

**2019 Bright Coves Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Grace Brain Center, 33 Seaneast Drive**  
**Mashpee, MA**  
**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Carolyn Donahue at 4:04 pm.

Attendees signing in: Carolyn & Peter Donahue, Pat Bell, Lorraine & Bob Anderson, Leland Muldowney, Susan Nocera, Michael & Mary Oleksak, Nancy Burden, Marjorie Clapprod, Marilyn Worth, Leslie & John Hill, Larry Bacon, Nancy & Bob Gorin, Eric & Dawn Peterson, Jim McCullough, Donna & Steve McDonald, Margie Ross Decter, Kathy Cohen Cramer, Marlene & Gary Perkins, Paul Kenny, Chris Boyd, Candice Geers, David Gershaw.

Eric Peterson gave his official resignation to the residents. Eric stated his intent in May and the board voted and designated Carolyn Donahue as Chair. Carolyn accepted the position of Chair of the Bright Coves Committee.

Carolyn nominated Marjorie Clapprod, to become a committee member. Mary Oleksak seconded the nomination. Carolyn introduced Marjorie to say a few words, after which the nomination was unanimously approved with a resident vote. Carolyn, as Chair, then announced the Bright Coves Committee as Pat Bell and Marjorie Clapprod as Committee Members and Lorraine Anderson, Margie Decter and Leland Muldowney as Committee Alternates. Carolyn asked that anyone interested in the next vacancy on the Bright Coves Committee send her an email indicating their interest. Committee Members have a three-year term with one Committee Member elected each year.

Carolyn presented Eric with a gift certificate from the Peninsula Council for his service as Chair of Bright Coves. Eric thanked everyone for their support during his tenure. Margie Decter, then presented an engraved brass bell to Eric from all Bright Coves residents, Eric gave thanks to all.

Carolyn asked for acceptance of the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting, which was seconded by Susan Nocera and unanimously approved.

Carolyn presented a brief overview of the BC financial situation, highlights include:

- 1) The Peninsula Council website will be modified in the upcoming weeks to include a portal on the Bright Coves page. This portal is a password protected website page that will contain the past and current financials.
- 2) Currently we have \$226K in reserve funds, up \$34K from December of 2018.
- 3) Most residents of 228 households in Bright Coves are current in their HOA fees. About 6 households are delinquent and every possible effort is being made to collect these delinquent fees.
- 4) Reserves may need to be increased in the future to account for the cost of anticipated road repairs – this will be discussed further as final numbers are presented from an ongoing study.

Questions raised included where the money is held; Carolyn responded the Reserved Funds are in a money market account, and accounts at Cape Cod Five and Santander.

Carolyn presented a list of accomplishments from the past year which included:

- 1) Fixed drains at 105 & 180 Waterway– everyone was encouraged to let Carolyn know if there were problems with drains in their areas and suggested that septic systems needing attention should be priorities – example: Leslie & John Hill at 12 Bosuns’ is in need of immediate attention; Jim McCullough mentioned that he had sent information to the council on this – Carolyn will see if a system to monitor septic installations with the Mashpee Board of Health could be established
- 2) Island landscaping & improvements done at Spoonrift Circle, Running Light and Bowsprit
- 3) New benches, fencing and signs in Reserved Areas
- 4) Stop bars and new signs throughout Bright Coves
- 5) New street lighting has been installed and now the gas capping of the 60-year-old gas lamps is beginning, and poles will be salvaged.
- 6) Repaved bridge to Poppy Island
- 7) New speed limit sign on Bright Coves Way
- 8) Asphalt emulsion crack filling where needed throughout Bright Coves

Projects for coming year were discussed:

- 1) Website: Establishing a website portal for Bright Coves residents. Carolyn will meet with the website developers and notify residents when this is available,
- 2) Directory: Developing a Bright Coves Directory for residents. This directory would be in an opt in basis. Carolyn will take the lead on this.
- 3) Drains: Carolyn mentioned residents need to use more green grass and less mulch on areas adjacent to the drains. Comment: Mary Oleksak reported that the waters surrounding our Bright Coves are directly impacted by run offs, so we need to be vigilant of chemicals in this runoff. Carolyn will assess the drains with the help of Special Maintenance and Mike Richardson.
- 4) Hydrants – Bright Coves needs to have the water hydrants flushed on a scheduled basis. We depend on the hydrants working properly in an emergency. Carolyn will review with the Mashpee Water Department and report back.
- 5) Roadway maintenance study: we need to develop a current plan for Bright Coves so we can make sure the Reserve Fund is sufficient to fund these future projects. The Committee will assess the study and present to residents for input in the future.
- 6) Study the impact/cost/feasibility of improving water access in Reserved Areas. Marjorie Clapprod, Committee Member will conduct the study with the assistance of various Mashpee town departments. The Committee will assess the study and present to residents for input in the future.

Other issues:

- 1) Dog poop – residents are complaining – there are purple bags with poop being thrown in the woods – everyone urged to do their part to curtail this

- 2) Parking – everyone is urged to park in their own driveway if possible. If not, ask neighbors to use their driveway. On those rare occasions where a party or wedding is happening, please carefully park on the street **MAKING SURE EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN EASILY PASS**. If parking on one of our Reserved Areas edge or circle edges, please remember your fees are used to pay to keep these areas nice and free of tire tracks, clean up after your party. Landscapers should follow the same rules and not force traffic up on your neighbor across the street.
- 3) Trash pickup – we should all do it – some residents pick up trash regularly thank you!!! Everyone is asked to join in and do the same. Let’s keep Bright Coves and elsewhere trash free!
- 4) Candice Gears announced that the unkempt yard issue situation at the top of their street on Helmsman is still deplorable – lawn overgrown and wood piles - the owner has been notified and last year the Peninsula Council sent a letter with no response from the owner. Question: Can we clean the area and charge a fee to the owners for it? Carolyn to follow up.
- 5) Robert Gorin raised a complaint about 17 Waterway – appears the owner has taken down trees too close to the water – Carolyn will follow up.
- 6) Carolyn moved to donate \$7500 to Save Poppy Bay, seconded by Eric – Mike Oleksak gave a brief history and reviewed ownership of the Popponeset Spit and why it is so important to the sustainment of Popponeset Bay. He also explained why this year, a problem with equipment and a bad storm in April caused the temporary problem of a slight cliff at the part of the Spit near the stairs. It is very important to maintain and increase the stability of the Spit. The Spit prevents the bay from becoming a marsh and an unnavigable waterway. Several residents underscored the important protection the Spit provides to Bright Coves and encouraged us to pass the motion to donate the gift. Motion to donate \$7500 to SPB Passed unanimously and was seconded by Peter Donahue.

Motion to adjourn at 5:10 pm was seconded and unanimously adopted.