

BEVERLY BEACH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am at the home of President Joel Wight.
Attendees: Ron Buzard, Robin Charwood, Linda Kemp, Dianne Shiner, Jean Summers, and Joel Wight.

Recap of Meeting with Doug Kelly, Island County Hydrogeologist

Several Board members as well as other interested members of the BBIC met with Doug Kelly on Oct. 21 to better understand our aquifer, the well drawdown and our current tests, as well as questions about the risk of potential salt water intrusion. Doug stated that the BBIC well is at some risk of salt water intrusion and recommended the installation of a datalogger to get continuous monitoring data. In addition, Doug sent Joe Waldrup a notice that we are required to test for salt water intrusion at least twice a year which Joe is now doing. The cost of a sensor and installation is estimated to be about \$5,000. The group agreed that we should proceed in a step by step approach. Recent data shows very low levels. After two years, the data from the biannual tests will be carefully reviewed.

Meter Issues

39 meters (of our 107) are particularly difficult to read (requiring kneeling on the ground for close inspection), but replacement cost would be well over \$5000.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to pay the BBIC meter reader (Jim Lightner) an additional \$20/month for the additional effort of reading these meters.

In response to a member concern, Joe has already replaced the meter box at one location where the owners were unable to reach the shutoff, and will be replacing another tomorrow. Ron will ask Jim Lightner to identify any other boxes (or handles) that cannot be turned off easily.

Beach Access Signage

Replacement of the damaged sign at the Foliage access above the path, as well as the restoration of the one at Foliage and Beach, was approved. Robin will oversee implementation, as well as clarify the records on the public/private access to the beach at the end of Arella Place. Depending on the findings, we will consider improving signage at this corner as well.

Nominations

One Trustee position (potentially 2) will be open this summer, and several good candidates were identified. In addition, open nominations will be solicited in the community email announcing the next Trustee meeting.

Accounts Receivable

Treasurer Linda Kemp presented a report identifying 14 members with outstanding accounts in addition to 4 new overages from the last billing cycle (totally over \$6000). All will receive written past due notification except for two properties; one that was sold

without lien or action by the title company (we will need to write off \$212 bad debt), and the other does have a lien to be collected at the time of sale. In addition, several Trustees volunteered to make reminder calls. *It was decided to wait until the normal billing cycle in September to bill membership dues to the new owners.*

Annual Meeting Preparation

Ron will request the usage of the Senior Center for our annual meeting on August 23.

Following up on 2013 meeting concerns about fairness in our rate structure, Jean and Dianne created a followup survey for other island water systems regarding fees, overage charges, usage costs/levels (updating comparative information that was gathered in 2010). After interviewing 5 by phone, Jean felt that no other system was addressing issues of household size or part time/full time concerns, and 3 were still in the process of installing meters. If Robin is able to participate in a Small Water Systems Training meeting in Mt. Vernon on March 5, we will create a written questionnaire to solicit rate structure info easily from other attendees. A decision about revising our own recommendations is postponed until a financial review closer to the annual meeting.

Ron reported that water usage continues to drop, and that the conservation measures have been very successful (both from repair and from motivation).

Other Business

Dianne will pursue 2 options for providing our 990 for the current fiscal year.

Joel will call the next meeting for early April.

Submitted by Dianne Shiner, secretary