

Property Owners Association Lake Hayward Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by Gail Grzegorzczak at 10:07 a.m. at the First Beach pavilion.

Board members present at roll call were Dave Edgington, Gail Grzegorzczak, Norm Kaplan, Sue Kumro, Larry Lusardi and Bonnie Sudell. Board members absent were Pat D'Amato, Diane Nelson and Jeff Walter. Treasurer Lee Griffin and Tax Collector Don Biancamano were also present.

Gail thanked the Property Committee for their hard work and many improvements to the Association properties over the winter and spring.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2010 Annual Meeting without reading them. The motion was seconded and passed.

There were no communications received.

Treasurer Lee Griffin reported that tax receipts were a little less than expected, but expenses were also less, thanks to volunteers. We are under budget by approximately \$7,400, with an account balance of \$201,079.94.

Linda Ryder introduced guest Pat Young, Program Director for the Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee. This group manages the watershed activity for the headwaters of the Eight Mile River. Lake Hayward was selected for a survey of the water's edge, to identify the vegetation, both native and non-native growing there. Interns from Goodwin College will be conducting the survey this summer, which will build on information gathered by the CT Agricultural Society in the past. While the previous study concentrated on nuisance vegetation, this study will survey all vegetation and non-vegetation along the shore. It is hoped that next summer educational materials will be available to assist us in maintaining the shoreline and planting beneficial plants. Lake Hayward is also part of a \$40 million dollar Federal grant to survey and document storm water outlets.

Linda Ryder reminded members of the two Saturday morning meetings of the East West Committee which will be July 16 and August 13.

Larry Lusardi introduced two representatives of the CT Water Company (CWC), Jack Keefe and Blake Correia, Project Manager for Metering and Water Main Replacement. They stated that their goal was to get information to us on system wide issues. CT Water replaced 1,300 feet of main last year, and plans to replace 1,400 feet on Forest Way this year, with another 2,200 feet scheduled for replacement on Wildwood next year.

The DPUC has mandated that meters be installed at Lake Hayward and that project started this spring. Glimmer Glen and half of Wildwood have been completed. Blake stated that they were scheduled to resume installations after September 11th but asked members if they could continue work throughout the summer. Hearing no objection, they will continue to install meters, with the goal to have everyone metered by the end of the year. Wrenches for individual homeowners, which cost approximately \$40, will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting.

Details of the metered rate were available at the sign-in table, and will be posted on our web site. Metered rates include a combination of a Basic Service Charge (to cover fixed costs for capital investments, meter reading, testing and replacement, bill preparation and processing, etc.), a Commodity Charge (for the water itself) and a Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment

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(WICA) surcharge. Lake Hayward customers will continue to be billed the current monthly flat rate through the end of 2011. In 2012, customers will be billed three times. The first bill will be issued at the start of the season and will be one half of the Basic Service Charge. The second bill, issued mid season, will include the Commodity Charge for usage from the season start up to when the bill is issued. The third bill will be issued after the system is shut down and will include the second half of the Basic Service Charge and the Commodity Charge for water used between mid season and system shut down. The CWC believes that the average Lake Hayward customer will see a reduction in his water bill. Customers will be notified before the end of this year of the rates that will be in effect for 2012 for budgeting purposes.

Sue Kumro, chair of Police and Safety, reported that the Town Police will be hired at various times during the summer and asked that members advise her of areas that should be targeted. She acknowledged that the crosswalks need to be repainted since paving has been completed. She has only a few permanent parking passes left, but has guest passes. She asked that anyone interested in starting the Teen Club up again contact her.

Larry Lusardi, chair of Lake Hayward Days, asked for help and sent a sign-up sheet around. He is looking for input as to what activities the association wants to continue, including the Cake Walk, Ladies' Night and Little Miss Hayward.

Gail presented Diane Nelson's report on Recreation. Our new swim instructor will be contacting parents in advance of June 27th, when lessons start. Information on tennis is in the newsletter. Kidde Bingo and Arts & Crafts are also continuing.

Moira Boone will post each week's newsletter on Saturday morning.

Dave Edgington, chair of Property/Building, thanked everyone who volunteered last Fall and this Spring. Special thanks were given to Don Fantozzi and "foreman" Brian Bagnati. Brush has been cleared, starting at the North end. The dog swim area at the

North end is almost finished. Electricity has been upgraded at the pavilion, including power to all the sheds. Trash cans have been removed from all beaches so we must now remove trash to our cottages. Signs will be installed shortly reminding members to "carry in – carry out" and that information will also be included in the newsletter. When reserving the pavilion, members are responsible for policing the parking lot for trash, as well as taking trash home. The porta potties at First Beach are now lit by lights on a sensor. Lighting for the porta potties at Third Beach are in progress. A jon boat rack has been installed at Second Beach, along with a hitching post for sailboats and paddle boats. A rack has also been installed at Little Beach. Dave reminded members that boats left on racks after the Fall removal date will be removed by the Board. All boats should be labeled with your name and address. He asked if members would like a bocce court along the wall at First Beach. There was a small show of hands. Dave reminded everyone that the porta potties are not for trash. He acknowledged that there has been some vandalism of association property and asked that we all keep our eyes and ears open. The railing at Third Beach is on the list for improvement. He encouraged members to spray poison ivy if they see it. The flagpoles now have solar lights.

Gail Grzegorzczak, Social Chair, reported that some dates for events have changed since the Spring mailing and we should check our newsletters for the most up to date information. The Golf Outing will be Saturday, July 16th. The July 4th weekend will start with an Ice Cream Social on Friday night, run by Lee Griffin, followed by a band Saturday night, and ending with a holiday celebration at Second

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Beach Sunday night. Gail is trying to balance traditional activities with new ideas. As last year's chili cookoffs were a success, this year we will have a chowder cookoff to kick off Lake Hayward Days. Fran Fantozzi is organizing a tag sale for July 23rd, from 9 to noon at the pavilion. The event will be advertized in the local community and parking requirements will be waived for the morning. The tag sale is also an opportunity for those who have home businesses to show their wares. Adam is running the fishing derby again. Gail is holding open social committee meetings throughout the summer and welcomes all ideas. She is putting together a survey to determine what we want to do socially. She asked that we give the association our email addresses, as they are the fastest and most cost effective way to contact us.

Rich Harmon encouraged everyone to log onto the East Haddam website to sign up for the townwide notification system. The system sends out messages regarding road closures, the swing bridge, town meetings, etc. Those with special needs may fill out forms to that effect.

Rich thanked those for donations to the Relay for Life.

The Garden Club was acknowledged for their plantings, including a new flower bed along the tennis courts. The club will hold a plant swap in the fall, and plans to make the Memorial Day weekend plant swap an annual event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Secretary