

**Minutes for the January 13, 2014 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30pm by President Empsy Munden. 14 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program – City presentation on Lesner Bridge was cancelled. City Project Engineer had scheduled for wrong date. Empsy asked meeting attendees for questions. Attendees suggested: What the traffic plans will be? When will the project start and end? Will it be done at the same time as the Shore Drive improvements? Todd will find out answers to these questions.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by Dave Albis and accepted. \$14,137.94 total funds in Cape Story Accounts and \$3,164.85 in the Fireworks account.

Secretary Report: December 13, 2013 minutes were presented. **A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Ginnie Stover and 2nd by Bill House. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Report: See main discussion.

1st VP: See main discussion.

2nd VP: See main discussion.

Committees:

Beautification – A February clean-up is being planned. Date is TBD (to be determined). Notice to be made online and email.

Military Liaison – Empsy relayed reports from the Fort of how much they appreciate our community efforts to help the soldiers in need.

Neighborhood Watch – No updates.

Fireworks – Contract was signed with VA Pyro for a \$10,000 show.

Oyster Roast – Event tax of \$1000 resulted. Empsy has asked the VBCCO to look into this requirement for civic groups. Maybe the city code can be changed to exempt civic groups.

Flag Committee – Bill House is heading this. He needs additional help. We talked about getting new poles and flags and when to hang and remove them. Memorial Day through Labor Day was consensus for leaving in place unless a Hurricane comes through. Off season for major holidays.

New Business Highlights-

Event Tax – We discussed this issue and Empsy's request to VBCCO to look into exemptions. We also discussed alternate sites and 501c3 tax deductible status. The CSBTS officers will discuss this further at an upcoming officer's meeting.

2014 Membership – 64 paid members so far this year. 9 candy cane awards (free membership) presented for Holiday Lights winners.

Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO) – Citizen award ceremony on March 14th at the Westin Hotel. Empsy will look into this and make recommendations for CSBTS award.

Bayfront Advisory Committee (BAC) – February 20th meeting will have City staff presentation on Flood Plain changes.

Meetings:

VBCCO – January 16th at 7:00pm

SDCC – January 27th at 7:30pm

BAC – February 20th at 3:30pm

Meeting Adjourned – 8:20pm **A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Albis and 2nd by Empsy Munden. Motion passed unanimously.**