

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
Nov. 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Board members in attendance were

Jeff Walter
Dave Edgington
Ray Brignano
John Jacoby
Alice Miles
Lee Griffin, Treasurer also attended.

Jeff asked that the minutes of the Sept, 9th meeting be approved. All were in favor.

The first order of business was the Board vacancy which currently exists for a 1st Beach Rep. Jeff said that he had spoken with Fred Odell and that Fred would be willing to serve out the remainder of the term for this position. Dave motioned that Fred be approved. Alice seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Signs marking POALH waterfront property was next on the agenda. Jeff indicated that the signs were in place and that we will establish a dog swimming area and publish it in the spring newsletter.

John mentioned that he had recently discovered that the association owns a previously unknown right-of-way on Glimmer Glen which is not on any of our maps. He will look into it further.

Lee reported that the By-Law revision committee should be finishing up shortly. Their next meeting is during the 1st week of January. Jeff will e-mail the committee and offer to attend.

A discussion on the standing of the Board member duties followed. Jeff is reviewing all the input and will put together a booklet and distribute to Board members.

Dave gave a report regarding the proposed free standing pavilion at the ball field. He proposed a 24' X 36' pavilion at a cost of \$5,200 for material and all labor donated. Before we can proceed with any further discussion on this project, Jeff will contact the Town of East Haddam to find out if the ball field is still in open space and, if so, can improvements be made to the property. In general, the Board felt that the price was reasonable if the people would use it but also expressed some concern about the kids abusing it.

Our 2010 calendar was the next item of discussion. Dave felt that we will have to cut back on our social functions unless we can get people to step up and volunteer, We need to have committees to run functions rather than rely on Board members to do it all. We will start with the spring packet listing what volunteers are needed and for what positions. Our calendar will state that all activities are subject to volunteers.

Dave then discussed the new Pavilion Reservation Form. The form will state that picnic tables are there for members use and that you should bring everything else that you need. The form will be available on our web site and will be included in the spring packet. There was a discussion of limiting reservations to members in good standing. Jeff will work with Don Biancamano to identify members who are not "in good standing" with their assessment payments.

Lee distributed copies of his latest financial report and reported that all Accounts Payable are up to date although the bill from Redi-Rooter covering porta potty rental has not been

received. John will call Les and request the bill. Jeff suggested that Lee look into transferring some dollars from our Money Market into CD's to increase our interest income. Lee will follow up.

John reported that he will be placing a bid form on our web site to allow those interested to bid on Association work. Leaf pick-up is planned during the next few weeks at a cost of \$1800.00 and there are some trees that need attention at 3rd beach at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. He reported that Lake Shore Drive is scheduled to be paved next year and that he will be talking with 1st Selectman Mark Walter about raising the causeway where it floods and putting in another pipe to improve the drainage.

Alice reported that Ed Bihilo, All-Waste Control, will renew our current garbage contract for another 2 years at the same cost. She also reported that Mark Walter had suggested we contact Thad King of the Chatham Health District at 860-365-0884 about speaking at our June meeting to explain the new septic system regulations.

Jeff reported that he will be attending the next East Haddam Lakes Association meeting where dollars spent on weed control and possible town financial assistance will be the topic.

The purchase of some file cabinets to store Association records was discussed. The cabinets would be placed in the new shed and the boxes stored at Alices house will be reviewed and material placed into the files. Lee will talk with our CPA to determine how long we must maintain these records and what we need to save.

Dave reported that the boats remaining on the boat racks will be removed on Friday. Lee offered to help and will be there with his truck. Dave asked about the possibility of hiring someone to take these boats to their owners cottages and adding the cost to their tax bill. It was not felt that this was feasible.

Some time was spent discussing Lake Hayward Days. Again, more volunteers are needed and we need to concentrate on improving the carnival games since there was so little for the kids to play after they had purchased their tickets last year.

It was suggested that the web site be changed regarding newsletter distribution to reflect that Janet Soboleski of 30 Cragmere Rd. would be in charge and adding Fred Odell to the list of Board members.

A proposed fence around the CT Water Co. property was discussed. They are proposing a 4' fence across Briarcliff and an 8' fence around the generator. One of the fences appears to go through POALH owned property where the old tennis court used to be so it was suggested that a Hold Harmless agreement be signed in case someone was hurt on the fence. The possibility of selling them this small piece was also discussed. In general, there was no objection to the proposed fence,

A request by a Hebron EMT who is a film student in New York to film a short water rescue film at 1st Beach was discussed. There was no objection to this filming as long as there is sufficient insurance, neighbors are notified since the film will be shot at night and the film company is responsible for any damage to the beach, stone wall etc.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM - Jeff's house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Milles, Secretary