

Property Owners Association Lake Hayward
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The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Walter at 10:08 a.m. at the First Beach pavilion.

Board members present at roll call were Ray Brignano, Dave Edgington, John Jacoby, Norm Kaplan, Sue Kumro, Fred Odell, Bonnie Sudell and Jeff Walter. No Board members were absent. Lee Griffin, Treasurer, was also in attendance.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2009 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The order of business was suspended to allow Trooper Jeff Rhoades to speak to the Association, under Sue Kumro's report on Safety. Trooper Rhoades advised us that operation of a golf cart on East Haddam town roads is an infraction of the law. Prior to July of 2009, the issue of golf carts on town roads had not been addressed. It is now up to the First Selectman to decide and regulate. An ordinance has to be passed by the town to allow golf carts on town roads. It was suggested that if an Association member wished to follow up with the Town of East Haddam, he should do so. Keith Egan stated that he had been in contact with the Town and would pursue the matter.

Members were reminded that the operation of all terrain vehicles (ATV's) on town roads is also against the law. It was reported that the stop sign is missing at the corner of Town Road and Lake Shore Drive. Sue will report it. Sue asked car drivers to slow down on Association roads and for walkers to walk on the side, not the middle, of the road. Sue reminded members that two (2) permanent vehicle parking passes were issued per household. These passes were in the Spring packet. Parking passes may be affixed to the front or rear window of your vehicle. Anyone needing Guest Parking Passes should see Sue. Sue reminded members that our parking lots are small and that we should be considerate of everyone wishing to park there. Homeowners are responsible for the actions of guests using Guest Parking Passes. There is no parking on the grass by the beaches; no blocking of walkways, and those parking in Handicapped spaces must display the appropriate Handicapped sticker.

Sue thanked Tim Pelton for his help with the DEP with respect to the new swim lines. She was hopeful that they would be installed by 4th of July weekend. She reminded members that it is against the law to fish in the designated swim area. Sue also asked that members empty boats that are filled with water, as it is a health hazard. She also reminded members that dogs are not allowed on the beach, either on the sand or in the water.

Returning to the order of business, Treasurer Lee Griffin presented the Treasurer's Report. He reminded members that the books are available for review at his house. A

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copy of the books has been submitted to our CPA for review and the results will be reported at the Annual Meeting in August. Lee fielded a question regarding the amount of cash on reserve. It is the total of the POALH Money Market and the Weed Control Reserve.

President Jeff Walter began his President's Report with information relating to weed control. He said that Tim Pelton, although no longer a member of the association, has agreed to continue to work with us as our "point person" with our weed control contractor. He will be at the August Annual Meeting to report.

The Town of East Haddam has a line item in the new Budget to underwrite a portion of the cost of monitoring lake water quality. We should receive \$1,575 to help defray the costs.

Jeff reported that Alice Miles has resigned, for health reasons, from the Board of Governors and as Secretary. Jeff passed around a photo of Alice and her husband, taken on their 31st wedding anniversary.

Jeff is looking for four (4) volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee.

Members did not receive a postcard warning us of the June Meeting, as notice was given in the Spring Packet.

Two options for WIFI, through Comcast, are being researched by Norm Kaplan. The first option would provide coverage seasonally at the First Beach Pavillion area only. This cost would be approximately \$60 per month. Comcast is working on a second proposal for lake-wide coverage year round. This proposal will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Jeff reported that we had no solution yet to the dog swim area request.

Joyce Bettencourt, who chaired the committee to post the reserve beach areas with association signs, said that the signs were in place, and that one could assume that at least twenty (20) feet to the left and right of each sign was association property. She proposed an area at the North end of the lake as the dog swim area. Jeff said that when a decision was made, it would be in the newsletter.

A concern was made for boat motors in the water. Jeff stated that the telephone number to report violations would be republished in our newsletter.

John Jacoby began his Roads and Beaches report by recognizing association members who have helped him with his job. He said that he is addressing the problem of the Third Beach raft drifting in. He stated that the porta potty at Third Beach is now on a pad, and that a fence would be around it soon. A spot has been selected for a boat

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rack at First Beach and he is looking for a spot for a boat rack at Third Beach. Linda Abel said that she would donate the funds in memory of her father to build the boat rack at Third Beach.

A concern was raised about a piece of property that is for sale and not being maintained. The Association has an ordinance that addresses the concern and the Board will follow up. It was suggested that if the situation presents a health hazard, it should be reported to the Chatham Health District or the First Selectman.

In response to a question about the boat racks, you cannot chain boats to the sides of full racks.

