



Town Meeting

Saxis Town Hall

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 @ 7:00pm— Cold 39'

Council Members Present: Lee Miles, Bryan Shreaves, Denise Chance, Darrell Marshall, and Wayne McCleary

Council Members Absent: Donna Croushore

Mayor Denise Drewer- Present

Town Clerk Mariann Miller-Present

Town residents present: Don Porter, John Shertenlieb, Hance Martin, Tammy Miles

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Denise Drewer and Mariann Miller opened with the Lord's Prayer.

The November meeting minutes were reviewed. Lee motioned to accept the minutes as written, and Darrell seconded the motion. Minutes accepted. Unanimously passed.

General Business

Mayor spoke to John Shertenlieb in the audience and told him to go ahead and speak his concerns.

John spoke on the fundamentals of Electrolysis and what happens to the water and the boats when it is present. A few of the boaters came together and got a representative from A&N to look at the electric at the Harbor to see if that is the reason its present in the water. They did look but determined that more research would have to be done to exactly pinpoint the problem. John said he does not believe it is the receptacle's but some of them are not grounded and are not working correctly. John said, "He knows that we don't have the money to replace all the receptacles, but we need to work on that problem." Mayor stated that we have replaced some of them but will have to review the issue again.

John said "When you have a battery charging 24-7 it can cause electricity to enter the water and harm parts on the boat. No battery should be on charge for 24 hours at any time. Waterman had to replace parts on their boats that were \$800 to over a \$1,000. Thomas Pruitt, Donnie Porter, William Bailey, Don Porter, and Bill Bailey to name a few who have had to replace parts. These batteries need to be grounded. A suggestion was to write new rules & regulations and put in there that all battery chargers must be grounded or/ a marine battery charger only.

Mayor Drewer told John she appreciated him coming to the meeting and bringing up the issues. She will contact A&N and have them come in and see if they think the problem is the battery chargers or something else.

Don Porter said we also have another problem. The salt treated poles at the Harbor. If a pole snaps, who is paying to replace them? He said the Environmental people are making everyone use Salt treated poles and they do not last. We need to use creosote at the bottom like in the old days. In Jamestown, they use plastic sheeves on the bottom of the poles. Not sure what the solution is but it is a problem. Bryan Shreaves stated that to help with costs, could we impose fees for the Out of State boaters? Lee stated that they tried it when Randall Martin was Mayor and were told the Town had no authority to change it.

Mayor Drewer said she will find out about the flat fee and try to get some electrolysis footage on other areas and bring it back for the next meeting.

Computer Grant- *The Saxis Volunteer Fire Co donated the grant that they received for purchasing a computer back to the town as they needed an upgrade and a new computer system. Mayor thanked the Fire Company for their generous donation.*



**Mayor announced the Christmas Decorating contest winners for 2023—
Aubrey & Valerie Justice
Darrell Marshall
Tyler Williams
Each winner received \$50 each.**

**Air B&Bs – Mayor wants to talk to town attorney and get a copy of Accomack’s ordinance.
VA Tourism grant may be better for us. More research needs to be done.**

**Website Update- Denise Chance had a presentation and took us through the various tabs explaining as she went through it. Live date is January 8th, 2024. We can change pictures, etc. as we need to.
The mayor and council thanked Denise for all her hard getting this completed.**

**Floor Open
No response**

Floor Closed

**Lee motioned to pay the bills and Darrell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.
Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Denise seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mariann Miler
Saxis Town Clerk**