



Baycliff Civic League

Minutes of the Special Baycliff Civic League Meeting

June 8, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Westendorf at 7:05 PM in the Cafeteria of Alanton Elementary School. Approximately 60 in attendance. A quorum was present.

Old Business

President Christine Westendorf indicated there was still room on the "Dolphin Watch" cruise which could accommodate up to 120 passengers. Event will be held on June 26th and literature was passed out on same.

Christine Westendorf alerted all that Anne Howard's "weekly weeder" program last summer had been very successful in keeping the Baycliff Drive entry areas and circle weed free. A request was made for weeding volunteers for this summer, and a clip board with sign up sheet was passed around and signed during the meeting.

New Business – Special meeting agenda

Max Bartholomew, who worked closely with Chairman Anne Mitchell and the Power Outages Committee and Bobby Clark from Dominion Power, presented an overview regarding the proposed changes to the Baycliff power feed. Max Bartholomew introduced Bobby Clark, Reliability Engineer, at 7:15 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Mr. Clark at that time. Bobby Clark provided a PowerPoint presentation of the current existing Baycliff power configuration. This illustrated where the North End residents feed from East Road and the South End residents feed from Mill Dam Road in a multi loop configuration. He discussed in some detail the reasoning behind the current configuration and expressed this was the most reliable set up in everyday circumstances. Mr. Clark contended the major concerns of lengthy power outages expressed by the Baycliff Power Outages Committee were largely due to extreme weather incidents (hurricanes and ice storms) which occur rarely. In these cases, our East Road feed which is fed from Alanton overground lines and is disrupted by Alanton's falling tree problems and icing. At that time there were several questions posed by those in attendance although initially questions were to be held until the presentation was complete. Mr. Clark stated that while the North End of Baycliff may benefit from changing the power feed to a full Mill Dam feed, there may be some disadvantages to the entire community being linked together. This may include somewhat more frequent service interruptions, with a greater number of houses out of service at one time for longer periods of time possible. He was not guaranteeing more outages, but pointed out that with us all linked together, it may be more difficult to locate and repair the problems and consequently, take longer to restore power.

Anne Mitchell posed a question regarding hurricane response time in relation to the number of houses being on a single feed. For example, more houses out at one time – causing faster response

time? Mr. Clark could not confirm whether this would be the case.

During this time there were multiple questions directed to Mr. Clark regarding his personal opinion about what he would choose to do, relative to the requested change. He indicated that it was Dominion Power's job to "keep the lights on" and that there are in fact advantages to the current loop system. He indicated that we should keep it as it is currently. He stated that was his personal and the company viewpoint.

Questions arose from the floor with some heated debate from residents against the change and residents supporting the change. Many residents from the North End of Baycliff expressed anger and frustration over the week long power outage they experienced during Hurricane Isabel. Larry Sancilio emphasized that his original intent, as Baycliff's developer, was to feed all of underground Baycliff power from Mill Dam Road and to bypass the problems caused by a tie in to Alanton's system overground electrical system. This was the original set up, and Mr. Sancilio was dismayed that Dominion Power had made changes without informing him as the developer. Mr. Clark indicated he would be available at the end of the meeting for further questions.

It was determined by overwhelming majority vote, including written ballots submitted at this special Baycliff Civic League Meeting and a large number of absentee ballots that the Baycliff community desires to switch to a full Mill Dam Road feed. Mr. Clark reported that the switch over would be made sometime during 2006; however, Mr. Clark could not indicate a definite time frame since Dominion Power would have to find a "slot" in the budget to allocate funds for the change.

Adjournment

The meeting was casually adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with an announcement by Power Outages Committee Chairman Anne Howard that the switch would go through. Attendees began to dismiss themselves at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne E. Dye, Recording Secretary