

**Spring 2007**

**SBPOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2007 – 2008 YEAR ENCLOSED:**

The SBPOA is completely separate from the South Bethany Town Government. We hope that you will complete and return the enclosed SBPOA Membership Application for the 2007 – 2008 year. For only \$20.00 you receive, among other items, the following (none of which are Town programs):

- All Shore Lines editions
- Special e-mails about time critical information
- 2 tickets for dinner at the Bull Roast
- Monitoring of your property by the Neighborhood Watch
- The appreciation of your neighbors for supporting the Association and helping pay for the costs of the Neighborhood Watch and Telephone book programs.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER**

This spring edition of Shore Lines is being sent to all South Bethany property owners even if they are not current members of the South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA). Current members who have E-mail addresses on record with the SBPOA have been receiving the newsletter by E-mail. Those without E-mail addresses on record with the SBPOA have been receiving the newsletter by US Mail. This newsletter is being sent to everyone by US mail because it includes the SBPOA's 2007/2008 Membership Application. In an attempt to minimize mistakes that have been made in the past, from transcribing hand written data from the membership application into our data base, each person's personalized membership application is attached. Please return this personalized application. Only make changes where there are mistakes in the data that are on the application.

**NOTICE OF REGULAR ASSOCIATION MEETING AND PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

Article IX, Section 4 of the association by-laws requires a written notice of regularly scheduled meetings. This is your written notice for the next regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting will be on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 10:00AM at the South Bethany Town Hall. At this meeting you will have an opportunity to have coffee and donuts and meet with the South Bethany Town Council Candidates.

Proposed amendments to the SBPOA By-Laws will also be voted on. Most of the changes were to clean up the by-laws to make them consistent with the way we are currently operating and to emphasize items that came out of the 2005 survey. Article XII, Section 2 of the association by-laws requires that the full text of the proposed amendments be supplied to all members in the regular meeting notice. The proposed amendments are included in this newsletter.

At this meeting we will also approve the SBPOA annual operating budget for next year. The proposed budget is contained in the Treasurer's Report Section of this newsletter.

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: Al Rae**

Last night, Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had a great time at the second SBPOA "Winter Social and Game Night" for the 2006/2007 winter season at Town Hall. Everyone socialized, ate good food, played many fun games and won some nice prizes. Thanks to Bonnie Rae for planning such a good time. It was very warm today and it certainly made me feel that spring must be close. Let's hope so.

I was truly hoping that by the deadline of this newsletter that I could be telling you about the final approvals and plans for the beach replenishment we have worked on so long. While we are very close to hearing the final decisions, unfortunately they have not yet been announced. The funding decision for our beach replenishment project is now in the hands of the Philadelphia Office of the Army Corps of Engineers. Congress has granted that agency the freedom to determine its own budget priorities within a budget total finalized under the legislators' continuing resolution, passed last month, covering the rest of fiscal year 2007. We expect the final decision any day – keep your fingers crossed!!!

SBPOA recently received an anonymous letter, with the request that the content of the letter be included in our newsletter. Unfortunately we could not accommodate the request since the letter was anonymous. SBPOA policy is to not include unsigned letters in our publications; and when signed, any letter must be limited to one page.

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control sponsors a Delaware Adopt-A-Wetland Program (AAW) which is a community based environmental stewardship program. AAW members join together to adopt a wetlands site and then together work on cleanup, plant and animal surveys, bird watching, habitat enhancement and more. Should any of you be interested in this program and wish to join with others please let me know of your interest. Also, if you have a suggestion for a site that could be adopted please let me know of your suggestion. More information on AAW can be obtained by calling their Sussex office at 302-337-8847.

Should you want to contact me please send an e-mail to [al.rae@verizon.net](mailto:al.rae@verizon.net) or call 537-9440.

Respectfully,  
Al Rae

**SOUTH BETHANY NEWS** – (South Bethany Town WEB Site <http://southbethany.org/> )

- **TIDAL PUMP SYSTEM** – A contract has been released to Oceaneering International, Inc. together with KCI Technologies to develop rough order of magnitude cost, ROM, for the South Bethany Tidal Pump. The "Tidal Pump" is a very simple design utilizing the tides to move canal water to the Atlantic Ocean and then return clean seawater to the dead end canals of South Bethany via a network of underground pipes connecting the two bodies of water. Utilizing the natural forces of gravity, water flows from the body of water having the higher tide. Since the tidal heights of both bodies of water are diametrically opposite, water will alternately flow back and forth without using any outside source of man-made energy.



- **SOUTH BETHANY CANALS DREDGING STATUS** – Dredging is scheduled to start in the fall.
- **BEACH REPLENISHMENT STATUS** – This is anybody's guess at this time. Go to these links for more information:  
<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070112/replenishmentearmarksonholduntilfall.html>  
<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070209/beachprojectsnotfundedinbushbudget.html>  
<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070216/weeksleftinreplenishmentfundingwait.html>  
<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/2006/20061208/index.html>



- **ASSAWOMAN CANAL DREDGING** – A significant amount of dredging has been accomplished at the north end. Dredging is scheduled to resume in the fall, however the Sierra Club has taken it to court again.

- **BLUEWATER WIND FARM** – There has been a lot in the news on wind farms. There is a lot of information on the Bluewater web site.

<http://www.bluewaterwind.com> They have created a visualization of what will be seen from the beach. This can be viewed at

[http://www.bluewaterwind.com/de\\_photos.htm](http://www.bluewaterwind.com/de_photos.htm)

There was a good article on it in the Wilmington News Journal. Go to

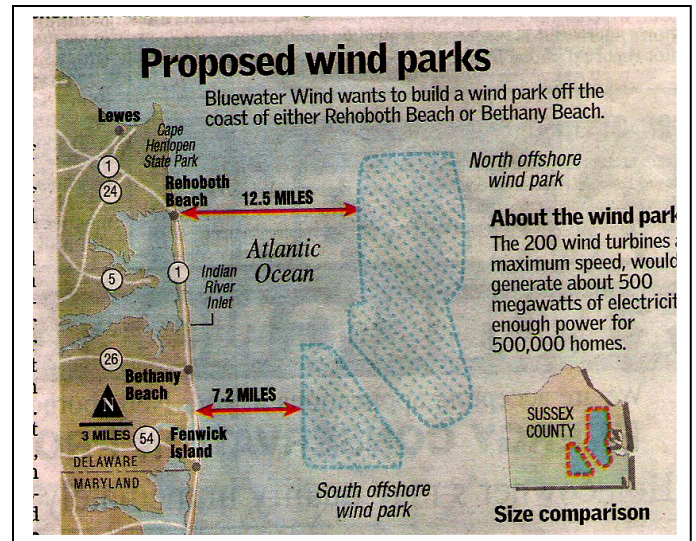
<http://www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070211/NEWS/702110347/1006/NEWS> to see the article. Additional links to the Coastal Point follow.

<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070202/surveyshowsupportforoffshorewindpower.html>

<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070112/windfarmimagessimulateviewfromthebeach.html>

<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070126/cbshostingmeetingtosupportwindenergy.html>

<http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070216/scientistsidentifydramaticwindresourceoffcoast.html>



## **SBPOA NEWS**

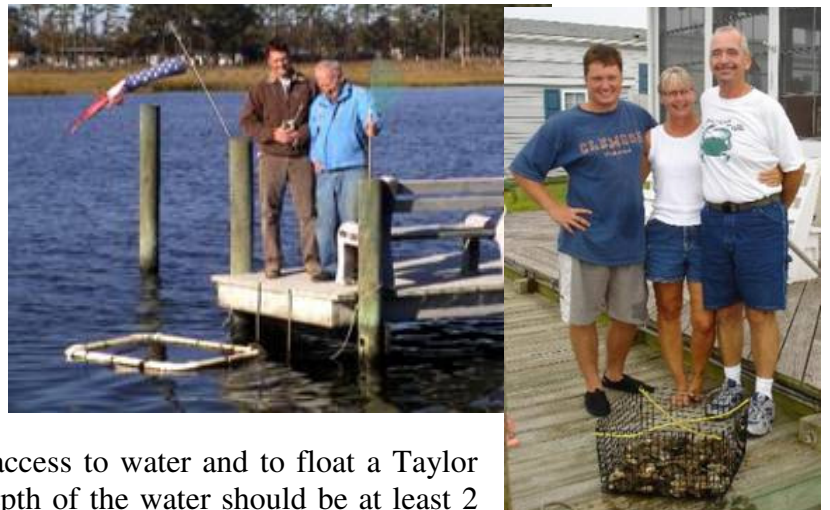
- **SBPOA IS STARTING AN OYSTER GARDENING PROGRAM** –

Al Allenspach has volunteered to organize an oyster gardening program in South Bethany.

