

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, January 25, 2025 9:00 AM, Clubhouse Meeting Room

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Call to Order – Stuart Lakernick, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes –

December 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting January 8, 2025 – Special Meeting

President's Remarks

GM Report – John Viola

Treasurer's Report – Monica Rakowski

Public Comments –

Members wishing to make comments must state their name and address.

Capital Requests -

None

CPI Violations -

88 Seafarer Lane

8 Willow Way (2)

9 Chestnut Way

37 Garrett Drive

48 Camelot Circle

5 Sassafras Lane

628 Ocean Parkway

Unfinished Business -

None

New Business -

Motion to approve revisions to Resolution M-09 (Candidate Search Process for OPA Board Elections) – Steve Jacobs

Ocean Pines Good Neighbor Program – Elaine Brady

Appointments -

Michael Galello – Co-Chair – Architectural Review Mary Hastler – 1st Term – Aquatics Ken Meekins – 1st Term – Architectural Review Gary Murray – Co-Chair - Architectural Review

Adjournment



OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING Saturday, December 21, 2024 9:00 a.m., Clubhouse Meeting Room

PRESENT: Stuart Lakernick, Rick Farr, Monica Rakowski, John Latham, Elaine Brady, Jeff Heavner, and Steve Jacobs.

ALSO PRESENT: John Viola (General Manager), 17 Association members, and approximately 10 attendees through Microsoft Teams.

Call to Order – Stuart Lakernick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda –

Ms. Brady moved to accept the agenda, Ms. Rakowski seconded, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes –

Dr. Lakernick moved to accept the minutes from the November 21, 2024 Special Meeting, the November 23, 2024 Regular Meeting, and the November 25, 2024 Special Meeting. Mr. Latham seconded, all in favor.

Announcement of Email Votes/Motions –

Mr. Latham noted that on November 27, 2024, the Board unanimously approved having a contractor resolve a safety issue with trees at 2 lvy Lane, 5 Portage Court, and 3 Helm Court, per Section 14 of the Declaration of Restrictions.

President's Remarks – Stuart Lakernick

Dr. Lakernick asked for a moment of silence for the loss of Les Purcell, a former Board member.

Dr. Lakernick expressed his deepest gratitude to everyone and the many achievements from this past year, from small acts of kindness to major acts, such as Veterans Memorial, Golf Course Irrigation, swearing in of new police officers, and upcoming renovations to both the racquet center and fire department.

Dr. Lakernick thanked everyone that volunteers to make Ocean Pines a truly special place. He wished everyone a joyous, peaceful, and prosperous holiday season.

Swearing in of Police Officers – Stuart Lakernick

Dr. Lakernick performed the Oath of Office to the two new Police Officers, Michael Arnold and Kyle Mann.

GM Report – John Viola (attached)

Treasurer's Report – Monica Rakowski (attached)

Public Comments -

Louis Lazzaro – 1 Sandpiper Lane Karen Kaplan – 32 Chatham Court

Capital Requests -

Golf – Golf Course Bridge: Dr. Lakernick moved to accept the recommendation, Ms. Brady seconded, all in favor.

Police – Tasers: Dr. Lakernick moved to accept the recommendation, Ms. Rakowski seconded, all in favor.

CPI Violations -

Dr. Lakernick moved to forward the violations to legal and suspend voting and amenity rights, Ms. Rakowski seconded, all in favor.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Appointments -

Dr. Lakernick moved to accept the following appointments, Mr. Jacobs seconded, and the appointments were all approved unanimously:

Thomas McElroy – 1st Term – Elections Robert Moulden – 2nd Term – Golf Marlene Ott – 1st Term – Elections

Adjournment - Mr. Farr moved to adjourn, Mr. Jacobs seconded, all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: John Latham, Secretary



OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING Wednesday, January 8, 2025 2:00 p.m., Board Room

PRESENT: Stuart Lakernick, Rick Farr, John Latham, Monica Rakowski, Elaine Brady,

Jeff Heavner, and Steve Jacobs.

ALSO PRESENT: John Viola, Bruce Bright.

Call to Order – Stuart Lakernick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda –

Mr. Farr moved to accept the agenda, Mr. Latham seconded, all in favor.

