

**Town Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 10, 2014**

**Attending Officers:** Keith Hughes, Ross Logan, Scott MacKenzie, Gary Rauso and Curt Nass;

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Guests:**

Anne Acton from Delaware Center for Horticulture attended to explain Bellefonte's participation in the DCH's "Trees for Bellefonte" program. The program is funded by a grant from Delmarva Power and will offer shade trees to Bellefonte residents for \$20 each. The DCH will provide a website customized to link to our site for residents to purchase trees for delivery to BHFC on May 10. DCH will conduct a mailing to residents using a list provided by Curt. The Commission agreed to participate.

Several residents from Bellevue attended to discuss the recent attack on Brandywine Blvd. , allegedly committed by a juvenile resident of the Connections CSP program on the other side of River Rd. (formerly Seton Villa). The residents were referred to police for urgent concerns and the issue will be raised with Rep. Heffernan.

**Minutes:**

Scott made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 10 meeting, seconded by Gary and approved. A minor revision was made to the minutes and Gary made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Scott and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Curt Nass gave the attached Treasurer's Report. Excessive expenditures for snow plowing were noted and Scott requested a report in April that showed budget variances. Scott made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given, seconded by Gary and the motion was passed.

**Building Inspector's Report**

Keith said that Kyle had not submitted any report of activity this month.

**Plumbing Inspector's Report**

Steve Russo attended but had no activity to report.

**Charter/Planning Commission**

Scott reported that he had submitted the approved Revised Charter to Rep. Heffernan and that she had requested contact info for him in case there were questions. Scott requested that Dave Brenner convene the remaining members of the Planning Commission so that they can pick a new chair. He also asked the Commission to consider new members that might serve on the Planning Commission.

**Payment of Bills**

The following bills were submitted for payment:

Waste Industries, Feb.	\$11,692.32
Jos. Finocchiaro for snowplowing 3/3	3,475.00
Jos. Finocchiaro for snowplowing 2/13,14	8,625.00
Delmarva Power, school power	228.65
Delmarva Power, traffic light, Feb.	17.04
Delmarva Power, Street lights	1,515.98

***Bills (continued)***

Delmarva Power, Town Hall power	64.47
Barbacane, Thornton & Co., 2013 Audit	2,125.00

Scott made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Ross and the motion carried.

**Old Business**

Gary reviewed the dates of upcoming Town events:

May 10 – Community Yard Sale, 7 am – 1 pm

June 10 - Music at Bellefonte Park – “Back to Reality” an 80s cover band

July 15 – Music at Bellefonte Park – Greater Wilmington String Band

August 5 – Dinkendo Family Band

September 20 - Town Picnic

Gary spoke about the need to do a newsletter to keep residents informed about these coming events. Keith said he would put a newsletter together and asked the Commissioners and attendees to send him information for the newsletter.

Gary reported on some code enforcement issues that have turned into a neighbor dispute. Keith said that this is a maintenance code enforcement issue that should be referred to New Castle County Code Enforcement and urged everyone not to get involved in a dispute that is clearly New Castle County’s purview.

Gary reported that he continues to try to identify contacts at DelDOT regarding the repair of a prioritized list of streets.

Gary reported that the new apartment building on Brandywine Boulevard is scheduled to open to new residents on June 1, and that 20 families have already applied for the 11 units.

Gary made a motion to rescind his motion from the February meeting exempting BHFC from applying for a permit, citing the inferred appearance of a conflict of interest, seconded by Ross and the motion passed. Gary told Steve Russo that the check is in process.

**New Business**

Stormwater Waiver – Dave reported that the co-permittee group has a draft agreement that is being reviewed and that it would require a commitment by the Town to conduct some education about proper stormwater conservation, including inclusion of links on our website, a training session, and inclusion in mailings to residents. The commission expressed a consensus opinion that the Commission would adopt and conduct any required measures and asked Dave to continue to report on the co-permittees’ group actions.

Gary motioned for up to \$1,000 for the publication, postage and distribution of a newsletter, seconded by Ross and the motioned passed.

Scott made a motion to spend up to \$500 for the video system to be installed, seconded by Gary and the motion passed.

Keith asked for a motion to adjourn, made by Gary, seconded by Ross, and the motion carried with the meeting adjourning at 8:35.