

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Gail Grzegorzak at 10:10 a.m. at Gail's house at 34 Glimmer Glen. Board members in attendance were Dave Edgington, Dave Glazier, Gail Grzegorzak, Carolyn Henry, Larry Lusardi, Diane Nelson, Linda Nuzzo, Gary Petersen and Bonnie Sudell. Also attending were Brenda Armstrong, Tax Collector, Ed Bader, Budget Chair, and Bob Sudell, Pavilion committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 13, 2012 Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report (given by Gail): Since the last report, \$2,000 in taxes were received. \$1,600 of the \$2,000 were for back taxes. The pavilion loss claim was settled for \$25,000. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Last week Brenda re-invoiced those delinquent in paying their taxes for the amount due plus interest of 1.5% per month. To date, \$136,759.96 has been received for the tax year 2012-2013. Taxes invoiced and still open equaled \$52,897.36. Nineteen (19) liens have been placed, and three homeowners have set up payment plans. However, the homeowners only paid their July payments, and have therefore been re-invoiced. One lien has been removed as 17 Ridgewood Ext has paid past taxes. Twenty-one (21) lot taxes remain unpaid and sixty-two (62) house taxes have not been paid.

Brenda reported that the Town's five year assessment has been completed and the new grand list will be available from East Haddam in February 2013. The new town mil rate will be calculated after February.

Water Update: Larry reported that the water has been shut off to seasonal residents. The Board is looking for a new Water Company Liaison. The position is currently held by Larry.

Fire Marshal Update: Gary presented the report completed by Don Angersola, Fire Marshal, Town of East Haddam. The investigation found no evidence of any outside tampering and believed the fire to be electrical in nature. Due to heavy fire damage in the area of origin the exact cause of the fire was listed as undetermined. Shawn Daigle, Fire Chief of East Haddam, had not yet submitted his report, detailing response times.

Gary approached Shawn Daigle regarding the possibility of buying or renting space in the fire station at the south end of the Lake. He stated that he was not interested in selling the station or renting space in it. One of his goals is to get volunteers to staff the firehouse, which has been a problem for many years. The Town relies on its mutual aid agreements with Salem and Colchester.

Pavilion Building Committee: Bob reported that the committee had met and come up with some tentative design proposals. They are looking at an open design, with as few supporting posts as practical. They are investigating both conventional and hip roof designs. Although not pursuing the idea of skylights, they are looking at a possible cupola or other means of ventilation. They are looking at an open interior, with tongue and groove ceiling, vandal proof lighting, and stone facing (covering the lower three feet) on the supporting posts, this stone facing to be repeated on three sides of the new shed. They are looking at lap board as shed siding, with dutch doors to be used during the ice cream socials, Lake Hayward Days and other events. Additional doors and the subdivision of space within the shed were still in discussion. Electrical considerations include adequate power for bands and other events, audio provisions for meetings and events, and 220 in the shed for a proposed stove. Gary is looking into a fire protection system with fusible links for high risk areas. Quotes have been requested for a replacement security system, with one additional camera, as well as quotes for an audio system. Dave and Gary are looking into replacement porta potties, both rental and purchase with service included. The porta potties will be handicapped accessible.

The blog will be updated to reflect what the committee is not proposing and its reasoning. They are not pursuing an enclosed structure, a two-story building, plumbing or camp toilets.

The permitting process was discussed. If we replace exactly what we had, only permits are necessary. The committee is proposing a 36x36 pad with piers (sonotubes). As the structural integrity of the existing pad cannot be determined, it was recommended to replace both the pad and the tubes. The idea of stamped concrete for the pad was rejected, as it was perceived to be both a trip and fall hazard and difficult to clean. The proposed shed is 9.8% larger than the sum of the previous three, so we would have to first present to Inland Wetlands (which meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month), then Planning and Zoning (which meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month).

The next meeting of the committee will be November 26th at Larry Lusardi's.

Bob will provide a quick update to Jason.

Dave was asked to get quotes to monitor the security system, to make it an active, attended system. Preliminary estimates are \$80 per month for the IP address and \$100 per month monitoring.

Felicia Tencza asked Gail to present the "Buy a Brick" concept to the Board. Bricks could be purchased to form the walkway to the porta potties, and would serve as both a fundraiser and a memorial to families.

The committee believes that January 13, 2013 is the earliest a Town Hall Meeting could be held.