Public Comments -

None

New Business -

Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of matters pertaining to contracts –

Dr. Lakernick moved to go into closed session, Ms. Rakowski seconded, all in favor. The meeting went into closed session at 2:01 p.m.

At 3:05 p.m., Dr. Lakernick made a motion to return to open session, Ms. Rakowski seconded, all in favor.

Dr. Lakernick moved to approve the lease and associated contract documents governing the OPA Food & Beverage Facilities (Beach Club, Yacht Club, and Golf Clubhouse), and as negotiated between OPA and the new F&B vendor, Touch of Italy (and its designated business entity, Farindola OP, LLC), and to authorize execution of the lease and associated contract documents by the Board President and to be attested by the Board Secretary. Ms. Brady seconded, all in favor.

Adjournment -

Dr. Lakernick moved to adjourn, Mr. Farr seconded, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: John Latham, Secretary

06-0517 88 SEAFARER LANE VIOLATION – FIRE PIT-NO PERMIT



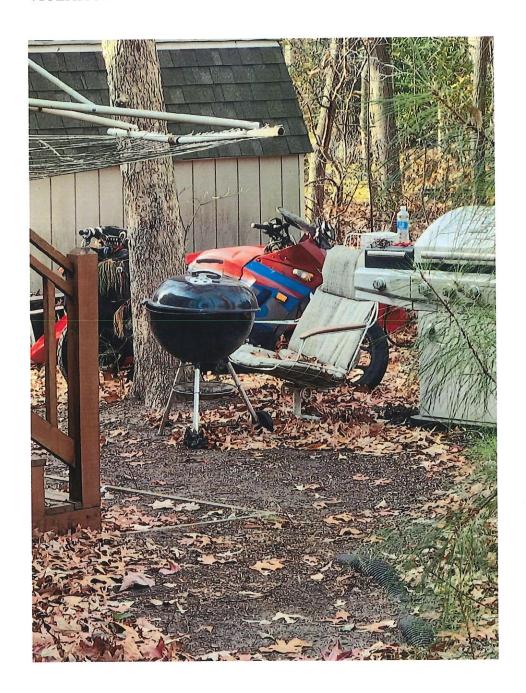
08-0017 37 GARRETT DRIVE VIOLATION – OVERSIZED BOX TRUCK



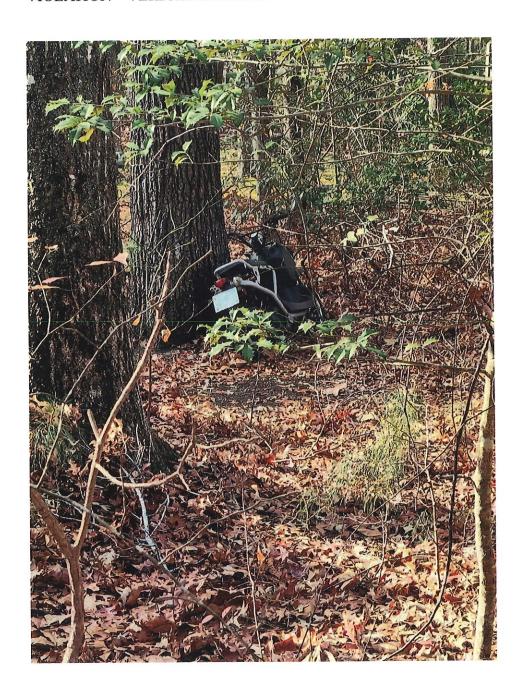
09-0349 628 OCEAN PARKWAY VIOLATION – JUNK VEHICLE



10-0285 8 WILLOW WAY VIOLATION – VEHICLE PARKING



10-0285 8 WILLOW WAY VIOLATION – VEHICLE PARKING



10-0764 48 CAMELOT CIRCLE VIOLATION – TREE ATTACHMENT



10-0776 9 CHESTNUT WAY VIOLATION – DECK SCREENING





10-1121 5 SASSAFRAS LANE VIOLATION – OVERSIZED VEHICLES







OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. Motion

DATE: January 19, 2025

TOPIC: Second Reading Resolution M-09

FOR INCLUSION IN MEETING HELD ON: January 25, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Jacobs SECOND BY:

MOTION: To consider and adopt revisions to Resolution M-09.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed resolution would amend the current version of M-09 concerning the Search Committee, the candidate application and other changes.

BACKGROUND: At the time of the First Reading of M-09, it was noted that the Bylaws of the Ocean Pines Association provide for the OPA President's appointment of a Seach Committee, subject to the confirmation by the Board and with the provision that the lack of a Search Committee has no effect on the validity of the election. In addition, the application form for candidates to run for the Board has also been changed and should be an attachment to this Resolution. The attached "red line" version as well as the copy of Resolution M-09 reflect suggested edits provided by Counsel and subsequently reviewed and approved by the Bylaws Committee.

DISCUSSION: Over the past several years a Seach Committee has not been appointed. As noted in the Background section, whether a Search Committee was appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board, the absence of the committee has no impact on the validity of the election. The need for a Search Committee has been discussed before, including during the last major review and modification of OPA's Bylaws. It should also be noted that the suggested changes to M-09 removes redundant or incorrect provisions, aligns responsibilities relating to the role of the Association Secretary with our Bylaws, adds the correct candidate application form and makes minor formatting modifications and technical and conforming corrections as well.

MOTION OUTCOME:	PASSED:	FAILED:	
IN FAVOR:	_ OPPOSED:	ABSTAINED:	

RESOLUTION M-09 CANDIDATE SEARCH PROCESS FOR OPA BOARD ELECTIONS

1. <u>Purpose.</u> This Resolution establishes the formation, roles and responsibilities of the Search Committee and the procedures for candidate search.

2. Authority

- a. The candidate application process is described in Section 5.02 of the Ocean Pines Association By-Laws.
- b. Section 5.02(b) of the By-Laws provides the authority to establish a Search Committee.

3. Search Committee

- a. Each Committee term shall extend until the appointment of the succeeding Committee, or March 1st of the election year, whichever is the first to occur.
- b. No Committee member shall serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4. Candidate Application Form Due Date: If the Association offices are closed not open on May 10 or if the offices close on May 10 at some time earlier than, or not open until 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Candidate Applications are then due no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the next full business day on which the Association offices are open.

5. Roles:

- a. The role of the Committee, when formed, is to stimulate community interest in the forthcoming Board election, solicit candidates from a broad spectrum of the Ocean Pines membership, provide information to, or otherwise assist potential candidates with the application process.
- b. The President of the Association shall appoint a Director to serve as liaison to the Committee. The liaison shall not be a Director that is eligible for reelection.

6. Search Committee Responsibilities. The Committee may:

- a. Hold meetings that are public and announced in advance to association members in accordance with Resolution C-01.
- b. Work with appropriate OPA Staff to publicize the coming Board election and search for candidates, in Association and local media. This notification shall include eligibility requirements, Board duties and responsibilities, where, when and how to obtain and submit applications, and typical election events and timelines.
- c. Contact individuals who may have an interest in becoming a candidate. This includes, but is not limited to, persons who have served on Ocean Pines Association committees, have been active in community organizations or affairs, or recommended by another member. The Committee goal is to cast as broad a net as practical and not to form any advance judgments on who may or may not be the best candidate. Validation of eligibility shall be the responsibility of the Association Secretary after all applications are received by the deadline date.
- d. Committee members may also provide interested members with application forms directly or they may be printed from the OPA web page. Attachment_s A and B to this resolution is comprise the current application form, but candidates should always confirm with the OPA Assistant Secretary that the attached form, as appearing in the book of resolutions, is the one in current use.
- e. While nothing will preclude an individual candidate from announcing their intention at any time, this Committee is not authorized to release any applicant, potential candidate, or candidate information to the public, except as stated herein and/or in the Bylaws.
- f. Submit a Committee Report to the Board of Directors no later than June 30. This report includes:
 - i. A summary of Committee activities during the search process.
 - ii. Problems encountered.
 - iii. Recommendations for improving the search process.
- g. Materials selected by the Committee, including a confidential list of the people contacted and their possible future interest shall be retained for the next Committee. The materials shall be stored in a manner that is accessible only to the Committee as well as those Association staff members designated by the Association General Manager. The Association General Manager is responsible for making suitable storage space available. Materials that have been stored may be destroyed after one (1) year.