The Delaware Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) is looking for volunteer gardeners to assist with their shellfish restoration program. It is a very simple operation that takes almost no time and has significant benefits. All that is required is access to water and to float a Taylor float and oyster basket in the water. The depth of the water should be at least 2 feet at low tide. Once a week the oyster basket is pulled up and the oysters are washed off. The program starts with a 1 ½ hour orientation in June or July. Your oyster spats, baskets and Taylor float arrive in July. Then for seasonal residents the oyster spats are picked up in November,

Fenwick Island already has an extensive program in their canals. They have at least 40 baskets in the water. In their fall 2006 newsletter they have an excellent article explaining the program. Part of that article is copied here. “Did you know? When six oysters are dropped into a 30 gallon fish tank cloudy with impurities, the water becomes clear within 24 hours! Each oyster is capable of cleansing 30 gallons of water daily.”

Delaware Center for the Inland Bays and the University of Delaware’s College of Marine Studies have chosen Little Assawoman Bay and its tributaries to demonstrate that a plethora of oyster gardeners over time can improve water clarity and help eliminate impurities in our bay. If each waterfront property owner would attach a 2’X3’ basket of oysters to their dock or bulkhead, water turbidity and pollution can be reduced. Care of the oyster baskets is minimal. If you are unable to care for the oysters, a volunteer will be assigned to help.”



Here is a link to the CIB facts sheet for more information on oyster gardening.

<http://darc.cms.udel.edu/ibog/OGfactsheet.pdf>

South Bethany has around 800 properties located directly on the canals. If we could get a significant number of these property owners to become oyster gardeners, we would make a very significant improvement to the quality of water in our canals.

Al has been in communication with CIB. Attached is a note from Al documenting what he has found out.

“Just a note to let you know that I have been meeting with people of the CIB, Lewes labs, also a captain in Fenwick Island. So, I have a pretty good idea of what is at stake and what to do come spring.

1. Come May sometime, we would make plans to construct some baskets. It seems at this point that the costs of the materials can be covered by some grant funds; we just need some people willing to assemble the baskets.

2. Around early June we will be seeding the baskets and putting them into the canals. Then they will require periodic cleaning, preferably weekly, and watching them grow until November.

3. Pictures of the process can be seen on the websites below:

[www.darc.cms.udel.edu/ibog/index.html](http://www.darc.cms.udel.edu/ibog/index.html) , [www.inlandbays.org/](http://www.inlandbays.org/) , [www.ocean.udel.edu/mas/](http://www.ocean.udel.edu/mas/) “

**People interested in participating can contact Al at 539-7135, [allensal@muohio.edu](mailto:allensal@muohio.edu) .**

○ **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM –** George Junkin, Chairperson

The neighborhood watch walkers were very busy this year. This winter was significantly colder than last year. At least two dozen homes were damaged when the cold weather (20 degrees and lower for many days) froze the exposed, non-winterized piping. Then there were icicles and water all over the place. In most cases there was little damage other than a few cracked pipes. The bigger cost is for wasted water if it does not get found and turned off. Pictures show typical outside shower damage and a not so typical icicle forming due to a loose fitting on the ice maker line in the kitchen of one house. However one house must have lost their heating because there was a significant amount of ice under their house. I suspect that they had significant damage in the house.



○ **ANNUAL BULL ROAST –**

Mark Saturday, June 9, 2007, 4:00 PM on your calendar. This year, due to construction on the Police Station and Town Hall, the annual bull roast will be held at Ocean View Park. Directions to Ocean View Park from the totem pole in Bethany: Go west on Route 26 for 2.7 miles. Turn right at light on to West Avenue by Ocean View Church of Christ. Go 0.3 miles to Oakwood Ave. Turn left. The park is on the right after you have made the left turn. A short regular members' meeting will be held at 4:00. At this meeting we will elect and install officers for the next year.



The bull roast will follow the meeting. This year the bull roast will be catered again by Jimmy's Catering Service of Bridgeville. The menu will offer a variety of items to eat including salads, vegetables, cheeses, hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken and as an added feature – BBQ ribs. Membership sign up @ \$20 will be available at the bull roast. Each household member ship is entitled to two free tickets to the bull roast. Children under 6 are free. Additional tickets are available at \$15 each for those over 12 and \$8 for children 6 to 12. Also at the bull roast we will have a new and improved supply of South Bethany merchandise. See article below for more information. **BRING CHAIRS TO SIT ON.** There are not enough benches or tables in the park. We will be supplying additional tables.

