

Property Owners Association Lake Hayward Meeting

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The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Gail Grzegorzczak at the First Beach pavilion. Gail announced that Gail Edgington was selling Lake Hayward T-Shirts and other merchandise at the back of the pavilion and that she was looking for a volunteer to take over the position next year.

Present at the roll call of the Board of Governors were Pat D'Amato, Dave Edgington, Gail Grzegorzczak, Norm Kaplan, Larry Lusardi, Diane Nelson, Bonnie Sudell and Jeff Walter. Sue Kumro was absent. Also present was Treasurer Lee Griffin.

Gail thanked Jeff Walter for his service as President and the help he has given her.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the June 2011 Association Meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the August 2011 Association Annual Meeting.

Gail announced that Don Biancamano had resigned after many years as Tax Collector and thanked him for his service. She introduced our new Tax Collector, Brenda Armstrong.

Treasurer Lee Griffin reported that we had exceeded our expected income by approximately \$6,000 and that we still had about \$21,000 in expenses budgeted. He reminded members that they could contact him to review the books in detail.

Rich Harmon spoke about the Emergency Notification System with the Town of East Haddam, the Everbridge System, and urged members to sign up so that they would be alerted of pending storms, road closings and other urgent situations. He said that it was very important for handicapped persons, including those dependent on bottled oxygen to sign up so that the Town could aid them in times of emergency.

Larry Lusardi introduced three representatives from the CT Water Company, Steve Melanson, Blake Correia and Grant Buhler. They reported that there has been a lot of activity at Lake Hayward and that \$906,000 had been spent so far in improvements. Their goal was to finish paving areas where new water lines had been installed this week. In contrast to previous charges for water of \$540 per year, they estimated that customers using 16,000 gallons of water during the seven month period that the water is turned on should spend about \$340 this year. Flat charges of \$83.08 will be billed at the beginning, middle and end of the season, with \$5.722 per 1,000 gallons of water used will be billed in August and at the end of the season. The question was raised as to whether our paying less for water will affect the ability to continue improvements. The answer was no. In answer to another question, they reported that Cragmere Drive would be upgraded in the next few years and that there is about 30,000 feet of pipe left to replace. They also stated that they will be using a new start up procedure in 2013 so that the water won't have an "off taste" when first turned on. They responded to questions concerning air in the system by saying that the air works its way out at either the highest point or the end of the line and that air in the system does not turn the meter, only water. As far as future rate increases, the last rate increase was in 2010 and they don't know when the next one will be. There was discussion about turning the water on earlier in the spring when the weather is unseasonably warm as it was this year. They stated that that was a possibility that they would talk about and mentioned that the water was left on later last year than normal.

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Tim Pelton presented the weed treatment update. He reminded members that we are on a four year treatment cycle, with this year being the fourth year. Twice a year, in the spring and fall, the lake is inspected for re-growth of fanwort. Both the fall 2011 survey and the spring 2012 inspection suggested that three areas needed spot treatment this year: the marsh area in the northeast corner of the lake, the Second Beach lagoon and the area down by the dam between Glimmer Glen and East Shore Drive. The spot treatment, approved by the DEEP, will cost \$8,500 instead of the estimated \$85,000 for treatment of the entire lake. Tim remarked that there are seven divisions of DEEP that need to approve the permit for treatment and that requests must be made annually for a permit. As we are using a new product this year, Clipper, a new permit was required. It is unknown at this time whether a full or spot treatment will be needed next year. For those interested, the fall 2011 report is on our website. When written up, the spring 2012 report will also be posted. Although both milfoil and fanwort are considered "bad" weeds, we currently can only treat for fanwort. We are also prevented from treating the north end of the lake for environmental reasons. Weeds in the area around 277 Lake Shore Drive are a concern and have been sent for identification. The spot treatment will take place Tuesday, June 26th. It is recommended that no one swim in the lake that day and that members avoid watering with lake water for two to three days after treatment. As swim classes start Tuesday, Tim will try to get the treatment postponed until after 1 p.m. The Association is setting money aside each year for treatment, and due to the uncertainty of 2013's needs, we will continue to set money aside. Tim asked that members with questions send them in writing to the Board to be addressed.

Linda Ryder-Munet gave the East/West Committee report. She explained the history of activities of the committee, now in its fifth year. This year, as part of a grant, members had the opportunity to purchase buffer plants for planting along the shore. The first meeting of the committee this year will be July 14th at 10 a.m. at the pavilion. Speakers will include someone from the Eight Mile River Buffer in a Bag grant and someone from the Chatham Health District. She remarked that according to Mark Walter, First Selectman, as we do not have a public access beach, we are not eligible for major grant money. Linda is looking for Town representatives to attend the second committee meeting. Gail remarked that she is attending the Chatham Health District meeting June 25th.

