

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Gail Miers at the home of Bob and Bonnie Sudell, 113 Lake Shore Drive, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Gail Miers, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Deborah Smith, Bob Sudell and Bonnie Sudell. Also attending were Ed Bader, Tax Collector, Don Smith, Calender/Pavilion Rental, Felicia Tencza, LQIC and Lee Griffin, Treasurer (not present at roll call).

LQIC: The order of business was suspended to allow Felicia Tencza to preview the LQIC presentation for Sunday's meeting. The committee will promote attendance at our next Town Hall for more information about the Lake and Watershed Management Plan (LWMP). She also advised the Board that a letter has gone out from East side residents to East side residents, asking for monetary support for our weed treatment program. The latest Lake Watershed Management Plan outline and results of dredging are on our website. She reported that the DEEP department that processes weed treatment permits has only one employee left doing that work as a result of retirements and transfers. As a result, we have not received our permit yet. Adding up State Grant money, money from the Town for Lake Hayward for 2014-15, and money from the Town that Bashan Lake will not be able to use, we have about \$21,000 coming in. She asked the Board to consider setting aside money to fund a larger project down the road. In addition, she stressed that we should be lobbying the Town to address storm drain problems.

Bylaws: Additional bylaw changes have been proposed, but as, per our Charter, the changes must be sent out to the membership by May 1st, discussion on Sunday will revolve around what went out in the spring packet. These additional changes will be proposed next spring. It was decided that both an annotated copy and a "clean" copy of the proposed bylaws should be available on Sunday.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Reports:

Tax Collector: Ed Bader reported that, of the twenty-one (21) accounts sent for collection, nineteen (19) have paid in full, amounting to about \$59,000. The remaining two (2) owe about \$11,000 and their properties will be part of a tax lien auction to be held June 30th.

Demand notices have been sent to twenty-eight (28) other delinquent accounts. If not paid in full by June 30th, liens will be placed on these, with the potential of going to collections if not paid.

Ed also advised the Board that he had employed a procedure called "jeopardy billing" for the original delinquent accounts, billing in advance for the upcoming year to ensure payment.

The upcoming tax bills should be delivered to Ed by this Thursday or Friday and he hopes to get them out by June 30th.

The Board agreed that those members with credit balances should be refunded their overpayments.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to instruct the Tax Collector to not send bills to those whose property tax bills were under three dollars (\$3). These properties are classified as open space and have assessed values under \$857. This procedure is consistent with East Haddam Tax Collector practice.

Newsletter: It was agreed that all submissions should go to Mike Trocchi by 6 p.m. Monday night for delivery to the printer Wednesday night. Further discussion was tabled until more information could be obtained from Mike.

June Meeting: Gail asked that Bob preside over this meeting. Items to be included on the agenda should be sent to Bob by Friday so he can send an agenda to the Board. There will be no paper agenda.

Swim Equipment: A motion was made, seconded and approved (with one opposed) to donate our swim equipment to Meredith Young, who is offering private lessons this year. Meredith is working on a proposal to be our recreation director next year, with day and evening events.

Email Addresses: Gail will look into getting email addresses for Board members through Comcast.

Elections: A motion was made, seconded and passed, to elect Bob Sudell President, Cari Eckert Vice President and Bonnie Secretary-Clerk.

Properties: Gary reported that he will provide rakes and buckets at the three main beaches to encourage members to pick up goose poop. New sand has been delivered at First and Second Beaches, with Third Beach probably later this year. The parking lot lights have been fixed and a 220 volt outlet has been installed at the pavilion. The timer at the tennis courts has been adjusted to go on at 8 p.m. and go off at 10 p.m. He is actively seeking a new beach raker for First Beach. There was some discussion as to the feasibility of using the ball field for sports. Gary said that it is mowed every two weeks. Jeffrey Soboleski will be making a new Lake Hayward sign for the south end of the Lake for his Eagle Scout project, under Gary's supervision.

Jason and Lee will provide sign in sheets for Sunday. They will indicate who has already completed a Voter Registration Form. Bonnie will provide colored paper to give to those who are registered.

Additional Budget Matters: The Board agreed to combine the line items for Lake Water Quality and Weed Control.

Don Smith: Tickets for the food trucks will be \$1 per ticket or 8 for \$5. Don will design posters for the bands and ads for the food trucks for the bulletin boards and newsletters.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary