

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting at the Bay Gull Cafe Wednesday evening. And a special thank you to those of you who volunteered to help. The group was composed of a mix of residents who had responded to an email requesting volunteers and others who had heard about the meeting by word of mouth.

To recap the meeting:

We made a small change to the map that defines the "sections" of Long Bar as they pertain to Neighborhood Watch blocks. The portion of Long Bar Rd from the park up to Washington Ave will now move to section 1. The portion from the park down to East Baker will remain a part of section 4. This creates a larger section 1, but the area is compact and should be able to handle the extra homes. This revised map will be available on the web page.

Much thanks to Jorgen Palmbak (section 2) and Brian Scott (section 4) for volunteering to be the block captains for their sections. As yet, we do not have a captain for section 3, although those representing that section at the meeting have some ideas on who might be willing to take on the responsibility and will speak to them. We had no representatives from section 1 at the meeting, but Pat Scott knows several people who live in that area and will speak to them about the need for a block captain.

Special thanks to Steve Olsen for volunteering to take on the running of longbarharbor.com. He will be speaking to Dave Dorsey within the next few days to get up to speed on that. We will also have a link from that website to the Yahoo groups site which is where people can go to post concerns, info, whatever, about our neighborhood. In order to post messages you will need to join Yahoo groups and get a Yahoo email address. This address is required to join the group, but you don't ever have to use that email if you currently have one with Comcast, etc. and prefer to have your mail received there.

We agreed that we are going to need to go door to door in order to get at least 50% of the residents in each section to sign something saying that they are in favor of having Neighborhood Watch. This is what the sheriff's dept. requires. When we can present them with that information, the sheriff's dept. will schedule a meeting with the block captains to tell them all about Neighborhood Watch and explain what their responsibilities will be. Pat Scott has volunteered to create the forms that we will need for our canvassing.

Speaking of Pat Scott, even more thanks to her are in order! Pat owns A Better Answer, which is an award winning tele-messaging service based in Bel Air. Pat has generously offered to give a "mailbox" to each of the sections in Long Bar so that we will be able to call and leave messages for our block captains, and he or she will be able to leave outgoing messages to the residents in that section. This should be an extremely useful tool for us. More on how that will work once we get the website fully operational.

Again, thanks to everyone who attended the meeting and thanks to Michele Betro for the use of her wonderful restaurant. The atmosphere was great, and it was good to be able to put names to faces, faces to names, and to meet new people!

Some of our neighbors don't have internet services and some who do haven't received emails or been to any meetings, so if we could all spread the word about what's going on in our neighborhood it would be very helpful. We will be getting the word out soon about canvassing for signatures. Keep an eye out on the websites and on your inbox (and perhaps your Spam box!) for more info on that.

If I've missed anything or have any wrong information posted here, please feel free to post corrections or additions to the Yahoo group's website. The address is [groups.yahoo.com/groups/long\\_bar\\_harbor](http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/long_bar_harbor) . Or send a note to [community@longbarharbor.com](mailto:community@longbarharbor.com)

Sincerely,  
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