- 7. <u>Staff Assistance.</u> The Association General Manager <u>may</u>, in the General <u>Manager's</u> discretion, shall designate <u>such one or more</u> staff personnel <u>as may be necessary</u> to assist the Committee in the performance of its responsibilities. The <u>Staff may destroy</u> stored files after one (1) year with Committee concurrence.
- 8. <u>Candidate Search Responsibilities of Association Secretary.</u> The Association Secretary is responsible for verifying the eligibility of candidates in accordance with sections 5.02(c)-(d) of the By-Laws.
 - a. Candidate eligibility requirements are provided under 5.02 of the By-Laws.
 - b. The Association Secretary shall notify each <u>candidate</u>-applicant <u>in writing</u> of the<u>ir</u><u>eligibility or ineligibility acceptance or rejection of the candidate's application</u>,
 including <u>the basis for any finding of ineligibility</u>, and if <u>practicable</u>, shall do so <u>any</u>
 <u>reasons for rejection</u>, if <u>applicable</u>, prior to submitting the list of eligible candidates to
 the Elections Committee (<u>which must occur by not later than June 1</u>st). <u>Untimely</u>
 <u>applications will be rejected by the Secretary on that basis, without regard to the</u>
 <u>applicant's eligibility or the lack thereof</u>. <u>The reason for a rejection shall be included</u>
 <u>with the notification</u>.
 - c. When the list of eligible candidates has been submitted to the Election Committee the following shall be released to the members and the public:
 - i. The list of eligible candidates
 - ii. The Application Registration-Form (Attachment B) of each eligible applicant.

9. Effective Date:	
Approved by the Board of Directors on:	
President	Association Secretary
General Manager	Date:
Legal	Date:
By-Laws and Resolutions Advisory Committee	Date:

ATTACHMENT A OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION INFORMATION & CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Attached is the OPA Candidate <u>Application Registration</u> Form. To be considered by the OPA, this form must be completed and returned to the Association General Manager's office at the Administration office at 239 Ocean Parkway, to the attention of <u>the Association Secretary and/or Assistant Secretary</u>, no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on May 10th of the year of election. If the Association offices are closed on May 10 or if the offices close on May 10 at some time earlier than 4 p.m., Candidate Registration Forms are then due no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the next full business day on which the Association offices are open. If Association offices are not open on May 10th or not open until 4 p.m., Candidate Registration Forms are then due no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time of the next full business day of the Association offices.

For your convenience, additional information is provided that gives a brief description of Board responsibilities. Additionally, the HOA Governing Delocuments are available for review at the OPA Administration Office or the on the HOA Website. The OPA Elections Committee supervises the election process and can provide further instructions to all candidates in addition to that below.

Board Responsibilities

- The Ocean Pines Association is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors elected by Association members who are eligible to vote. the lot owners who make up membership in the homeowner's association.
- Section 5.13 of the By-Laws establishes the <u>p</u>Powers of the Board. Section <u>4</u>5.14 <u>of the By-Laws</u> establishes the duties of the Board.
- The Board determines operational and fiscal policy and assesses prope11y owners at a rate set annually. These assessments provide the funds for the operation of the Association.
- The Board sets a meeting schedule for the coming year at the Organization Meeting after the election of directors. A Board member who misses three consecutive regular meetings is subject to removal for cause.
- Board members do not receive monetary compensation for their service.
- Board members serve three-year terms on a staggered basis. Directors cannot seek reelection after serving two consecutive terms.
- Board members may be assigned to serve as a Board liaison to one or more Advisory Committees.
- Candidate eligibility requirements are provided under 5.02 of the By-Laws.

