

DBNG ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING together with the Board Meeting that followed -
Dillon Beach Neighborhood Group
January 31, 2023, 4:00pm, on Zoom.

This meeting with the presentations from the County and the Board meeting that followed immediately were recorded and you can view the recording here:

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Board Members present: Melinda Bell, Jan McHale, Hilary Avalon, Eric Davis, Ellen Leshner, Jacklyn Cato, MaryKay Patton, Nichole Vogler, Mike Goebel; DBNG Members present: Chris Pack, Richard Kapash, Geoff Winford, Liz Newton, Margot Pierotti, John Bird, Ken Pederson, Michele Young, John Arguelles, Paula Emigh, Penny Stabenfeldt, Jay Pedersen, Greg Pirie, Chris Baker, Fran King. Others present: Marin County staff present: Rhonda Kutter (Sup. Rodoni's office), Arti Kundu (Engineering Project Manager, Marin County Community Development Agency, Community Health Services), Dan Dawson (Marin County Dept Public Works), Heather Rock (Marin County Sheriff's Office); Contractors present: Norm Hantzsche (Questa Engineering); Other attendees: Dave Stabenfeldt (with Penny Stabenfeldt on Zoom), Cathy Winford (with Geoff Winford on Zoom), Ben Smith (Dillon Beach Resort).

Heather Rock, West Marin Commander, Marin County Sheriff's office announced an additional patrol officer will be assigned to the Dillon Beach area from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Marin and Sonoma County Sheriffs and the California Highway Patrol will collaborate using voluntary overtime officers. Contact Heather with questions: h_rock@marincountysheriff.org, cell: 628-888-9366, dispatch: 415-479-2311.

Rhonda Kutter from Supervisor Rodoni's Office announced priorities for 2023 which include affordable housing/homelessness, climate change/sea level rise, infrastructure and equity, among others. They have re-established ambulance service in Dillon Beach, which will be provided via a contract with Sonoma County Fire. This service will also cover other areas in northwest Marin County. Bodega Bay Fire District is now under the umbrella of Sonoma County Fire Department. The Short Term Rental moratorium expires in the middle of 2024 and the County is working to set protocols for new STRs before then. For information on short term rentals and the moratorium on new STRs, to get updates and sign up for notification of upcoming STR meetings, visit <https://www.marincounty.org/main/short-term-rentals> or email STR@marincounty.org.

The County expects to re-establish in-person office hours possibly as early as March. Questions? Call Supervisor Rodoni or Rhonda Kutter: 415-473-3246.

The new changeable electronic sign is at the Tomales Fire Station but has yet to be installed. Marin County plans to utilize this and several other changeable signs throughout the County to advise people of traffic and current conditions at the beaches and other attractions.

Dan Dawson from the Traffic Division of the Marin County Public Works Department stated the work on the signage requested for Dillon Beach has been completed. The three installed signs read "Vehicles Over 20 feet Not Advised" and the signs are on North, Cypress and Park. The Board does not believe this action fully addresses our request, so further discussion is warranted. Also, some No Parking areas around Cliff and Ocean View and also on North near Oceana have been marked.

Wastewater Feasibility Study - The County's consulting engineer, Norm Hantzsche from Questa Engineering, presented the results of their feasibility study, as well as options and recommendations for mitigation of the septic situation. Arti Kundu stated the County's position that, even though one of the options in the report is "status quo," doing nothing about the septic situation in the Village is not viewed by the County as an option. At this point, DBNG Board will be establishing a committee of DBNG members and others who will address the situation, interfacing with everyone who is affected (the "stakeholders"), discovering and collecting info and opinions, and forming a consensus for a workable solution. We welcome all stakeholders who would like to be part of a committee on this topic. Please email the DBNG Board if you are interested in being a member of the committee for this very important project: dbneighborhoodgroup@gmail.com

View Questa's Wastewater Feasibility Study/Report [here](#).

Election of the four 1-year initial term DBNG Board Member positions. Incumbents Melinda Bell, Eric Davis, Ellen Leshner and Mary Kay Patton were re-elected to regular 2-year terms, after having served one year. The Board purposely set four 1-year terms in order to stagger the turnover of the positions. The five Board positions up for election next year are currently held by Hilary Avalon, Jackie Cato, Mike Goebel, Jan McHale and Nichole Vogler. Ben Smith was present, but there is question about whether he is a representative with voting rights. The voting members present at the time of the vote were: Chris Pack, Richard Kapash, John Bird, Geoff Winford, Liz Newton, Margot Pierotti, and Board Members: MaryKay Patton, Nichole Vogler, Hilary Avalon, Melinda Bell, Eric Davis, Jacklyn Cato, Jan McHale and Ellen Leshner. Each seat vote was held separately. Vote result for Melinda Bell: in favor: 14 (or 15 if we allow Ben's vote), opposed: none. Vote result for Eric Davis: in favor: 14/15, opposed: none. Vote result for Ellen Leshner: in favor: 14/15, opposed: none. Vote result for MaryKay Patton: in favor: 14/15, opposed: none.

Affirmation: a brief discussion was held about the process of Affirming membership in this Group. The Board will establish a committee to address the method by which DBNG will determine and affirm the voting members of this Group, and it is agreed by all that all voting members ought to affirm their membership.

This concluded the Annual Meeting, and immediately thereafter commenced a Board meeting of the Directors for the purpose of electing Officers for 2023.

Board Meeting - 6:02pm - Board Members present: Melinda Bell, Jan McHale, Hilary Avalon, Eric Davis, Ellen Leshner, Mary Kay Patton, Nichole, Jackie Cato. Not present: Mike Goebel. Election of officers: Eric Davis moved the Board Members currently serving as President (Melinda Bell), Vice President (Jan McHale) and Secretary/Treasurer (Hilary Avalon) remain in their positions for another year. The motion was seconded by Jackie Cato. Vote: Passed. Discussion was held during which it was suggested a local person serve as an adjunct to the Secretary/Treasurer position. The Board will take this under consideration and review at the next Board Meeting, currently scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:00 pm on Zoom.

Board Meeting Adjourned: 6:09pm.

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