○ **SOUTH BETHANY MERCHANDISE –**

Sandi Roberts (537-5371, [roberts4224@gmail.com](mailto:roberts4224@gmail.com) ) is our new chairperson for this activity. In April she will be adding visors, polo shirts, beach towels and more to our list of merchandise. She will also be unveiling a new logo. When McCabe's (where the merchandise is sold) reopens in March, all remaining merchandise with the old logo will be reduced for a quick sale.

○ **WINTER SOCIAL AND GAME NIGHT –** SBPOA and the South Bethany Woman's Club sponsored their first Winter Social and Game Night last year. It was so successful and enjoyed by so many people that they sponsored two of them this year. As long as they are being enjoyed they will become annual events.

○ **SEA LEVEL RISE PREDICTIONS –** There was a disturbing article in the *Coastal Point* relative to predictions by scientists about sea level rising due to global warming and the subsequent melting of large ice blocks in Greenland and the West Antarctic melt. To see pictures of the areas of Delaware affected go to <http://thecoastalpoint.com/archives/20070209/sealevelrisepredictionsdisturbing.html>

○ **READABLE ADDRESSES –** The address on your house should be easily readable from the street. If your address is not easily readable it makes it difficult for emergency personnel to find your house in an emergency. **The fire department says that the house numbers should be at least 4 inches high and be reflective.**



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

04-13-07 Town Council Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)  
 04-21-07 SBPOA Membership Meeting (10:00AM)  
 Town Hall  
 05-03-07 Neighborhood Watch Thank You Dinner  
 05-11-07 Town Council Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)  
 05-??-07 Town's Spring Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day  
 05-26-07 Town Election  
 06-09-07 SBPOA Membership meeting (4:00 pm)  
 06-09-07 Bull Roast - **BRING CHAIRS** (4:15 pm) Ocean  
 View Park

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy Connor –**

**Balance – November 30, 2006** **\$24,193**

**Income:**

• Interest 15  
**Total Income: 15**

**Expenses:**

• Neighborhood Watch 1,127  
 • News Letter 746  
 • Game Night 97  
 • Beautification 150  
 • Office Supplies 86  
 • Misc. 70  
**Total Expenses: 2,276**

**Balance – March 01, 2007** **21,932**

The annual audit of the SBPOA's books is currently being done by Bireley & Kortvelesy, PA; Dana Sobus, CPA.

**SBPOA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2007 / 2008****Year 07- 08 Budget**

Members	800
Dues \$	20
<b><u>Income:</u></b>	
Dues	16,000
McCabes	1,800
Interest	40
Telephone book	
Other	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,840</b>

**Expense:**

Bank fees	30
Bull Roast	4,000
Charity	5,000
Accountant	275
McCabes	3,500
Plaques/engraving/keys	80
Neighborhood Watch	5,000
Telephone book	
Shore Lines/survey	3,500
Office Supplies/postage	150
PO Box rent	36
Game nights	300
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>21,871</b>

**Net Gain/Loss -4,031**

**Bank Balance (12/31/06 Actual) 24,127**

**Contingency Reserve Needed 14,000**

**Excess Funds 6,096**

**STATE OF DELAWARE  
 TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY  
 SOUTH BETHANY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
 BYLAWS**

(as amended on February 13, 1999; April 14, 2001; October 2003; and April 21, 2007)

**ARTICLE I****NAME AND TERRITORY**

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the South Bethany Property Owners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Sec. 2. The membership of the Association shall be open to owners of property within the corporate limits of the Town of South Bethany, Delaware, including individuals, corporations, partnerships, and business firms.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

Sec. 1. The purpose of the Association shall be to:

- a. Help the Town attain and maintain high standards in areas of health, safety, sanitation, service, beauty and well being;
- b. Protect and preserve public and private properties in the Town;
- c. Encourage effective and efficient management of the Town by all officials, employees and representatives;
- d. Provide continuing service to the community by periodic Association meetings, newsletters, and other informational materials; and
- e. Promote member attitudes of concern, cooperation, participation, and pride affecting the current and future welfare of the Town.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Sec. 1. Each owner of property in the Town shall be eligible for membership in the Association. The property owner(s) is/are the name(s) appearing on the deed(s). Corporation(s), partnership(s), and business firm(s) managers shall designate, in writing, the officer or individual who will represent the corporation, partnership or business firm.