Elections Committee

- The Elections Committee has the responsibility for administering the election process. See Board Resolution M-06 Elections and Referendums Procedure. The Committee can provide further instructions and information for all candidates.
- Candidates will be requested to supply information information provided by Candidate-applicants on the Application Form or submitted therewith will not be treated as confidential, may be reviewed by OPA staff and/or legal counsel, the OPA Secretary, and/or the Search Committee, may be

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disclosed to Board members as necessary to address election-related matters properly considered and reviewed by the Board, and will be publicly disclosed once a Candidate-applicant is deemed eligible and is included on the list of eligible candidates given to the Elections Committee by the OPA Secretary. Additional information, if any, provided to the Elections Committee by Candidates may also be publicly disclosed in connection with the Board election process. , which will be distributed to the media and included with ballots sent to Association members. This includes biographical information, and answers to questions prepared by the Elections Committee. Candidates will be asked to participate in a Candidates Forum, which is an open question and answer session intended to elicit Candidate positions and views on matters of concern to OPA and faced or potentially faced by Board members.



ATTACHMENT B OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE REGISTRATION FORM

1. Appl	(Attach a copy of a state issued ID)
Property	Owned
_	ned property in Ocean Pines since (date):
List of all	Ocean Pines property addresses for which I have an ownership stake:
	(If your legal name as provided on your state issued ID does not appear on the property deed(s) listed, attach supporting
	documentation for proof of ownership.)
Contact 1	Information: Home PhoneMobile Phone
Drimany	Phone to use: Home PhoneMobile Phone
1 I illiai y	Thone to use. Home Thone
Email Ad	ldress:
Mailing a	address if different from above:
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	er yes/no to the following questions. Provide explanatory information for any question to which nswer "yes".
•	Are you an incumbent Director completing a second consecutive full term of office? YESNO
25	Are you ineligible to vote under section 3.01(c) of the Ocean Pines By-Laws?YESNO
	Are you currently an employee of the Ocean Pines Association?YESNO
	Have you been convicted of a felony within the past 5 years?YESNO
	a. If YES, have you fully completed all the terms of the sentence imposed?YESNON/A
5)	
•	Partnership, or Agency?YESNO
6)	
	any pending appeal, in which the Association or any Director (named in their capacity as a Director) is listed as
	the opposing party?YESNO



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3. The following types of information is suggested, but optional. Any information that would help the members of Ocean Pines make an informed decision as to your candidacy is highly encouraged.

Attach related information to this application as you desire:

Prior experience serving as an HOA Director for other Associations

Co-owners of any of the properties listed in Section 1 that are currently serving on the Board of Directors

Memberships in social clubs and/or organizations

Service on any OPA Advisory Committees

Chairmanship of any committees

Service on executive board of any organizations in Ocean Pines

Education

Work Experience

4. Disclosures and agreements

You agree:

- that you will immediately notify the Association Secretary should any of the information provided on this form change at any time prior to the reading of the votes
- that should any of the information provided on this form be found to be incomplete or inaccurate at any time prior to the reading of the votes, the Association Secretary may have cause to consider rescinding your eligibility as a candidate for the Board of Directors
- that should any of the information provided on this form be found to be incomplete or inaccurate after your election to the Board, the Board may have cause to consider removing you
- that if you are approved as a candidate for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, information provided by you on or with this form will be available to the association members, the public and the media
- that if elected, you will familiarize yourself with the Ocean Pines community governing documents, uphold them, and honor the fiduciary responsibility to the Ocean Pines Association.

To the best of my knowledge, I meet the Director eligibility requirements of Section 5.02 of the Association By-Laws and am willing to serve as Director if elected. To be considered for candidacy to the OPA Board of Directors, I must complete this and return it with all required attachments to the OPA Assistant Secretary's office at the Administration building at 239 Ocean Parkway to the attention of the Search Committee no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on May 10th of the year of the election. If Association offices are not open on May 10th or not open for a full business day, Candidate Registration forms and attachments are then due no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the next full business day.

Required Attachments:

- 1. Copy of a State Issued Identification
- 2. Supporting documentation of Proof of ownership as required by Section 1

Applicant Signature			Date
	For Office	e Use Only:	
Received by OPA Date: Signature: OPA Designee	Received by Association Secretary Date: Signature: OPA Secretary	Verification of Property Ownership Section 1 Above Date: Signature: OPA Secretary	Verification of candidacy pursuant to Ocean Pines By-Laws Section 2 Above Date: Signature: OPA Secretary

Ocean Pines Good Neighbor program

GOAL: Encourage Ocean Pines residents and property owners to recognize and celebrate their neighbors who are helping others and improving our community in large or small ways. (This is picking up on an earlier committee suggestion that Ocean Pines create an "attitude of gratitude" effort to recognize good deeds.)

