



## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

### CEC MEETING SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

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**ATTENDANCE** – The following CEC members attended in-person: Sue Callaway, Kent Stephan, Bobbe Stephan, Donna Farrow, and Ingrid Moore. The following CEC members attended virtually: Carol Stevenson, Mo Webster, Christi Bernlohr, Susan Spingler, and Jon Stifler. There was no public in attendance.

**CEC MEMBER COMMENTS** – Kent Stephan asked about the status of the oyster beds and the grasses installed in the canal waterways. Sue Callaway noted that she would pass the question on to the Water Quality Committee Chair. Kent also suggested that the town initiate an event similar to the successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that would bring the community together. Sue agreed to follow-up with Edie Dondero who chairs the town's Communications and Public Relations Committee. Ingrid Moore, who also serves on the SBPOA, commented that perhaps the SBPOA could become involved in such an activity like their previously sponsored Bull Roasts.

**UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS** – Jon Stifler – Christmas lights will be installed at the north and south welcome beds and along Route 1 by Thanksgiving. Public Works continues to do tree trimming in the Right of Way areas. Sue Callaway asked about the cleanup of the area at the intersection of Evergreen and Route 1 in the ROW area.

*Addendum:* Public Works and DeIDOT worked to clear the area during the week of November 29<sup>th</sup>. The town is following up with the adjacent homeowner regarding the removal of the bamboo. The idea is to improve and enhance that area as you first approach South Bethany.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED** – The CEC discussed a variety of topics in conjunction with current status and looking ahead to future budgeted FY23 budget items.

- ✓ Adopt Program – The group agreed to include some funds to cover potential expenses such as signage, etc. Sue also commented that the Adopt program continues successfully and has engaged 4 new adoptions over the past year. She is preparing the annual Adopt Program Update.
- ✓ Bike Repair Station – The group agreed to include some funds to cover any unexpected future repairs.
- ✓ Flags for Heroes – The majority of the members supported increasing the number of flags – this means including costs for adding 10 flags in the FY23 budget. Jon Stifler will also review the condition of the flags and poles to see if any need to be replaced. There was also support for continuing to include the smaller flags along the west side of Route 1.
- ✓ ART IN THE HALL Photography/Art Exhibit – After a productive discussion, the CEC agreed to cancel plans for the proposed initiative.
- ✓ Workshop with the Inland Bays Garden Center – The CEC agreed to cancel plans for a spring workshop with the Garden Center as the Center sponsors/hosts numerous workshops and programs readily available to the public.
- ✓ Little Free Libraries – The group discussed the current condition of the 8-year old LFLs and the need for either repair or replacement. Since the CEC has remaining unused funds in the FY22 budget, it was proposed that the CEC request a budget amendment to use those funds to replace the LFLs in the current FY budget time period.

*Addendum:* The budget amendment request will be presented at the Town Council meeting on December 10. In addition, Sue Callaway received an email from the SBPOA president offering to contribute to the LFL replacement.

**FY23 BUDGET** – Based on the CEC’s discussion, Sue will work on preparing a draft FY23 budget during December and submit a draft version to the members.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Kent Stephan to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am and was seconded by Bobbe Stephan.