771,175.52	\$827,179.13	\$843,512.85	\$858,868.39	\$1,193,583.49	\$1,201,353.49	
O'Neil Charitable Trust (6/30/22 - Total balance)	\$2,664,628.19		\$2,806,806.95	\$2,901,805.65	\$2,861,293.50	\$2,715,411.00	\$3,203,766.00	\$2,777,993.00	