

Report  
of the  
125th Year  
of the

**Bar Harbor**



August 17, 2017

Organized 1881  
Incorporated 1891

33 Ledgelawn Avenue  
Bar Harbor

## Life Members

Mrs. Grace Arnold  
Mrs. Catherine Barrett  
Mr. Ron Bilancia  
Mr. Louis Blancato  
Mrs. Charlotte Bordeaux  
Mr. Leslie Brewer  
Mrs. Barbara Cole  
Mr. Richard Cough  
Mr. Lorenzo Creamer, Jr.  
Mr. Phil Cunningham  
Mr. Lawrence Duffy  
Miss Debbie Dyer  
Miss Barbara Entzminger  
Mrs. John Hoche  
Mrs. Susan Leiter  
Ms. Kathryn MacLeod  
Mr. George Merrill  
Mr. David Paine  
Mrs. Ann Roberts  
Mr. William Scott  
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Simard  
Will and Genie Thorndike  
Mr. David Witham  
Mr. and Mrs. Scott West

2016

Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association

President: Richard Cough

Vice President: Andy Shea

Secretary: Kathryn MacLeod

Treasurer: Jonathan Nicholson

Directors: Les Brewer, Phil Cunningham,

Jeff Dobbs, Debbie Dyer, Tom Testa,

Scott West, Ellen Grover

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 \$20.00. 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.

Ending 7/31/17

BUDGET 2016-2017

Proposed Budget 2017-2018

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Proposed Budget 2017-2018
CASH ON HAND AUGUST 1	\$269,745.39	\$277,545.63	\$300,370.12	\$215,241.70	\$198,319.49	\$240,700.71	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,000.00
RECEIPTS:									
ENDOWMENT INCOME	\$5,205.05	\$5,733.59	\$6,659.95	\$7,385.06	\$11,961.36	\$14,241.98	\$17,184.90	\$18,111.35	\$18,400.00
O'NEIL TRUST	\$31,010.04	\$32,793.14	\$33,476.31	\$34,431.49	\$47,216.71	\$42,150.00	\$31,400.00	\$30,000.00	\$32,000.00
INTEREST	\$2,638.97	\$1,912.61	\$1,057.40	\$563.89	\$523.35	\$431.69	\$331.18	\$326.32	\$450.00
DUES	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$950.00	\$710.00	\$350.00
SHORE PATH DRIVE					\$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	\$900.00	\$750.00
GIFTS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$12,055.00	\$672.04	\$700.00	\$700.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$39,414.06	\$40,489.34	\$41,763.66	\$42,940.44	\$62,947.52	\$69,128.67	\$50,958.30	\$50,740.70	\$53,585.00

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Proposed Budget 2017-2018
DISBURSEMENTS:									
SHORE PATH	\$28,885.96	\$1,030.90	\$16,191.78	\$55,219.25	\$7,400.00	\$18,516.00	\$0.00	\$12,925.65	\$37,000.00
HOW MEMORIAL/WOODBURY PARK	\$1,858.50	\$2,074.25	\$2,362.00	\$2,432.93	\$2,317.04	\$2,878.86	\$2,853.95	\$1,930.00	\$3,000.00
ACCOUNTANT	\$500.00	\$525.00	\$535.00	\$550.00	\$575.00	\$600.00	\$625.00	\$635.00	\$650.00
INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$1,495.00	\$767.00	\$782.00	\$770.00	\$826.00	\$850.00	\$864.00	\$875.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$93.36	\$62.95	\$73.25	\$119.19	\$383.28	\$1,986.88	\$419.46	\$1.40	\$500.00
VILLAGE GREEN					\$2,539.50	\$0.00	\$240.34	\$0.00	\$750.00
GLEN MARY					\$500.00	\$131.59	\$240.34	\$0.00	\$500.00
HISTORICAL SIGNAGE					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,508.00	\$2,615.00	\$500.00
TOWN CLOCK					\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
ADVERTISING/ANNUAL MTG EXP					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$527.40	\$1,040.04	\$500.00
DONATIONS/GRANTS	\$276.00	\$151.00	\$136.00	\$0.00	\$301.48	\$257.00	\$929.00	\$35,100.00	\$5,000.00
IRS					\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$345.00	\$750.00
TRANSFER					\$0.00	\$45.59	\$7.39	\$19.08	\$25.00
PAYPAL FEES					\$3,780.00	(2,572.50)	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$500.00
LEGAL									
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$31,613.82	\$17,664.85	\$126,892.08	\$59,862.65	\$20,566.30	\$97,669.42	\$8,960.54	\$55,510.17	\$47,110.00

