

Property Owners Association Lake Hayward
Annual Meeting
August 21, 2011
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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the First Beach Pavilion by President Jeff Walter. Present at the roll call of the Board of Governors were Pat D'Amato, Dave Edgington, Gail Grzegorzak, Norm Kaplan, Larry Lusardi, Bonnie Sudell and Jeff Walter. Absent were Sue Kumro and Diane Nelson. Also present was Treasurer Lee Griffin.

Acceptance of the minutes of the June 26, 2011 minutes was tabled until our next meeting.

Three pieces of correspondence were mentioned by Jeff: two (2) letters regarding estate settlements and past due taxes and one (1) regarding a pending lawsuit from a minor incident several years ago that is being handled by our attorney.

Lee reported that there were no outstanding invoices and the total balance in all accounts was \$287,822.18. Not part of the budget is the money that we have received from the Town of East Haddam, totaling \$1,600. \$1,250 of that amount is earmarked for weed treatment and \$350 is for communication to the membership about water quality and other environmental issues. The \$350 was used for the Spring mailing.

A question was raised regarding the \$100 Lake Water Quality line item. Jeff explained that the money is in the budget to help defray the cost of weekly water quality testing. Bill and Deborah Taylor of 22 Wildwood stepped forward this year to obtain the samples, after our previous volunteer of many years was unable to continue.

Gail Grzegorzak presented her Social Committee report. She thanked all volunteers who helped this year. She reminded members that there was a survey in this week's newsletter, which she hoped many would complete to help the Social Committee plan activities that members wanted. Those completing the survey would be entered in a raffle for a Lake Hayward T-Shirt, to be drawn at the end of the Annual Meeting. She asked for volunteers, stressing that even one hour would help. She said that she hoped to communicate with members throughout the year, using newsletters, signage, bulletin boards and emails. Jeff Conway of 119 Longwood, who used to be involved with Public Relations, volunteered to help.

Sue Kumro, though absent, sent a report on Police and Safety. She said that parking at First Beach without a permit had been a problem this year and that she would check more diligently next year. Folding signage in the parking lot appeared to be a deterrent. As she was out of parking stickers, she was issuing guest passes to those who needed stickers. She reminded members that they should always lock their cars, especially when parking on side streets and to be diligent about getting guest passes back.

Diane Nelson arrived and gave her Recreation report. She complimented the swim instructors, who gave lessons four times a week for seven weeks, and said that Red Cross certificates would be mailed to participants. She commented that there were a record number of participants for tennis lessons this year, and that Arts & Crafts, Kiddie Bingo, the fishing derby and Ladies Night (with 53 women) had been very successful, thanks to the many volunteers.

Larry Lusardi thanked everyone who participated in Lake Hayward Days. He tried some new events this year, as well as bringing back some old events and continuing with events that Lake Hayward has had forever. Although the Kayak Races were lost to rain, Horse Racing, the Cake Walk, Ladies Night and the Swim Races (with over 50 participants) were all successful. He is considering a boating event, perhaps decorating boats, for next year if there is enough interest. He thanked the many members who donated games and prizes to make Lake Hayward Days a success and asked for ideas for next year.

Dave Edgington began his Properties report by thanking Brian Bagnati and Don Biancamano for their help. The dog swim areas are both in place. Dogs are allowed to swim in the lake and we can't stop them. Ball field clean up will be in a couple of weeks. A floating raft at Third Beach has not been accounted for. Repairs to the railing at Third Beach is on the list of projects. We can addle the eggs of geese that are nesting at Second Beach if we know where the nests are. Linda Ryder of 41 Lookout suggested that we plant at the edge of the water, to prevent the geese from coming ashore. There is also a liquid that can be applied along the shore with a smell that deters geese. Bacteria from goose feces has been potentially linked to some illnesses this year. Dave reminded members that boats must be removed by October 31st. Last year 85 boats were removed to the ball field. Dave has a list of members who are interested in purchasing the good ones and the rest will be destroyed. Dave reminded members that boats with gas motors must have the propellers completely out of the water. He suggested that members either call DEEP with the registration numbers of boats not complying or email a photo of the boat, with the registration number clearly visible. It was suggested that we post the rules regarding gas motors on the windshields of boaters at the boat launch.

Gail Grzegorzczak continued her Social report by thanking Susan Martin and Roland Depratti for their help this year. The Third Beach Pot Luck Supper will be over Labor Day weekend. We will also have live music at the pavilion Labor Day weekend. She thanked Sandy and Gary Zawistowski for the plantings by the tennis courts and reminded members that there would be a plant swap over Labor Day weekend. She is hoping to get the date of the boat regatta that is held at Lake Hayward in the fall on the website. Gail also asked for volunteers to work on a subcommittee to look at use of the pavilion and access to tables, chairs, etc.

Dave Edgington reported that there would be a work party next Saturday at Third Beach at 9 a.m. to remove the rotted picket fence.

Larry Lusardi, as liaison with the water company, reported that 90 meters have been installed so far and that the project would be completed in the fall. Metering will start next year. The faucet by the tennis courts will also be metered. Larry and Gary Zawistowski have keys to the faucet. Larry reminded members that the DPUC has mandated water meters so we have no choice, and that water mains are being gradually replaced.

Jeff thanked the Nominating Committee consisting of Phil Nuzzo, Dave Glazier and Cindy Biancamano, for their work. The following slate was presented for our Board of Governors: First Beach with term expiring 2013 – Jeff Walter; Second Beach with term expiring 2013 – Dave Edgington; Third Beach with term expiring 2013 – Gail Grzegorcak; At Large with term expiring 2014 – Diane Nelson; First Beach continuing with term expiring 2012 – Pat D’Amato; Second Beach continuing with term expiring 2012 – Bonnie Sudell; Third Beach continuing with term expiring 2012 – Norm Kaplan; At Large continuing with term expiring 2012 – Sue Kumro; At Large with term expiring 2013 – Larry Lusardi. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the proposed slate.

Members of the Budget Committee were thanked for their participation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2012-2013 Budget. A question was raised as to whether there should be a line item for repair of roads that belong to the Association. Glimmer Glen and Pilgrim Way were cited as examples of roads that are owned by the POALH. Further discussion into whether we can or would want to turn Glimmer Glen over to the Town followed. The Board will look into this matter. Ed Bador noted that the budget did not include a list of capital projects/improvements. Dave Edgington reported that there are \$200,000 worth of capital projects under consideration and that the Board is addressing them by priority. Mary LaPorte asked what projects had been completed this year. Lee Griffin will post them on our website. Gary Zawistowski commented that Little Beach is not part of the current mowing contract. The new contract will include Little Beach and weedwhacking. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the budget passed. A motion was made and seconded to maintain the same mil rate as last year. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Tim Pelton addressed the Association regarding our weed control program. He reminded members that the effort to control weeds, in particular, fanwort, began eight years ago. The original treatment had a five year run. The Lake is inspected twice a year, in June and October. There are forty (40) positions on the Lake where readings are taken. Of the eighteen weeds identified in the Lake, fanwort is the only one we are allowed by the DEEP to treat. There are seven divisions within DEEP who must approve our weed control. The 2010 inspection report is available on our website. We are in year three of our current program. In June of 2011 the Second Beach lagoon and the dam area had some “grow back.” There is a new chemical on the market – “Clipper” – that can be used to spot treat the fanwort and we have the potential to spot treat over the next two years. The cost would be between \$10,000 to \$20,000 for spot treating. Testing in October of 2011 and June of 2012 will determine if the Lake is at an “action level” for the treatment. The next big treatment, based on inspections, will

probably be 2014-2015. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board to spot treat any area deemed necessary. Linda Ryder-Munet stated that the treatment involves the whole lake and all should participate in the decision making. She also mentioned that the boat from DEEP that patrols our lake has the right to have a motor on it. The motion passed with one abstention – Linda Ryder-Munet.

Linda Ryder-Munet gave her report on the East-West Committee. This committee is in its fifth year of existence and Linda stated that communications is still the biggest issue. Next year meetings will be held to discuss plantings that will filter water. She also stated that they are in the midst of applying for three grants.

Jeff Walter reported on the Communications/Technology front that blast emails for off season communications would be available soon.

Under old business, a concern was raised that the water quality had recently tested close to the limit to not allow swimming, and that monitoring was ongoing.

Under new business, Debbie Taylor made a motion which was seconded and passed for the Board to go out to dinner, paid for by the Association.

Al Andrews commented that the list of Association members is more than five years old and we used to have a directory. The Board will look into this. Lee Griffin stated that he tries to keep the membership list up to date but that it is up to members to advise of changes.

Justin George commented on the increase in vandalism and stated that he missed the Teen Club. He asked that we put in our newsletter that life preservers must be in boats. He also asked that if we see something that is not right, that we do something about it. One example that he cited was that if we see a canoe that is collecting water, that we flip it over to empty it.

Jason Griffith asked that all members make sure that their house numbers are prominently displayed.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Sudell
Secretary