Sec. 2. Each owner of property desiring to become an Association member shall file an application for membership.

Sec. 3. The annual membership dues will be payable on a fiscal year basis for the period beginning on June 1 and ending on May 31 and shall be established at the March/April regular meeting for the following fiscal year..

Sec. 4. Each owner of property whose application has been received and whose current Association dues have been paid shall be a member in good standing.

## ARTICLE IV

### POSITION ON CANDIDATES

Sec. 1. The Association shall take no position on individual candidates seeking election to public or private office, including Association office.

## ARTICLE V

### VOTING

Sec. 1. Voting status is determined by annual submission of an application for membership in the Association and payment of an application fee. Thus, property owners of houses, lots, or businesses in South Bethany who have filed such application and paid such fee are entitled to one vote irrespective of the number of owners listed on the deed, or the number of properties owned.

Sec. 2. Voting shall be by voice, appropriate sign, or roll call unless, on a motion duly adopted, a majority of the voting members present approve voting by secret ballot; provided, however, that election of officers shall be by written ballot when there are two or more candidates for an office. Proxy voting is not permitted.

## ARTICLE VI

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, one (1) or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Each officer shall be elected for a term of two years. The President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd years. The Vice President and Recording Secretary shall be elected in even years. In order to allow for continuity, a minimum of two officers shall remain on the Board at any given time. Officers shall continue to serve in such capacity until his/her successor is elected and installed in office.

Sec. 3. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Sec. 4. At the regular ~~January~~/February meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members, whose duty shall be to present at the regular ~~June~~ meeting a list of nominees for the positions of President, one (1) or more Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Each nominee shall be a member in good standing, except that no elected or appointed official of the Town may serve concurrently as an elected officer of the Association.

Sec. 5. At the ~~June~~ regular meeting, following the report of the Nominating Committee and any nominations from the floor, all officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by a majority vote of members present and voting, and shall be installed in office.

Sec. 6. If, after the first ballot, there is not a majority vote for any nominee for an office, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped and such balloting shall continue until one (1) nominee has received a majority of all votes cast. In the event of a tie vote between the two (2) nominees having the greatest number of votes, all other nominees shall be dropped and the balloting shall continue between the two (2) nominees having the same number of votes.

Sec. 7. Any office becoming vacant shall be filled either temporarily or for the balance of the term of office by majority vote of the Executive Committee, subject to confirmation by members present and voting at the next regular meeting. Nominations to fill vacant offices shall be made by either the Executive Committee or from the floor.

Sec. 8. Any officer may be removed for cause, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, such removal to be accomplished by a written resolution presented by a member at any regular meeting, following which such resolution will lie on the table until the next regular meeting, or can be accomplished at a special meeting called for this purpose by the President.

## ARTICLE VII

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers shall have such powers and duties as shall be expressly vested in them by these bylaws or by membership action.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all Association regular meetings and shall have the right to vote only to break a tie vote on all questions. He/she shall be empowered to call upon any qualified individual or organization to voluntarily aid or advise the Association.

Sec. 3. The Vice President(s) shall at all times stand ready to assist the President in the discharge of his/her official duties. In the absence or disability of the President, a Vice President shall preside at any Association regular meeting and shall perform the duties of the President. In the absence of the President and any Vice President, the Treasurer shall preside at such meeting and perform the duties of the President.

Sec. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association, preserve and file all written reports, and keep a roll of the officers, committees, and representatives. The Recording Secretary shall, at the expiration of his/her term of office, turn over to his/her successor all records and properties pertaining to such office.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all receipts in a financial institution(s) to the account of the Association, shall keep records of all receipts and disbursements, and shall, at the expiration of his/her term of office, turn over to his/her successor an accounting, duly audited, of all receipts, disbursements, bank accounts and other financial records. The Treasurer is authorized to disburse funds provided for in the annual operating budget, or such modifications of the budget approved by the Executive Committee without further consent of the membership. The Treasurer shall also maintain a roll of all current Association members. The signature of the Treasurer, President, and any Vice President shall be on file at the financial institution(s) holding an Association account. All checks for less than \$500.01 written on any account shall require only one signature. All checks for \$500.01 or more written on any account shall require two signatures. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual operating budget for approval by the Executive Committee, and subsequently by majority vote of the Association members at the ~~March~~/April regular meeting.