CASH ON HAND JULY 31

	\$277,545.63	\$300,370.12	\$215,241.70	\$198,319.49	\$240,700.71	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$253,990.00
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VIA ACCOUNTS RECAP:

Checking	\$11,885.33	\$11,806.16	\$123,631.76	\$31,175.41	\$70,662.48	\$116,731.01	\$157,758.96	\$151,571.74	\$151,571.74
Certificate of Deposit 60883	\$12,625.41	\$12,741.21	\$12,811.47	\$12,854.47	\$12,889.63	\$12,921.86	\$12,954.24	\$12,972.97	\$12,972.97
Fountain Checking	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,396.10	\$2,405.51	\$3,113.30	\$4,287.25	\$4,287.25
Capital Reserve CD	\$112,056.16	\$112,647.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$140,978.73	\$163,174.90	\$78,798.47	\$154,289.61	\$154,752.50	\$80,101.58	\$80,331.22	\$80,556.29	\$80,556.29
TOTAL	\$277,545.63	\$300,370.12	\$215,241.70	\$198,319.49	\$240,700.71	\$212,159.96	\$254,157.72	\$249,388.25	\$253,990.00

VIA Endowment (market 6/30)

	\$334,357.28	\$297,325.00	\$480,462.79	\$657,771.48	\$614,774.70	\$685,551.91	\$713,617.19	\$771,175.52	\$771,175.52
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Gladys F O'Neil Charitable Trust (6/30)

						\$2,664,628.19		\$2,806,806.95	
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Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association

125th Annual Meeting

August 18, 2016

**Welcome**

President Richard Cough welcomed 19 guests and Association members to the 125th annual meeting of the Bar Harbor Village Improvement Society, held at Testa's Restaurant, 53 Main St. in Bar Harbor. In attendance were officers: Richard Cough, Andy Shea, Kathy MacLeod and Jonathan Nicholson. Directors: Jeff Dobbs, Thomas Testa, Philip Cunningham and Scott West. Absent but excused were Deborah Dyer, Ellen Grover and Leslie Brewer.

Mr. Cough noted we are celebrating our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 125<sup>th</sup> annual meeting this year. Our new logo and ad created by Jeff Dobbs, and Bar Harbor Village Improvement timeline done by Mr. Cough were on display. Mr. Cough thanked Mr. Dobbs.

Mr. Cough noted the passing of two our Life Members, Don Hobbs and Dr. John Hoche.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from last summer's annual meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Kathy MacLeod read the minutes of the Preliminary Annual Meeting which was held on August 11, 2016 at 33 LedgeLawn Ave. Richard Cough, Kathy MacLeod, Phil Cunningham, Tom Testa, Jeff Dobbs and Debbie Dyer were in attendance.

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

The motion to elect the following Board was moved, seconded, and carried.

President: Richard Cough

Vice-President: Andy Shea

Secretary: Kathryn MacLeod

Treasurer: Jonathan Nicholson

Directors: Les Brewer, Phillip Cunningham, Deborah Dyer, Thomas Testa, Jeff Dobbs, Scott West, Ellen Grover

## **Treasurer`s Report**

Mr. Jonathan Nicholson presented an overview of the endowment distribution, account balances, and major expenses for the previous year.

## **Fountain Fund**

\$707.79 was added to the fountain fund account this past year. There is a balance of \$3113.30. Mr. Nicholson and his son, Kyle did most of the coin cleaning and redemption this year.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Cough reported 2016 was an eventful year for the VIA with many notable changes and improvements.

## **Glen Mary**

### Ellen Grover's Report

The town assumed responsibility this spring for the annual clean-up which had previously been done by Tom Savage's crew. Dick and Ellen walked the area with Cornell and Chip to better appreciate the grounds and expectations. We expressed concern about the amount and nature of the spring 'trimming' along our property on Spring St. and Glen Mary Road. Dick asked Cornell to ascertain if the end of Glen Mary Road adjacent to the park should be signed 'no parking' and Cornell later verified that was correct. The town put up signage, and also seeded and grassed several patches that needed attention. (They also replaced the fence around the pool and the swing set.)

Ellen removed and then replaced three shrubs that had died along Waldron Road. Azaleas at the corner of Waldron and Glen Mary have since died and will need to be replaced.

Question: I hand watered the three new shrubs for weeks....I saw the town had a water truck they used on the grass they seeded - maybe we could ask them to spray those shrubs occasionally, especially when it is dry?

And we have a sign! (Thank you, Dick)

The problematic bench at the top of Park Street has seen daily use, but I am very happy to report that after the first week of the return of the late night summer renters, and a visit from the Police Department, we have been complaint free. There was one incident of campers last week which the Police Department took care of. We appreciate their efforts in patrolling the area.

