

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Mason's Island Property Owners Association
Saturday, May 27, 2017**

Board President, Bob Martin, called meeting to order at 11:20AM. Attending were Directors Martin, White, Thomason, Walker and Anderson. Secretary Mary Riley was absent- Mr. White to be Secretary pro tem.

Mr. White reported a quorum of Association members in attendance.

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to dispense with reading 2016 Annual Meeting minutes.

The President's Report: After introducing fellow board members, Mr. Martin reported as follows: Annual MIPOA dues of \$45 per household are payable as soon as convenient to "MIPOA" with e-mail, address and related information on form available after the meeting. Dues may also be sent directly to MIPOA Treasurer, Trevor Anderson at 6 Money Point Rd.

Volunteer Vernon Rauch is working on a new MIPOA web site for MIPOA and MIFD. The website will be similar in look to the new MIYC website.

Recap of last year's discussion of short-term rentals: A Town meeting on December 20 favored these rentals as a long tradition helping the local economy with more visitors and helping property owners with their finances. The Town has decided to take no regulatory action at this time. Unlike MIPOA, the Lords Point Association has its own enforcement authority and may on its own be taking regulatory action.

For its Sunday, July 4 Triathlon, the Mystic YMCA has been given permission to use Schoolhouse Road mid-morning. Otherwise, the route, including on Mason's Island Road, will be the same as in past years.

Father Tom reports to MIPOA the continued progress of Enders Island toward reconstruction of its sea wall. Presently, this work is anticipated to begin in fall of 2018.

Cladophora algae are a growing problem- now especially apparent on Allyn's Alley beach. It impedes swimming and boating off the beach and once washed ashore it is especially noisome. We expect to hear more on this from CUSH (Clean Up Sound and Harbors). Meanwhile, property owners should avoid chemical nitrogen fertilizers and should ensure septic systems are pumped and operating properly.

Mr. Martin shared that some residents have raised concerns about security on Mason's Island. Mr. Martin reported on his conversation with Stonington Police Chief Stewart. Chief Stewart reported that he believes Masons Island to be a very safe place. He also tells us: "If you see something, say something." It's better to report unusual or suspicious activity to police (599-4411) than to ignore and later regret such activity. The Chief also suggests MIPOA consider installing security cameras and related signage. While not monitored, such cameras are a crime deterrent and digital records can be recalled after the fact by investigators. While only one Enders Island program exists for drug and alcohol addictions (a successful program counseling about 6 young men in recovery into college), some feel that the plethora of Enders Island programs in general exposes us to large numbers of transients and possibly undesirable visitors. Appropriate preventive measures will make residents more comfortable and are better than action after an incident. Mr. Martin will charge a new MIPOA Security Committee to review issues of security and report recommendations by Labor Day.

Mr. Martin reminded members of Town revaluation process underway and need to report improvements or other property changes to the Town. The current assessment process will be reflected in tax bills for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018.

Treasurer's Report by Trevor Anderson:

Last year's income and expenses essentially balanced at approximately \$7100 and a bank account of over \$17,000. Taxes paid and government forms submitted as required. Next year's budget essentially the same as previous. Motions to accept the Treasurer's report and approve next year's budget made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Architectural Review Board (ARB) Report by Skip Watkins:

Activity has picked up with improving economy. Over past year the ARB has reviewed 5 projects and now has a sixth one under consideration. Per MIPOA guidelines for good neighborly relations and everyone's common interest, all members were reminded to submit building and renovation plans to ARB.

Property Owners Committee Report by Patty Copp:

Patty Copp reported over the past year receiving more compliments about the island and its residents and activities than complaints! She did ask everyone to remember to drive carefully and to keep dogs leashed and to pick up after them. She reminded members of the importance of car decals, which she can supply on request.

New Property Owners:

Mr. Martin welcomed new residents: Bruce & Catherine Burdge and Bill & Debbie Pryor.

Nominating Committee Report by Patty Copp:

Annual slate of officers and class of 2020 directors proposed, seconded and approved unanimously:

President Bob Martin also elected as a director to class of 2020

Vice President: Harry White (director class of 2018)

Treasurer: Trevor Anderson (director class of 2019)

Secretary: Mary Riley also elected as a director to class of 2018

Tommy Thomason (director class of 2019)

Jeff Walker elected as a director to class of 2020

Martha Ficke elected as director to class of 2020

Old & New Business:

With anyone who is interested, Lou Allyn is happy to share his discussion with Chief Stewart re traffic light for turning from Route 1 onto Mason's Island Road- apparently an insoluble problem!

Members were reminded about MIPOA guideline against contractor, realtor and other commercial signs.

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:58AM.

Respectfully Submitted
Harry White, Secretary pro tem