Examples might be someone who (without compensation)...

- · Organizes a neighborhood clean-up or block party
- Rallies others to contribute to a food or clothes donation program
- Assists a neighbor who is physically unable to do their own yard maintenance, dog walking, or other regular tasks
- Regularly picks up litter or does other small tasks to beautify the community
- Volunteers with community organizations
- Inspires others through their community spirit and kindness

How it would work:

- Neighbors nominate neighbors (must be an Ocean Pines owner/resident to be nominated). Can be someone the nominator knows personally, OR someone they've just observed doing good works.
- A dedicated email address (OPgoodneighbors@gmail.com, maybe?) could be set up for people to make their nominations.
- The program and nominations are heavily promoted on social media and whatever other channels the committee can reach.
- Each month, the **Communications Advisory Committee reviews** the nominations and makes a recommendation to the Board of a neighbor to recognize. (Requires no staff involvement that way.)
- The person selected gets announced and recognized at the next Board of Directors meeting. They're
 presented with a token of appreciation (perhaps a gift card or merch?). Photo op with the Board
 president, photo is run on Ocean Pines social media and other channels, etc.
- Pines Progress column celebrating the honoree and their contributions. (per Cindy Hoffman, who writes these kinds of pieces for the Progress)
- Perhaps State Farm (Derrick Elzey is very community-oriented) could sponsor the event and underwrite the prizes?
- Maybe the winners also could all be recognized at the annual Season Kick-off, Annual Meeting,
 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, or other OPA event.
- Communications Advisory Committee takes the lead on promoting the program and generating submissions (hopefully with support from the Marketing department, but with no expectations for them to take on additional work).

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Mary Hastler				
2. Address: 527 Yacht Club Drive, Unit 4, Berlin, MD 21811 (1004 Leeswood Road, Bel Air, MD 21014)				
3. Email: hastler@hcpfonline.org				
4. Telephone: 443-417-8531	_Property Owner for 1 (years)			
 Committee in which you would like to be involved: Aquatics 	Re-Appointment			
Architectural Review	Re-Appointment			
Budget & Finance	Re-Appointment			
By-Laws & Resolutions	Re-Appointment			
Clubs	Re-Appointment			
Communications	The state of the s			
Elections	Re-Appointment			
Environment & Natural Assets	Re-Appointment			
Golf	Re-Appointment			
Marine Activities	Re-Appointment			
Racquet Sports	Re-Appointment			
Recreation & Parks	Re-Appointment			
Search	Re-Appointment			
Strategic planning	Re-Appointment			
Other	Re-Appointment			
Potential Term: 1st 2nd 3rd ~ Term will expire: 6. Why do you want to be on this Committee? Value the acquatic activities we have available in OP.				
 What knowledge/input can you offer to this Con I bring extensive experience in committee and board work for nonprofits and of 	nmittee?other organizations.			
Many & Hansen	December 26, 2024			
Signature	Date			
1st Endorsement from Committee Chairperson: Continent: May will be by ASSIT TO THE AAC				
Day W Miller	1/10/25			
Signature	Doffe /			
2nd Endorsement from Board Liaison to Committee: Comment: Signature Date 121				
The state of the s	Date 1/21/2025			
Board Action:	Date:			
President's Signature	Date			

OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

1. Name of Applicant: Roland K (Ken) Meekins	
2. Address: 6 Heron Isle Ct Ocean Pines, Md 21811	
3. Email: Kmeekins0@gmail.com 4. Telephone: 410-984-5115 5. Committee in which you would like to be in Aquatics X	Re-Appointment
7. What knowledge/input can you offer to the and Zoning Committee and served the Public In law Enforcement for 45 years. I've also g	nis Committee? I've served on a municipal Planning gone through the ARC review proess in 2024 12/22/24 Date
Signature /	
1st Endorsement from Committee Chairperson Comment:	7-16-25 Date
2nd Endorsement from Board Liaison to Com Comment:	nmittee:
Board Action Que	Date: 1-16-25
President's Signature	Date