

**Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 16th, 2005**

Board Members Present: Elaine Boyle, Hoyte Decker, Neil Frock, Greg Gause, Fritz Hessemer, Trixie Miller, Roger Pool, Tim Spies, and Libby Stiff

Board Members absent: Linda Kauffman, Andy Dorosky

Guests: Maggie Neal, Bill Barnes, Sonie Decker, Marcia Maldeis, Mr. Carroll

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am

Minutes: The minutes of the June 18th 2005 meeting, copies of which had been distributed prior to the meeting were unanimously approved.

Secretary: No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Decker presented the Treasurer's Report copies which had been distributed prior to meeting noting the bank balance of \$6,970 as of July, 13, 2005. Mr. Decker reports as of June 20, 2005 a positive difference of more than \$1350.

Committee reports:

Communications: Two letters were read, one from George Stone, Head of Cape Henlopen School District introducing himself and indicating a strong interest in working with our association. Ms. Stiff will contact him and invite him to attend our Board meeting. A letter from Mr. Mills re misrepresentation in article in Cape Gazette will be answered by Trixie Miller.

Mr. Decker reported on the survey that Ms. Kauffman will review responses. The response from Governor Minner was read. Mrs. Boyle will write thanking all candidates for their participation at the Candidates Forum. Articles for the September newsletter are needed. Mr. Frock will provide an article addressing his comments at the Forum about how the "majority" system works. Board members will provide info for the website. Mr. Pool will contact GROUPS for information. Ms. Stiff with help from Mr. Frock and Trixie Miller will work on LINKS> Suggestion was made to advertise our website on the marquis. Members were asked to contact as many organizations as possible to request putting links on our website.

Membership: We have 456 members - there are approximately 1300 registered voters and 3118 property owners in the city.

By-laws: Proposed changes as submitted to all board members were accepted to be voted on at the next general membership meeting. (detailed copy attached). Mr. Frock asked if

we should allow proxy votes. The Board discussed the use of proxy votes for future . The majority felt that they should be allowed. No final decision was made and Ms. Miller will review Roberts rules process for proxy votes. Further discussion will be part of agenda for next meeting.

Planning commission: The subdivision at State and Canal Streets was approved.

Preservation: Mr.Hessemer reported that 5 forsythia plants were donated by city to replace ones destroyed by mowers.

Ms.Stiff congratulated Mr. Frock and Mr. Mills on a job well done at the Candidate's Forum. It was decided not to sponsor a mayoral debate.

Nominations and Elections: In view of the upcoming four vacancies on the Board Ms. Stiff and Mr. Frock requested members to suggest current members who would be willing to serve on Board.

The names of Mable Granke and Mary Campbell were suggested. Mrs. Neal who attended meeting indicated an interest in serving on the Board.

New Business: Ms. Stiff asked members to consider next project to select from the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Barnes of 12 Maryland Avenue addressed the Board requesting support to oppose the request for a variance by the Atlantic Sands. The Board unanimously agreed to support him and promised attendance at meeting of Board of Adjustment on the 25th at 7 PM. In addition Mr. Decker will e-mail membership to request their support.

Mr. Mills asked Board to support his request to Asst. Attorney General requiring FOIA to place placards on properties giving proper notice. Board agreed to support when Attorney General's Office instructs BOA to place placards on properties.

Adjournment: there being no further business the Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.