### **Village Green**

Jeff Gamage of Freshwater Brick and Stone donated a large granite slab cap to place on top of the Veterans Memorial to protect the new plaques. Mr. Cough stated how nice it looks and thanked Mr. Gamage.

Thank you to Mr. Alexander Philips for maintenance of the Village Green Clock.

### **Shore Path**

Mr. Cough reported that Mr. MacQuinn started repairs but did not complete the work of resurfacing the washed out section between Hancock Street and Grant Park. Mr. McArtor was thanked for his work on the southern end. In the near future, repairs and replacement of the seawall will have to be considered near Reef Point.

### **Grant Park**

Mr. Cough reported the VIA committed \$30,000 two years ago for improvements on Grant Park section of Shore Path Walkway. The project should begin sometime this fall. We will have final say in how the path is constructed.

### **Jeff Dobb's update**

Mr. Dobb, representing Bar Harbor Parks and Recreation Committee, showed a design plan for the Grant Park renovation which he will present to the Bar Harbor Town Council. The plan calls for two granite stairways leading to the water, mini-amphitheater, and arch area looking over the ocean. The park will be irrigated.



The town will need to rebuild the roadway to Balance Rock, and the pumping station. The plan will go out to bid after it is approved.

### **Woodbury/How Park**

Mr. Cough reported all shrubs and trees were trimmed substantially by Cooper Gardens last fall. The How Memorial is much more visible now. Mr. Cough would like the bench dedicated to Les Brewer placed at Woodbury/How Park.

Phil Cunningham stated the appropriate name for the park is How Park.

There was a discussion about the possibility of placing the bench at Grant Park. We would need approval by the town in order to do so.

### **Ongoing Projects**

#### **Museum in the Streets**

Mr. Cough is waiting for the new panels for Rt. 3 which will be installed after completion of the MDOT Project in 2018.

#### **New Signs**

The new VIA signs are in place and look quite attractive. Four signs on the shore path and one at the Village Cemetery were replaced. New signs were installed at Glen Mary and Woodbury Park. There is a brief history of each park on the signs. The total cost including lay-out, fabrication and installation was \$3500.00.

## **Website**

There were additions made to our website by Mr. Cough and Ms. MacLeod this past winter. They added more pages, a photo gallery, BHVIA information and Mr. Dobb's VIA video was added to the homepage.

Ms. MacLeod reported that the VIA video reached 17,204 people on Facebook and was viewed by 6,200.

Our Facebook page has 660 likes.

Our website had 2,102 views from Dec. 2014-Dec. 2015

Jan. 2016 to Aug. 2106-1,118 views

## **MDOT Route 3. Project**

The BHVIA is sending a letter to the Town Council stating our concerns about the MDOT project. We hope to have more input in the future. The BHVIA is the recipient of funds raised for the beautification of MDOT Gateway Project. Three areas we would like to upgrade/change:

1. The surface material for the pedestrian path is asphalt which isn't aesthetically pleasing or enticing. Upgrade to brick or some other more inviting material.
2. The lack of trees. Planting shade trees would attract more people to walk.
3. The location of a bike crosswalk with good signage needs to be placed above Harbor Lane, not West St. extension which is a dangerous 4-way intersection.

There will be at meeting at the Town Office Aug. 24, 2016 with MDOT and landscaper, Larry Johannesman.

## **New Business**

Hub of Bar Harbor is going to place dog waste bag stations at various locations throughout town and at Hadley Point. Glen Mary is on their list for future installations.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and approved. Mr. Cough thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The date of the 126<sup>th</sup> annual meeting is August 17, 2017 at 10:00am, 33 Ledgelawn Ave., Bar Harbor

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn MacLeod

Secretary VIA

## 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  
BY-LAWS  
(adopted 8-8-41; revised 8-15-91)

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 place by ornamentation of the streets and public grounds of the village, by the planting and cultivating of trees, and doing such other acts as shall tend to beautify, adorn and increase the 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:

- No. 1: "This corporation shall be known as the Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association."
- No. 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."
- No. 3: "The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Thursday in August 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."
- No. 4: "At the annual meeting, the Association shall elect by ballot the following officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and seven members to serve with the above as a 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 and 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."

BAR HARBOR VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
BY-LAWS continued:

- No. 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 disbursing officer of the Association and shall pay out moneys only upon written approval either 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 members of the Board of Directors, and shall take charge of the preparation of the Association's Annual Report."
- No. 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 date 1891. No member shall be personally liable for any contract or debt of the Association."
- No. 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."
- No. 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 in the call of the meeting."