

POALH Board of Governors  
Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Gail Grzegorzak at 7:30 p.m. at Gail's house at 34 Glimmer Glen. Board members in attendance were Sue Kumro, Gail Grzegorzak, Larry Lusardi, Jeff Walter, Pat D'Amato, Norm Kaplan, Diane Nelson and Dave Edgington.. Treasurer Lee Griffin was also in attendance. Bonnie Sudell was absent.

The minutes of the Board Meeting of March 14, 2012 were approved as presented.

Old Business:

Compliance:

Boat Stickers: The notice regarding boat stickers in the Spring packet was the warning to POALH members. We need to amend the rules and put them on the web site, effective with the 2012 season. We should post all the rules in the first newsletter. It was decided that stickers are only for vessels kept on racks. Racks are to be used by permanent residents only. There will be a limit of two (2) stickers per residence. Beach representatives will be responsible for checking for sticker compliance. Stickers will be available at the June Meeting. Lee Griffin has stickers and members may call him to obtain them if they are not present at the June Meeting.

We will need copies of the budget, financial reports and August 2011 minutes available at the June Meeting. We will ask members to come early to the meeting to read the August minutes or read them on the web site.

Water Quality and Water Liaison: Bill and Deb Taylor and Pam McCann will be the Water Quality and Company liaisons. Larry announced that several Board members (Gail, Larry) have water keys (to turn the water valves on and off) for members to borrow if needed. There are extra keys located in the shed that can be distributed to other members in each beach district. Road paving is taking place during May and June. The average water charge is estimated to be \$300 according to the Water Company.

Blog: It is very easy to use. Gail and Roland put information on it. Calendar updates are ongoing.

Emergency Management Communications: Pat, Norm and Brian Bagnati will continue to set up Emergency Communications and Protocols with the Town.

Treasurer:

Don Biancamano, retiring tax collector, has been collecting past due taxes. We are looking at new chairs, which range in price from \$24 to \$49 each. We need one hundred new chairs. A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase one hundred new chairs at a cost of \$24.95 each. We also need to purchase six (6) new

tables for the pavilion. The wooden tables, which are in poor shape, will be offered to POALH members if they want them. We need additional stickers for safety for the ropes and buoys.

The Town of East Haddam Rec. Grant money must be used soon. We need to have a consultant (Linda Ryder) provide a program and use the money.

We still have three (3) garbage contracts to consider and discuss. We want to change the pickup day to Monday instead of Friday. One day a week will be cheaper than the current schedule.

The porta potties will be delivered May 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In June we need to transfer \$25,000 for weed control.

The Treasurer's Report will be posted on line but only the categories so that contractors will not know exact costs. POALH members will be able to get the total report at the June Meeting.

#### Committee Reports

##### Security/Parking:

Two people will randomly check for stickers. A sign will be posted warning members that they must have stickers if they park on POALH property.

##### Social/Recreation:

Swimming will start June 26<sup>th</sup> and be Tuesday through Friday the first week. Jordan Flom is coming back as swim instructor. We will have a sign up sheet at the June Meeting looking for volunteers.

##### Properties (Old Roads and Beaches):

Rakers are set up. The beach clean up went well. John Allegro backhoed the three beaches for \$200. Rafts will go out Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The swim lines will go out with DEEP help with permanent moorings and buoys hopefully by the June Meeting. Michael Payton is our DEEP connection. Dave mentioned that there had been considerable vandalism to the Pavilion area – specifically, electrical work recently done in the amount of \$1,500 was destroyed and will need to be repaired. As a result, we will be putting a fence up to restrict vehicles accessing the beach and escalating security to catch vandals. A motion was made, seconded and passed to spend \$900 to put up a metal gate at First Beach to prevent vehicles from going onto the beach. No repairs will be made until after the June Meeting so members can see the damage done. We need everyone's help to prevent vandalism. A plywood ceiling for the pavilion was considered. The motion sensor light, valued at \$200, was stolen also.

It was brought to our attention by Jim Ventrees of the Wetland Commission that there is an unpermitted dock on Association property. We will try to identify the owner and at the same time, the Board needs to examine our policy on boat docks and what to do

with docks that currently exist on Association waterfront. The Association is liable for any injuries. We will look into whether hold harmless clauses are a solution. It was noted that another options is that the Board does have the right to buy and sell property, i.e. abandoned property on the Lake, or sell property to others. This discussion was tabled until we can talk with an attorney. Lee offered to investigate the hold harmless clause option.

Lake Hayward Days;  
Larry needs a co-chair. The discussion was tabled.

New Business:

Tax Collector:

There were five (5) candidates who applied. They were all interviewed and all judged to be of good quality. The list was reduced to three (3). After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed by majority to hire Brenda Armstrong. The search committee will determine what system will be used in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Sudell  
Secretary