

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by President Bob Sudell at the home of Don Smith, 16 Jeremy River Drive, Colchester. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Jason Griffing, Gail Miers, Gary Petersen, Don Smith, Bob Sudell, Bonnie Sudell, Adam Thompson and Bill Taylor. Also attending were Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 16, 2016 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee Griffin presented his report, noting that there had been few changes since his previous report, with the exception of the payment of utilities bills. The report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed Bader reported that ten accounts had gone to collection. Four had already paid, with receipts totaling nearly \$4,000. Six had not yet contacted the attorney. Ed reminded us that all ten accounts had been delinquent for two of the last four years so as part of the demand notice, prepayment of 2016 taxes was included. Ed also noted that one very small delinquent account did not go to collections.

Budget: Ed asked that the April agenda include reallocation as needed.

Properties: Gary reported that the three new signs for the beaches were finished and that he was picking them up later in the day.

The RFP for the lawn mowing contract was advertised in the River East and Craig's List. The pre-bid meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m. March 26th at the pavilion. Gary and Bill met with Jim Ventres regarding the shed. The request will be on the agenda in March, with a vote in April. After approval, we will be able to get the permit. Gary will ask both Peter Doyle and John Allegra for certificates of insurance to have on file for the year.

The pre-bid meeting for the ramps at Third Beach will be March 26th at noon at the pavilion. Two bids will be solicited; one for a 70 foot ramp and the north end and one for a 30 foot ramp at the south end, made of interlocking bricks.

The deteriorating fence at the Henry's on Glimmer Glen was briefly discussed, with no resolution.

It was suggested that the dam be inspected as the retaining wall was deteriorating.

Bill will price metal hand rails for Third Beach, possibly with the Fenceman.

It was also suggested that we might look into replacing the chain link fence after the ramps are complete.

Bill volunteered to be "clerk of the works" for the ramp project.

There will be a work party on March 26th after the bid openings to put silt fence on the beaches to discourage the geese. Lee is heading up this task.

In April, Gary plans to dig some of the grass up on the beaches, and add sand to all three beaches.

We saw a sample of what the new street signs would look like. They will cost approximately \$110 each if ten signs were purchased at a time. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase all of the signs now, with the money coming from the Public Safety budget. The estimated total cost of the new street signs, if purchased at \$110 each, is \$7,480.

Public Safety: Bonnie will have replacement parking passes ready for the spring mailing, as well as a flyer for reflective address markers. She will order the four drawer filing cabinet and stickers to put on non-compliant vehicles. Patrols have already been requested for this season. It was noted that, after the burglaries this winter, additional patrols had been requested of the East Haddam Police Department.

Social: Don reported that four bands have been booked so far and that he is looking for a fifth. He will start booking food trucks soon. It was agreed that calendars for June, July and August should be included in the spring packet. Cari volunteered to coordinate a craft fair/tag sale for August 6th. Adam volunteered to coordinate that campout at Second Beach on August 13th.

Recording Secretary: The Voter Registration Form will be part of the spring packet. As announced at the August 2015 Annual Meeting, only those registered with the Recording Secretary will be able to vote at Association meetings this year.

LQIC: Gary met with Felicia and Randy and expressed the desire for better communications between the committee and the Board. Gary agreed to join the committee as a liaison between the Board and the LQIC. Gary gave Board members a copy of the LQIC agenda for their meeting later this afternoon. The Board agreed to remove Cari and Adam from the LQIC and confirm Gary. The Board feels strongly that weekly bacteria testing should be part of the LQIC and Ed and Gary will propose this at the meeting. It was agreed that the educational event about animals in and around the Lake should be open to east side residents also.

Glimmer Glen: Gail expressed frustration with dealing with Mark Walter and Beth Lunt of the Town. A motion was made, seconded and passed to engage an engineer to initiate a feasibility study and facilitate discussion and negotiations with Town officials regarding the cost to bring Glimmer Glen up to the point where the Town will take it over. The Board authorized \$2,500 plus a 10% contingency for this study.

Pilgrim Way: It was agreed that we might do a similar study after we have the results of the Glimmer Glen study.

Spring Packet: Responsibilities were outlined (see below). Members were asked to save their documents to one drive on Office 365 for review by others. Content should be provided by April 1st. Review should be completed by April 10th so that the packet can go to the printer on April 11th, with the goal of stuffing April 16th or 17th.

Responsibilities:

Bylaw changes – Bob
President's letter – Bob
Calendar – Don
Beach Rules – Bob
Tax Collector – Ed
Financials – Ed and Lee
Properties – Gary
Audit Report – Ed
Planning for Social and Recreation – Don
New emails – Bob explain
LQIC – Felicia
Public Safety – Bonnie
Recording Secretary – Bonnie
Glimmer Glen – Gail
Pilgrim Way – Cari
Promotions – Gail Edgington
Newsletter – Janet Soboleski
Garden Club – Kathy
Water Company Liaison – Cari

Cari will contact CT Water to ensure that lead pipes (if present) have been replaced, or are in the process of being replaced. Pipes from the meter to the house are the homeowner's responsibility. Cari was officially appointed as our water company liaison.

Adam will continue his dialogue with Mr Hibbert regarding the dock.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18th at 7 p.m. at the home of Gary Petersen, 76 Wildwood.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary