

Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The December meeting of the Alligator Pt Taxpayers Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Sam Rogers at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins to accept the minutes of the November 14th Board of Directors meeting, adopted without objection.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins to accept the Treasurer's report, adopted without objection. Balance as of December 8, 2009: \$37,060.13

Committee Reports:

Communication – Ann Maruszak requested we resume discussion on the issue of password-protected sections of the APTA website which was left pending at the October meeting. It was pointed out that one of the primary reasons for originally instituting a password was to protect the email addresses of board members, but that information is now relatively easy to locate through other internet sites rendering our efforts ineffective. It was suggested that opening up the APTA website might foster goodwill in the community and result in increased membership. Motion by Allan Feifer, seconded by Jim Cummins to remove password requirements which currently exist on the APTA website; to gather statistics on the number of hits to the website; to add a link to Feifer's local weather site, adopted without objection. It was further recommended we contact Franklin County Emergency Management to see if they would like a link to their website to be added to APTA's, and also to add the APTA web address to the "Welcome" sign.

A note from Bob Deibel expressed gratitude for memorial contributions made by APTA on behalf of Joann Deibel.

Beach Erosion – no report.

Beautification – Barbara Withers is in the process of decorating the welcome signs for the holidays.

Membership – Jim Cummins informed the Board that approximately one-third of memberships received thus far are from persons who were not members in 2009. President Rogers will write a letter to be sent as a reminder to those who fail to renew, and a letter of thanks will be sent to renewing/new members. Cummins purchased a small sign (approved by Board in November) notifying residents of upcoming APTA meetings.

Development – Allan Feifer and a few other residents have recently experienced water quality issues, primarily an increase in total dissolved solids. Skip Cook, engineer for APWRD, told him the numbers, though high, were within guidelines. There was discussion on the future of the water resource district, and the Carrabelle water department's apparent desire to one day annex the APWRD.

Planning & Zoning – no report.

Public Safety – Steve Fling reported depressions forming in the south lane of Alligator Drive between the Sumner house and Tom Roberts Road. He first noticed it Thanksgiving weekend and at that time he erected caution barricades to prevent traffic from using the worst areas. So far there has been no action by the county to repair the damage. Work has yet to begin on the public access crosswalks.

The county commission may address the installation of sheet piling along Alligator Drive at their upcoming meeting. Ken Osborne believes the property owners of the areas of possible impact should be notified by the county before any plan is approved. Jim Cummins would like to see a technical proposal before APTA takes a position. Jim McCloy believes APTA should support any long-term plan which will protect the road. Allan Feifer says the impact on adjoining properties must be taken into account.

Ken Osborne spoke on the St. Joe FLUMs (Future Land Use Map) scheduled for review next week by the Franklin County Commission. Commissioner Sanders has asked the commission to rescind the FLUMs because St. Joe has failed to adhere to the original plan (the number of houses proposed has more than doubled). County Attorney Michael Shuler is opposed to the action because of likely litigation under the “Bert Harris Act”. Motion by Bill Kimbrough, seconded by Barbara Withers to authorize Osborne to relay APTA’s position that the commission’s original approval of the FLUMs should be rescinded.

Allan Feifer discussed the ruling of the Value Adjustment Board. He and his immediate neighbors were successful in having their property assessments overturned. The Special Master was not pleased with the Property Appraiser’s arbitrary approach to the assessments.

Motion by Barbara Withers, seconded by Jim Cummins that the meeting be adjourned, adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

Officers and Directors absent: Bob Deibel, Kevin Griffin, Bucky Mitchell, and Greg Suber.

Officers

Sam Rogers President, Eddie Sosebee 1st Vice president, Joe Hambrose 2nd Vice President, John Murphy Secretary, Bill Kimbrough Treasurer

Board of Directors

Jim Cummins, Bob Deibel, Allan Feifer, Kevin Griffin, Jim McCloy, Bucky Mitchell, Ken Osborne, Greg Suber, Dick Waters, Barbara Withers