John is working on the problem of trees on the Town's right of ways that need to be trimmed or removed. He said that the Town is aware of the situation, but they do not have tree trimmers on the payroll, so they contract the service out when they have enough work.

John is also looking into the possibility of road closures this summer and will report back in the newsletter.

Known unregistered motor vehicles on property will be reported to the Town. John reminded members that there is an ordinance against unregistered motor vehicles, and anyone can call the Town to complain.

Members were asked to keep bushes near the road trimmed for safety and visibility. We also may trim trees on Town roads ourselves, if needed. Something will be put in the newsletter to remind members to monitor their own property.

A member asked if there was a right of way between Sunset and Lookout. The Board will check the maps for an answer.

A general plea was made for volunteers to help on committees. The Association does not want to have to hire people to do the work. It is anticipated that there will be between three (3) and five (5) vacancies on the Board this year. The Board has many responsibilities, including chairing the main committees. However, ad hoc committees may be chaired by non-Board members.

Dave Edgington, Social Chair, began his report by highlighting some upcoming events. July 2nd is our Ice Cream Social. July 3rd the band Hardwood will play at the First Beach Pavillion. The Teen Club will sell hot dogs and burgers that evening. July 4th the celebration will be at dusk at Second Beach. July 10th the movie "Dirty Dancing" will be shown at First Beach. July 31st is the Second Beach Pot Luck Supper. September 4th is the 3rd Beach Pot Luck Supper. There will be more in the upcoming newsletters.

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There has been a lot of interest in reserving the Pavillion for special events. Dave has been exploring options of constructing pole barns in other locations. One option proposed is to construct a barn, approximately 24'x36' at the ballfield. There would be no electricity and only a dirt floor. Material cost is about \$5,200. Another option would be to erect two small enclosures, one at Second Beach and one at Third Beach. The small pole barns would be about 12'x16' each. The Board is looking into getting an email address for the Association, and when we have the address, it will be posted in the newsletter. Dave will be looking for feedback at that address regarding the pole barns.

Members were reminded that reserving the Pavillion does not give members exclusive use of it; two (2) tables must be left for use by others.

Fred Odell began his Recreation Committee report by asking for volunteers. He said he had some new ideas for the recreation calendar but needed help. He has someone to run Arts and Crafts. He has someone to coordinate the weekend Run/Walks around the Lake as well as someone to coordinate the Sunday a.m. volleyball games. Bonnie Sudell has offered to teach CPR. Dave Cohen volunteered to run Kiddy Bingo. The Golf Tournament will be either July 17th or 18th. He is looking for someone to coordinate Adult Tennis. He has three (3) teams for horseshoes but is looking for another. He is planning a Chili Cookoff with a Country Western Band that night, but needs help for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Beach preliminary cookoffs. Adam Thompson volunteered to urn the Fishing Derby. Steve Adams said that he would volunteer for the Walk/Run. Fred is still looking for help with Pickup Basketball and Softball.

Under New Business, Deb Taylor fielded questions related to the proposed Bylaw revisions. A member asked what the difference between an audit and a review was. An audit is a much more in depth examination of the books, costing much more than a review. We have always had an independent review of our books. It was noted that "Property and Building" does not address people's property. Although fines may be levied, enforcement is the issue. "Notification" refers to newsletter notification. The Board will ensure that this takes place. It was requested that language stating "one week" be changed to "at least one week". It was suggested that we develop a legal document that can be signed by homeowners, advising the Board in what manner they wish to receive notifications – mail, email, etc. The Board is asking for email addresses for communication during the year. It was asked that the newsletters be posted to the website when published, so that members know in advance what is going on. Moira will be asked to do that. It was suggested that we didn't need to say "please" pick up after your pet.

The changes to the Bylaws will be on the agenda for the August Annual Meeting. Sue Kumro asked that she add to her report that the Board is working with the water company to get water to the pavilion area of First Beach.

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Under New Business, there was discussion that the chain link fence around the water company's Briarcliff facility prevented access to association property behind. The Board will look into this. Although tennis courts were on the property in the past, we are currently not using the property.

There was discussion relating to the water company's promise to rebuild our water lines and the apparent lack of action. Fred Odell stated that the present water company had 12-14 customers and that our money was being pooled with all others and that we must complain to get action. The position of liaison to the water company is vacant. Jeff Walter asked for a volunteer to fill the position to get reports and present information at meetings.

It was requested that we develop designated smoking areas. Another member said that she had a petition to ban smoking on all beaches and association property. Jeff Walter stated that enforcement would be an issue.

It was suggested that we have a meeting to explain the new rules and regulations regarding septic tanks. If there is enough interest, a meeting will be planned. We will reiterate the new rules and regulations in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Acting Secretary