

**Mason's Island Property Owners Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
May 28, 2016
Mason's Island Yacht Club
Mystic, Connecticut**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Bob Martin called the annual meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Bob Martin announced that the Membership Chair informed him that a quorum was present for the meeting.
- 3) **Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 MIPOA Annual Meeting on May 23, 2015:** A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes as stated. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- 4) **Report of the President:** Bob Martin thanked the current MIPOA Board and others for their help this past year.
- 5) **Report of the Secretary:** No report was given.
- 6) **Report of the Treasurer:** Harry White presented the Treasurer Report, as Trevor Anderson was absent. All financial filings are current. The approximate balance in the MIPOA account is \$17,222. The treasurer's report will be filed. No action is required. Dues were stated to be \$45 for 2016-17.
- 7) **Reports from the Committees:**
 - a. **Architectural Review Committee:** Skip Watkins made a summary report.
 - b. **Property Maintenance Committee:** Patty Copp discussed a few of the property upgrades and construction projects. She reminded everyone to drive slowly as speeding continues to be a safety issue on all roads on the island. She also reminded owners to keep dogs on a leash at all times as that is a Stonington regulation. She pointed out that renters should be referred to the web site where "Renter Guidelines" can be found.
 - c. **Roads Committee:** It was reported that paving projects would be underway on Black Duck and Chippechaug.
 - d. **MIPOA Newsletter:** Mary reported that there were two newsletters distributed this past year. In total, 260 newsletters were emailed to MIPOA members and others. There will an upcoming fall issue to be issued soon. Mary Riley, Michael Melford, Tommy Thomason, and

Linda Doherty are the newsletter committee members for this coming year.

e. **Welcome Committee:**

i. Pearl and Dexter Murphy on Chippechaug were welcomed.

- 8) **Election of the Director(s):** The Nominating Committee recommended Tommy Thomason and Trevor Anderson (for second term) as Directors. There was motion and second to elect them to a three-year term. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9) **Election of Officers:** The Nominating Committee recommended Bob Martin for President, Harry White for Vice President, Trevor Anderson for Treasurer, and Mary Riley for Secretary. There was a motion and second to elect these officers. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10) **Presentation of Annual Budget:** Harry White (for Trevor Anderson, Treasurer), presented the proposed MIPOA Budget for 2016-17. There was a motion and second to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously. He stated the annual fee for 2016-17 was reduced to \$45 and payment forms were available at the front table after the meeting.
- 11) **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business from last year.
- 12) **New Business:**
 - a. **Roads Construction and Water Mains:** Bob Martin explained that the roads and hydrant issue was to be discussed and voted upon at the MIFD meeting following this MIPOA meeting at 11:00.
 - b. **Vacation Rental Policy Review:** Bob Martin shared a letter that John and Thalia Pryor had sent to the MIPOA Board expressing concerns about impact of short-term rentals on neighbors and the neighborhood. Various property owners spoke about the importance of short-term rentals. Rufus Allyn suggested the creation of a committee of Mason's Island property owners to review the issue. The Town of Stonington officials have indicated that they will be reviewing rental policies during this coming year.
- 13) **Adjournment:** On motion and second, the annual meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Riley, Secretary