Sec. 6. In addition to the foregoing, the President may appoint an Association Membership Manager whose duties shall be to encourage the owners of property within the corporate limits of South Bethany to be members of the Association.

## ARTICLE VIII

### COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. An Executive Committee, composed of the elected officers shall function for the Association. Executive Committee meetings shall be presided over by the President, or other officers as specified in Article VII, Section 3. A quorum of any Executive Committee meeting shall be three (3) members.

- a. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to take action deemed in the best interest of the Association membership, if necessary, between regular Association meetings.
- b. The President is encouraged to invite any past President(s) of the Association to serve on the Executive Committee.
- c. The Executive Committee is authorized to transfer up to twenty (20) percent of any line item to any other line item contained in the annual operating budget.

Sec. 2. A Neighborhood Watch Committee, composed of SBPOA volunteers who, during the months of October through April, periodically walk their assignments to check houses for broken pipes, damage due to weather, possible break-ins or any other suspicious or abnormal findings

Sec. 3. An information Committee, composed of SBPOA volunteers to communicate information to SBPOA members concerning the Town of South Bethany through the SBPOA Newsletter "Shore Lines" and through the use of e-mailings.

Sec. 4. A Telephone Book Committee, composed of SBPOA volunteers to develop and distribute a bi-annual South Bethany Telephone Directory and Buyers Guide.

Sec. 5. A Social and Programs Committee, composed of SBPOA volunteers to develop member social activities and exchanges at SBPOA Membership meetings (i.e. appearance of the mayor and town council candidates).

Sec. 6. A Bull Roast Committee composed of SBPOA volunteers to organize and run the annual Bull Roast held in June after the Town election.

Sec. 7. The President may appoint other committees to consider matters related to the purposes of the Association. The chairman of any Association committee may call upon qualified individuals or organizations to voluntarily aid or advise such committee.

## ARTICLE IX .

### FISCAL YEAR. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

Sec. 1. The Association shall operate on a fiscal year beginning on June 1 and ending on May 31.

Sec. 2. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held ~~following the regular meeting of the Town Council of South Bethany in the following months:~~as follows:

- a) June Meeting is held on the same day as the Annual Association Bull Roast and after election of Town Council.
  - o Report from the nominating committee.
  - o Election / Installation of Association officers.
- b) September/October Meeting
  - o Neighborhood Watch kick-off.
- c) January/February Meeting
  - o Used to appoint a nominating committee
  - o Establish the dues for the following fiscal year.
- d) March/April Meeting
  - o President's report on state of Association
  - o Adoption of annual operating budget.

The President may schedule such meetings to avoid conflicts with a holiday or special occasion, provided that such date shall be announced at the previous regular meeting.

- Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called by the President whenever he/she may deem it necessary. It shall be his/her duty, however, to call a special meeting upon the joint written request of fifteen (15) Association members.
- Sec. 4. Due notice shall be given to the membership of all regular and special meetings, either mailed or sent by e-mail at least ten (10) days before the dates of such meetings, and such notices may be included in the Association newsletter and/or local newspapers such as the *Wave* or the *Coastal Point*
- Sec. 5. A quorum at any regular or special meeting shall be attendance by at least ten (10) members in good standing.

## ARTICLE X

### CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- Sec. 1. All business conducted by the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, as amended, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws.
- Sec. 2. Adoption of any motion or resolution, unless otherwise provided for, shall be by a simple majority of members in good standing, present and voting.
- Sec. 3. Unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of members present and voting, or unless modified at the discretion of the presiding officer, the order of business at each regular meeting of the Association shall be as follows:
- Call to order.
  - Approval of minutes of preceding meeting.
  - Reports of officers.
  - Reports of committees.
  - Unfinished business.
  - New business.
  - Adjournment.

## ARTICLE XI

### DISSOLUTION OF ASSOCIATION

- Sec. 1. Upon dissolution of the Association, its assets shall first be used to satisfy all liabilities then pending, with the balance then distributed to an organization or organizations holding a Section 501 (c) (3) federal income tax exemption under the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE XII

### AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- Sec. 1. These bylaws may be amended by resolution, provided that such resolution shall be offered in writing at any regular meeting of the Association, and provided further that it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting for adoption
- Sec. 2. The notice of the regular meeting at which a proposed bylaws amendment will be presented shall include the full text of the proposed amendment. To the extent possible, such amendment shall also be discussed in a current newsletter. The notice shall be made in accordance with the procedure outlined in ARTICLE IX Sec. 4.