

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
Jan. 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. Board members in attendance were:

Jeff Watson
Dave Edgington
Ray Brignano
John Jacoby
Norm Kaplan
Fred Odell
Alice Miles

Lee Griffin, Treasurer also attended.

Jeff opened the meeting by welcoming Fred Odell to the Board of Governors and thanking him for his willingness to serve. He then asked that the minutes of the Nov, 18, 2009 meeting be accepted. All were in favor.

He stated that he was still working on the Board of Governors duty lists and requested that John provide his input.

Next followed a discussion of the proposed By-Law changes. Jeff stated that he had received a copy of the proposed changes from the committee and that he had reviewed them and e-mailed his comments to Fran for the committee to review. His major concern with what was being proposed was the section which covers Board members heading up committees and their recommendation that the Treasurer be a Board member and we hire an assistant treasurer. He will forward copies of the proposed changes and his comments to all the Board members for review. He then distributed copies of the proposed changes to the regulations and requested that we review them and have our comments ready for the next Board meeting so that any issues can be resolved with the committee and the proposed changes be included in the spring newsletter mailing, reviewed at the June meeting and voted on at the annual meeting in August.

Jeff then discussed a long phone message he had received related to Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton. It appears that some residents of the lake are proposing that taxes covering lake water quality and other expenses be assessed on a flat rate basis rather than based on the assessed value of the property. They are approaching their state representative to propose legislation allowing for this change. We should follow this closely and if a bill is proposed, be prepared to react as necessary. Both Jeff and Fred will keep an eye on this issue.

A short discussion followed regarding our system of collecting the required dollars to cover lake water treatment. Fred stated that he felt that a flat rate tax would be a more fair tax since everyone has the same use of the lake regardless of their property value and that we should be looking for ways to spread the cost to the East Shore residents rather than relying on them to make voluntary donations. This was tabled until another meeting and until we see how the Lake Pacotopaug issue is resolved.

Next Jeff talked about the proposed new pavilion at the ball field. He has spoken with the town and determined that both a building permit will be required and that we will need approval of inland wetlands to proceed if the membership votes to approve this project. He still has to determine if we are free to improve land which has been put into open space. We also talked about the possibilities of building smaller pavilions at 2nd and 3rd Beaches if the membership preferred that option.

Dave discussed the new Pavilion Reservation Form and will be placing a copy

on our web site.

CT Water Co. fence on Briarcliff has been erected and appears to be complete. We need to determine if the fence is on any of our property or blocks our right of way and to insure we have no insurance liability.

Lee distributed copies of the latest financial report and answered any questions regarding dollars spent and dollars remaining in various accounts. He stated that money is available for moving the porta-potties in the spring and for the purchase of swim lines when the permits are in place. He requested permission to transfer \$500.00 from the East Side water quality donation account to our reserve account to help meet this years \$25,000.00 budgeted amount. The request was approved.

Date for the spring packet mailing was set for April 24th. Among the items to be included in the packet are the events calendar, swim and tennis sign up forms, garbage schedule, mailing list address, phone number and e-mail address form and new parking stickers.

The 2010 Calendar was next on the agenda. Dave reviewed each month and dates were plugged in where possible. We will include a sign up sheet in the spring packet for volunteers and schedule events based on response. It was decided to have two live bands this season, one on July 3rd and the second on August 7th. Swimming lessons will start on June 28th and tennis on June 29th. Beach clean up day will be on May 15th at 9:00 AM. Other activities proposed for the calendar included a chili cook off, fishing derby, volleyball tournament, horse shoe tournament, sand soccer and boat races. Including these activities will depend on the number of volunteers we get.

John reported that the 1st beach porta-potties and the shed are both scheduled to be moved in the spring.

Norm expressed the 3rd beach residents concern about leaving their umbrellas on the beach overnight which could be in violation of the By-Laws. It was determined that these were community property as opposed to personal property and therefore did not violate the rules. He further inquired about enlarging the boat storage area at 3rd beach. He and John will investigate any possibility of expansion. The 3rd beach pot luck supper was put on the calendar for September 3rd.

Jeff reported that the East Haddam Lakes Association is requesting that the town include a line item in its annual budget for Lake Weed Control. We need to keep a close eye on this and give it our full support.

Jeff also reported that he had been served with papers indicating that the Association was being sued following an incident at the pavilion that occurred during a Halloween party sponsored by the family of one of our residents. This activity was not sanctioned by the Association. Our insurance carrier has been notified and is handling but Jeff requested that if any of us had personal knowledge of what had transpired that we let him know.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM at Jeff's house. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted:
Alice Miles
Secretary