

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Bob Sudell at the home of Gary Petersen, 76 Wildwood, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Don Smith, Bob Sudell, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson. Also attending were Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 19, 2016 Board Meeting were approved as amended.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee Griffin's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed Bader recommended keeping the mill rate at 3.5 mills. A motion was made, seconded and passed to do so.

Ed advised the Board that four (4) delinquent accounts were going to tax auction July 19, 2016.

Budget Update: Ed Bader reviewed proposed reallocations to the current year's budget. As the Board has been given the authority to reallocate within the budget, a motion was made, seconded and passed to do so.

Ed reported that the budget process was underway, and that the proposed 2017-18 Budget would be presented at the August Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Glimmer Glen: The feasibility study contract has been issued and we are waiting for the report.

Pilgrim Way: We are waiting for the Glimmer Glen report before considering a similar engineering study of Pilgrim Way.

Properties: Gary Petersen reported that there was a work party Saturday, May 14 to put out the swim lines and rafts, rake the leaves at Third Beach, and put out the rolling dock. Gary remarked that there was a poor showing for the work party and that we needed younger volunteers. He is going to look at contracting these tasks out in the future.

Inland/Wetlands approved our request for a shed at Third Beach. The shed has been ordered and should be delivered June 17. We need to prepare a stone pad before its arrival.

Installation of new fencing at the south end of Third Beach began today.

John Allegra was awarded the contract for the ramps at Third Beach for \$18,000. This project should start this week.

The mowing contract was awarded to Peter Doyle.

Gary will budget for repairs to the spillways in the near future. To prevent people from parking on the dam, either a split rail fence or boulders will be located on the site.

Beach sand will be delivered and spread on all beaches within the next couple of weeks.

The goose deterring fencing will be left up as long as possible. Gary thanked Jason, Lee and Don for installing it.

The new Beach Signs have been mounted at First, Second and Third Beach.

Gary remarked that Kathy found very few property owners interested in the Garden Club this spring.

Public Safety: Bonnie Sudell said that the fireproof filing cabinet had been ordered and should be delivered within a week or so.

Fluorescent orange warning stickers for those not displaying their parking permits have been ordered. All Board Members will be given a supply upon their arrival.

Police have been hired for random patrols throughout the season.

Social: Don Smith reported that the calendar of events was full. He has received many requests to use the pavilion. We are still in need of someone to chair Lake Hayward Days.

Recording Secretary: We are still receiving Voter Registration Forms. Only those who have registered will be able to vote at the June and August meetings.

LQIC: Board members were encouraged to attend the Lakes Association Meeting May 25.

We have invited members of the Colchester Land Trust to present at one of our Town Hall meetings.

New Website: Don Smith will send us the link to preview the new design.

Contract Management: We are working to ensure that all contracts signed protect the Association. We are developing a list of standard terms for all contracts.

Correspondence: We received an email from a property owner who was concerned about tall trees on a neighbor's property line. The Board agreed not to get involved.

Old Business:

Little Beach Dock: Lee Griffin agreed to talk with Mr. Hibbert about selling the dock on Association property to us, so that liability would be transferred to the Association.

Worker's Comp Audit: Bob Sudell is continuing to negotiate with Travelers to reduce the premium.

Sunset Gate: Gary is waiting to see what style of gate Allegra wants at the end of Sunset.

New Business:

Cap on Non-Bid Projects: A motion was made, seconded and passed to raise the cap on projects that did not go out to bid from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Upcoming Dates:

The first Town Hall will be June 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Our next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 22nd at Bob and Bonnie Sudell's, 113 Lake Shore Drive. The meeting will also be a pot luck supper.

The first print newsletter will be June 25th. Board members were reminded that all submissions must be to Mike Trocchi by Monday, June 20th at 6 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send a \$100 donation to the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell,
Recording Secretary