

Call to order 5:01pm. Present: Board Members - Melinda Bell, Jan McHale, Hilary Avalon, Nichole Vogler, Jackie Cato, Mary Kay Patton, Mike Goebel, Ellen Leshner, Eric Davis; other members: Tom Colbert, David Pierotti.

Approval of Minutes from 2/28/23 Board Meeting. Hilary moved to approve the minutes from the February 28th meeting. Jackie 2nd. Discussion: Eric said the February minutes do not reflect that Eric requested a change in the January minutes to reflect that Ben Smith is not a member of DBNG, and that the meeting minutes from the January 31st meeting should be bifurcated to become two sets of minutes for the two separate meetings. Hilary said the meeting is recorded on Zoom and there is no place at which one meeting is closed and a separate one is opened, but that notes have been added to the Minutes to indicate that there are two portions of the recording, and one constitutes the business of the annual meeting and the other constitutes the business of the Board meeting. Also, notes have been added to reflect the concept that Ben Smith may not be a member, but depending on the reading of the Bylaws, the Group could consider him a member. Eric did not agree that change was acceptable, so the approval of the January Minutes was postponed once again. Hilary amended her Motion to include the edits Eric requested for approval of the February meeting. Jackie 2nd. Approval of the February minutes with the edits Eric wanted was called for vote: passed.

Note\*\* The Board must return to approval of the January 31, 2023 Minutes at the next meeting.

Wastewater Feasibility Study Committee updates. Hilary reported on her meeting with Arti and Norm. Arti stated the County's position: to leave the wastewater arrangement the way it currently exists is not a possibility in the eyes of Marin County. She said the County is responding to the State of California's desire to remove all old "cesspool" type septic systems and replace them with modern septic/sewage systems. Arti and Norm said the tests performed on the well/source of drinking water does indicate the elevated nitrates comes from a human source, which is why they believe it is from septic systems uphill from the well/source. Arti also said there is grant money available to reduce the cost of a project and she would like to apply for the grant money on behalf of Dillon Beach Village, but that in order to do that, she must have agreement from 75% of the stakeholders/owners in the Village. Jackie asked do we know what the owners in the Village have to say? No, because we have no feedback from them yet. Jan and Eric said Cullen Wilder has a lot of experience and might be willing to weigh in. Eric stated Cullen had said the County's Report is not perfect; does not show a connection between the septic systems in the Village and the contaminants found in the drinking water (nitrates). Jan asked Eric if he had received a communication from Cullen privately, and when Eric stated that he had, Jan asked for the document to be shared with the Board. Eric said he would be willing to share it as long as Cullen was willing to have it shared, and that he will ask Cullen for permission. There is a Wastewater/Septic Feasibility Committee Meeting scheduled for March 31 at which Cullen is speaking to the Board, Mike asked if Cullen is in favor of changing the existing wastewater/septic set up in Dillon Beach Village. We do not know the answer to this question. Eric stated that Cullen questions some of the County's conclusions. Mike suggested

we get Norm from Questa to also join the March 31 meeting, but it was decided that we would have the March 31 meeting with the Committee only (Cullen is currently thought to be part of this Committee). Dave Pierotti asked for clarification on the costs associated with the County's plan(s). The costs for the various plans are included in the County's report, and they are based on the hook-up cost to join North Marin Water District, so if the eventual project does not incorporate NMWD, then costs are unknown. We do know the projected costs in the County's report does not include removal of existing septic systems - only building and installation of infrastructure and the individual hook-up costs. Mike said regardless of the unknowns, it seems like a good idea to continue forward with the process, discover and investigate every solution, and work with the County on the grant money, because there is no obligation to continue with the process if we find an obstacle we cannot or do not want to overcome.

Short Term Rental Committee updates. No report - the committee has been formed but no meeting has taken place yet. There is an upcoming meeting scheduled with and by Kathleen Kilgariff, who is representing Marin County with respect to Short Term Rentals and the expected ordinance(s) controlling them, on April 10th at 5pm on Zoom. If you would like the Zoom link so you can attend, please reach out to Melinda or Hilary. Hilary will reach out to the committee members by email asap to set up the first committee meeting. Melinda stated that Kathleen Kilgariff has invited Lesley Lacko, another Marin County Planner from the Community Development Department to attend this Zoom meeting.

Traffic and Signage (in Village). We have had no communication from the County since our last Zoom meeting with them. It is this Group's understanding that the County believes they have fulfilled their signage mission with the existing signs, but the DBNG does not concur. There are still many vehicles coming through the Village that should be going around. Jan told a story of a collision/hit and run in the Village that was caught on her Ring camera - the Sheriff recognized the vehicle and the perpetrator was caught and fined - good news! But we want to prevent this kind of thing, so we must contact the County again, describe the problem and ask for additional and/or upgraded signage to direct traffic correctly.

Supervisor Rodoni's March 24 Community Conversations meeting took place and there is no report.

Membership Committee updates. No report - first meeting is tomorrow (February 29, 2023).

Proposed revision of January 31, 2023 meetings - Annual Meeting and Board Meeting.  
Discussion: Eric again proposed the changes to the Annual meeting he had proposed before. Hilary suggested we cannot make changes that do not reflect what is on the Zoom recording, and asked to defer more discussion on topic to the Membership Committee - upcoming meeting on March 29th.

Website updates and MailChimp updates. Mary Kay asked if we should post draft Minutes to our website or wait for the final form and the Board agreed we should post the Minutes in final form.

There are no updates to MailChimp as we are not yet using it until we finalize our requirements for who will be on our list(s).

Next meeting: April 25 at 5pm on Zoom

Move to adjourn: Melinda. 2nd: Jackie. Adjourn 5:45pm