

Black Point Beach Club
Master Plan Steering Committee
2022-11-30 Meeting Notes

A Master Plan Steering Committee was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. The meeting was held over Zoom.

Attendance:

Colleen Chapin, Phil Lombardo, Al Galati, Arlene Garrow, Ed Zito, Peter Baril, Frank Carmon, Tom Meggers (joined later), Rick Diachenko (joined later)

Charlie Bruce (pending BOG appointment) was unavailable for this session

Previously appointed John Horoho has stepped back, and Zoning Commission Chair Jim Fox has recommended Charlie Bruce take his place. Mr. Bruce will participate in the public process until officially approved by the Board of Governors at their next meeting.

Many members of the public were also in attendance

Agenda:

Develop the vision statement on which will help provide the foundation and values upon which the rest of the plan work will be aligned.

Discussion:

Prior to the meeting, some members of the Steering Committee provided draft statements and concepts which helped orient the discussion.

Phil Lombardo:

The Black Point Beach Club is built on our commitment to being a supportive, safe, and caring community located along the beaches of the Niantic Bay. We are committed to maintaining and growing our healthy and vibrant lifestyle.

Our commitment will focus on:

- Improving and maintaining our beaches and shoreline facilities*
- Continuing and growing the social connections of our adults and youth through accessible clubhouse and grounds, active youth programs, and strong communication systems.*

Creating rules and regulations that facilitate safe and attractive properties, roads, beaches and grounds.

Tom Meggers:

The Black Point Beach Club is a diverse coastal community located along the beaches of the Niantic Bay. We are committed to preserving our environment as a community asset. Providing a safe, healthy clean environment for both young and old. Our commitment focuses on improving and maintaining our beach and shoreline amenities. As a community we are committed to fostering and growing our community social connections for both adults, young adults and children.

Ed Zito

Black Point Beach Club Association (BPBCA) engages our community to utilize and enhance our shoreline assets & activities.

Building on BPBCA's multigenerational family foundation, our governance promotes a safe, inclusive, fiscally sound, social, and recreational environment to consistently improve our "special" community.

Rick Diachenko

Black Point Beach Community: To provide a private shoreline slice of heaven for generations to enjoy

Background:

- *We are a quasi-municipality*
- *Limited roadway access into Black Point*
- *We pay taxes which provides some exclusivity and allows us to be a private beach*
- *We are made up of single-family residences - almost 600*
- *People show pride of their properties and generally speaking most are very well maintained and constantly improving*
- *Our location is Niantic Bay directly off of Long Island Sound*
- *We have beaches, a clubhouse, and recreational facilities*
- *There is a strong generational continuance of the population, and many have other family members as neighbors*
- *There is a strong sense of community*
- *People have fun*
- *People enjoy Black Point in many ways*

Through discussion among the Committee and with input from the public the above draft thoughts were distilled to:

The Black Point Beach Club is a welcoming, year-round community located along the shores of Niantic Bay. We are committed to providing a safe, healthy, and vibrant lifestyle for everyone. Our commitment focuses on responsibly maintaining and improving our collective assets and fostering and growing our community's social connections.

There was strong consensus around the above with the understanding that additional wordsmithing will be considered moving forward. With the help of Geri Johnson-Reis from Sea View Avenue, an experienced writer, volunteered to help work the vision down to these two sentences:

The Black Point Beach Club is a welcoming, year-round community committed to providing a safe, healthy, and vibrant lifestyle for its residents. We are committed to responsibly maintaining and improving our collective assets and fostering and growing our community's social connections.

Rick Diachenko expressed a strong desire to continue to work on the above. Additional adjustments may be considered as we move forward in this work.

The next meeting is planned for mid-January with an anticipated focus on the goals – what Black Point intends to achieve in the next 10 years.

Questions and comments should be addressed to Colleen Chapin – bpbog.chapin@gmail.com – for inclusion in future discussions.