

East Piney Island Community Association (EPICA) Board Meeting October 10, 2021

Present: Julie Turner, Jon Smith, Art Gould, Diane King (phone in)

Absent: Greg Balasus, Dave White, Joe Meckley

Notetaker: Judy Gould

Art (President) called the meeting to order at 11 AM

### **Brush**

Several owners have allowed brush to overgrow the roads causing safety issues for walkers, bike riders and vehicles. The Chincoteague ordinance is specific for brush and grass. Several Board members shared they had received letters from the town saying their grass was too long and facing a fine. It was decided to share the ordinance in the next newsletter and list contractors who could cut back the brush. Donnie Dorsey, Robbie Conklin and a recommendation from Diane were suggested. Art will contact them to make sure they are willing to be listed.

### **Roads**

All agreed roads are in the best shape ever for this time of year. Art shared three recommendations from Donnie Dorsey.

1. Use a Harley Power Rake to “fluff” the roads using existing material. This was done last spring on a small section of Lower Pine that had bad pot holes and that section seems to be holding.
2. Fill holes with recycled concrete.
3. Fill potholes as he has been doing with the same material.

Art will discuss cost of these options with Donnie. If budget allows, it was decided to Harley Power Rake a section and fill the holes in the other sections. Art will ask Donnie the best time of year to do this. Art will share this information with the Board and a decision what to do this fall – if anything- will be made.

If budget allows additional signage posting the speed limit at 14 mph (attention grabber) and speed bumps at the entrance to Oak and Cedar (similar to Pine) can be considered.

### **Membership**

Our membership is at the lowest ever, reducing our budget for road work. Current bank balance is \$8,000 +/- . Judy volunteered to review the Accomack web site this winter for addresses of new owners. She will do a paper mailing to them with information on the web site and the winter newsletter.

Diane suggested exploring payment on line with a credit card. Jon said the Boy Scouts have a Venmo account for dues payment. Art will discuss these options with Dave. If neither Art nor Dave can do this, Julie suggested Paul Yager is tech savy and may be willing to help. Another “nice to have” would be a section of the web site for members only – by using a code – so they could update contact information. Art’s nephew does web design and maintenance as a career and if we need help and can afford it, he may be an option.

All agreed an in person annual meeting is a great recruitment tool, and hope to be able to do so next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.