Dave Edgington gave the Properties Committee report. He said that there were many volunteers to help with the cleanup of the beaches and the ballfield and encouraged continued participation. There are three beach rakers, with an alternate list in place. Three rotten trees were cut down around the pavilion. The swim lines are not yet out, but Friday, compass readings for placement will be taken under the direction of DEEP, with permanent moorings put in place. He reminded members to use their boat stickers, which are mandatory for boats kept on Association property during the season. Proper identification of boats will help members if they float away. One hundred new metal chairs and some tables have been ordered and he encouraged members to take the chair that they were sitting in and/or a table with them when they left the meeting. Dave asked that members contact either Brian Bagnati, Don Biancamano or himself with any problems concerning the picnic table at Second Beach. Two bike racks have been ordered; one for the tennis courts and the other for First Beach.

Dave talked about the vandalism that had occurred since the last Association meeting. Pipes sunk in concrete at First Beach to discourage vehicles on the beach were ripped out almost as soon as they were installed. The pavilion electric upgrade, costing \$1,500 was vandalized, including outlets being ripped out of position, outlet covers broken, a \$300 security light stolen, signs defaced and signs stolen. A new gate has been installed at First Beach and plans are underway to install plywood on the ceiling of the pavilion and nine new lights. He urged members to be vigilant and to call the Town

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Police or Resident State Trooper if you see something that is suspicious as the Association intends to prosecute anyone caught vandalizing Association property. The Property Committee is currently researching security cameras at this time, with the first quote at \$7,000. Dave expects to have a proposal for the August meeting. It was noted that a stop sign is needed at the corner of Wildwood; the Town must approve installation. Several suggestions were made to deter vandalism including fake cameras, more lighting and inexpensive motion sensor cameras.

Gail presented the Security Report in Sue's absence. She is looking for a few adults who would like a part-time job checking parking passes at the beaches. She reminded members that there is limited beach parking. There is also a problem with foul language on the rafts and parents are encouraged to talk with their children. Parents should also know the whereabouts of their children at all times, especially in the evening.

Diane Nelson began her Recreation Report by saying that she needs the sign up sheets for Tennis and Swimming to obtain contact information in case classes need to be rescheduled. Swim classes start Tuesday and will generally run from Monday through Thursday with the exception of the Fourth of July week. Makeup classes will be on Friday. Tennis will be in the afternoon, tentatively at 1 p.m. There is a signup sheet for those wishing to play horseshoes so that they can connect with each other. The committee is still assessing interest in volleyball. The Golf Tournament will be July 22nd, and members were urged to sign up earlier to aid in preparation. Mahjong and wiffleball were also discussed. Arts and Crafts will begin July 10th with Colleen Sokolowski and Kiddie Bingo will begin July 2nd, both at the First Beach pavilion. There will be a Tag Sale at the pavilion July 30th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There has been a request for horse racing, which is being investigated.

Gail gave the Social Report, indicating that the surveys taken last year indicated a desire for more food and music. The calendar this year has addressed this wish, with events on many different days and times.

Larry Lusardi reported on the progress of Lake Hayward Days. He had signup sheets for both chairs and committee members and is looking for volunteers for the week of August 18th through August 25th. There have been many ideas, including a boat parade, a talent show and horse racing. The carnival will be August 25th. Both a Women's Dinner and a Men's Night have been planned.

Roland Depratti of the Communications Committee encouraged members to sign up for the blog, which will help with year round communications.

Debbie Taylor of the Goose Poop Committee recommended that dogs be permitted on the Association properties during off hours to shag the geese. The Board will take this suggestion under advisement.

There will be a meeting Tuesday night, June 26th to discuss the Lake Hayward Cookbook, which will benefit the Memorial Fund.

Under Old Business, there was a question on the taxing of docks. Docks on member's property are taxed. Docks on Association property must be permitted through the Town Land Use Administrator although docks built before 1972 are grandfathered. Going forward, every dock must have a permit. The bottom line is that docks cannot be built on Association property as they will not be signed off on.

The Lake Hayward Garden Club will meet at Fred Odells this afternoon at 4 p.m.

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Under New Business, the Budget Committee has been formed and the Nominating Committee is forming. There was a question as to the \$5,000 in the budget for Security; it is for police protection nights that we have bands and other activities.

There are a number of concerns at Third Beach, including trees that have fallen in the water. This and other issues will be addressed by the Properties Committee this fall.

Sandy Zawitowski reported that the value of plants brought to the plant swap exceeded \$1,000.

Bonnie Sudell encouraged members to take the upcoming CPR class.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Secretary