Budget Committee: Ed talked about the competitive bid process, both for the pavilion and insurance. Bob will prepare an RFQ for insurance quotes, to be submitted to three (3) agencies. It was perceived that our agent has not met the standards of best practice in the insurance world. There will be budget ramifications as we pursue insurance, as the first quote for Builders Risk was \$375, and the first for Workers Comp was \$1,250. The RFQ will require an annual meeting to review coverages, an inflation adjuster, and full replacement coverage. Umbrella coverage was also considered.

Dam: Gail reported that she and Jerry Johnson are seeking clarification from the DEEP as to ownership of the dam (constructed in 1877), and our responsibilities regarding its maintenance. She will send us information as she receives it. The dam has not been inspected recently and she has received two quotes to inspect - \$4,500 for a private civil engineer approved by the DEEP or \$650 for the State. A motion was made, seconded and approved to have the State inspect the dam for \$650, and to have the cost come from the Properties Committee budget.

Weed Control: We have received a verbal report from Aquatic Control, indicating that the Clipper treatment did help, but due to the warm winter, we will probably have to use Clipper again, either to spot treat or perform a full treatment. Milfoil must be treated and the fanwort still needs to be addressed. Before the next treatment, we will need to do an impact study as to the impact on endangered species (Tabinid fly, horse fly and Bog Copper butterfly) living at the North end.

Blue Algae: Gail provided the Board EHS Circular Letter #2012-56, dated 9/24/12, from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, alerting us to the issue of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms in freshwater lakes and ponds and providing us with advice regarding how to ensure protection of public health when a bloom impacts a lake or pond.

North End: Dave reported that issues at the North end of the lake will be addressed in 2013. A boat rack will be constructed and a work party to clean out the area and provide steps for water access will be organized. The committee will be meeting in February to revise priorities.

Fall Regatta: Access to the beach for the regatta, specifically opening the gate at First Beach for boaters to push the trailers onto the sand was discussed. Dave proposed a policy that the gate remain locked except for Association events. Board members were in agreement. As POALH members participate in the regatta, it will be considered an Association event. A hold harmless agreement will be developed, including language that no cooking would take place under the pavilion and specifying recourse for damage incurred.

Properties Committee: Dave requested that we follow through with fining members whose boats were removed to the ballfield his fall \$100 per boat. If not paid, the member's right to have boats on Association property would be terminated. Per the Bylaws, boats not removed from the ballfield within one year of published notice will be

sold. It was suggested that we somehow quarantine the boats so that they cannot be removed without paying the fine. We will propose that Branda invoice members for the \$100 out of her accounting system. Gail will draft a letter for inclusion with the bills. Our policy will also be communicated in the Spring newsletter, including plans to check for boats not properly labeled once a month, with removal from boat racks July 30th and August 31st. Diane volunteered to check the boat racks once a month.

As for Spring projects, Dave stated that in addition to the North end projects, there will be some tree removal a possibly replacement of the Third Beach walkway. The Garden Club, under the direction of President Sandy Zawistowski, and the Eight Mile River Watershed group will be planting a buffer of native plants approximately twenty feet wide and one hundred feet wide in the lagoon area of Second Beach.

Thanks went out to Brian and Don, who cut up a tree on one of our right of way walkways, after the recent storm.

Security: Dave reported that only one member signed up for the neighborhood watch. The lids for two toilets left at the curb were tossed into the tennis court area; Gail will follow up with the homeowner to have the toilets removed.

Social (Diane) and Recreation (Linda): June 23, 2013 will be our first POALH Meeting; August 18, 2013 will be our Annual Meeting. Bands are proposed for the 4th of July weekend, the end of July and sometime in August (total of 3 bands). Karaoke, costing us \$300, was well received, and will be continued. We would like to have a dance as part of Lake Hayward Days. Other ideas included the continuation of Lego Night, a meatball challenge the night of one of the bands, a "Meet Up "night, a series of movie nights, Sunday mah jongg, "Learn to play cribbage, setback, etc." events, pot lucks at the beaches to be organized by the Beach Reps (Second Beach's will be July 27th), and a Grand Opening of the Pavilion. Diane asked that members send ideas for the pavilion opening to her. Families who have helped with activities in the past will be encouraged to help plan what supplies are needed to continue with the activities. Pictures of past activities and events, posted to our website, and in the Spring newsletter, will also garner interest and excitement for 2013.

We will work on a job description for the Beach Reps. It was suggested that beach reps go to the beach to talk with those there, to see what they want, and that the Pot Luck was a good forum for getting information and feedback.

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Gail's house at 34 Glimmer Glen.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary.