Ocean Pines Elections Committee Meeting 10/1/21

Held in Board Room, OPA Admin Bldg.

Called to Order 1:02PM – Quorum Attained.

Attendance: Mary Anne Whitcomb, Steve Habeger, Carol Ludwig, Bob Windsor, Remote: Mark Heintz, Josh Davis Guests: Larry Perrone-OPA President, Greg Ellison-Bayside Gazette

Remarks – Larry gave a synopsis of the special Board meeting on 9/30/21. As a result of motions, the Elections Committee is charged to oversee a redo election, including 3 eligible candidates. Jeremy will provide a statement for inclusion in the ballot mailing.

Carol asked about the original voter eligibility list, now slightly outdated. Those property owners that requested and were approved for duplicate ballots will be included in mailing. Bob asked if the original ballots will be counted in the future as a result of litigation. Larry stated that it is a possibility and that those ballots are being held in a secure location.

Minutes of July and August meetings were approved.

In looking at the tentative schedule, Josh asked about press releases and website information. When all materials are approved, and we know the dates are attainable, then we can look at press releases. We are tentatively choosing 4pm on Saturday 12/4/21 as ballot deadline. Counting will take place Monday, 12/6/21, and presented to the Board on Tuesday, 12/7/21.

The return envelopes will be a different color and opaque. We are doing everything possible to have the Redo ballots be recognized as different. Candidates are in the same order on ballots, and the same bios will be used.

Steve will check with Tom Gulyas on possible adjustments to the OPA Election Material Contract.

Larry suggested that a notification of the redo be given to the three candidates. Steve will notify.

Next meeting October 8, 2021, 10am, Admin Bldg. Board Room

Minutes prepared by Carol Ludwig, EC Member