

**Minutes of
POALH June Meeting
June 26, 10:00 AM**

President Tim Pelton called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Members of the Board of Governors Present:

President, Tim Pelton
Vice-President, Cindy Biancamano
Treasurer, Alice Miles
Assistant Secretary-Clerk, Vicki McDonald
Social Director, Cindy Biancamano
Ray Brignano, Recreation Director
John Jacoby, Roads and Beaches
Rich Harmon, Parking and Security
Marcella Fahey, Member at Large

Tim Pelton confirmed that a quorum was present.

The meeting began with a request to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of the membership on August 15, 2004. The minutes had been distributed in the spring packets and are also available today. So moved by Marcella Fahey that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Charlotte Basney, and unanimously passed. Tim commended the Board for their work over the past year.

Treasurer's Report

Alice reported on the bills, which are still outstanding (c. \$7,000). Since we are just beginning the season, there will be normal operating expenses, such as social activities, swim lessons, porta-potties, police, etc. POALH currently has a balance of \$84,953.85 as of 6/23/2005. Of this, we have \$30,000 in reserve for future weed treatment. The books are available if anyone is interested in looking at them.

Tax bills are being determined and will be mailed to the membership as soon as the tax rate has been determined and based on the upcoming budget. With our ongoing efforts to secure the payment of past due taxes, the POALH actually collected more taxes last year than were budgeted.

Committee Reports

President's Report

Pilgrim's Way: Repairs to the ROW and the installation of a storm drain piping are being worked out with a joint venture with the Town. The current scope of the project calls for the Association to construct a storm drain on Pilgrim Way and run a large drain pipe down to Lakeshore Drive. The Town will then construct a storm drain on the west side of Lakeshore Drive, run pipe under Lakeshore Drive, construct a second storm drain

on the east side of Lakeshore Drive and finally drainage pipe into the lake. Final details will be discussed and need membership approval at the Annual Meeting.

Tennis Courts

Andy Lord reported on an exhaustive study of ways to correct major drainage issues at First Beach, refurbish the tennis courts and enlarge the parking lot. The projected cost is \$120,000. Discussion followed on several options regarding the best use of the space. The membership will receive more information during the season and will be asked to vote on these projects at the August annual meeting. Postcards will be distributed with the newsletter to poll the membership and to solicit feedback on the utilization of the recreational facilities at First Beach. Many expressed that the tennis courts are one of the first things visitors to our lake see and that they need to be improved both in appearance and functionality.

Water Company

Eileen Travers has been working with Birmingham Water Co. on the issue of year round water. Glimmer Glen and parts of Wildwood Road are eligible for year round water if there is enough interest. Eileen passed a list for sign-ups. Tim and several members explained that this does not mean that cottages can become year round. It depends on your septic system, lot acreage, etc. Residents of Lookout and Cragmere said at times they have no water because they have no water pressure at all and Tim stated he will follow up with the water company.

Weed Control

DEP requires spring and fall surveys of weed grow back at about \$1000 each. The spring 2005 assessment confirmed that thus far the grow back has been minimal. We have collected some funds for the weed treatment program from the East Shore residents.

Parking

Rich Harmon has parking stickers and guest passes. Please use them appropriately. Rich will patrol lots looking for violators, but we do not have the ability to ticket trespassers. He also requested that members carpool visitors to the beach rather than taking up many parking spaces.

Recreation

Ray Brignano reported on swim lessons and updated registration procedures. An additional cakewalk is planned for the end of July. Watch newsletters for more information. Marcella Fahey is taking reservations for the Pavilion, and collecting a \$25 deposit. This will be refunded if clean-up is complete. The Pavilion may only be used by POALH members and their guests.

Newsletter/T-shirts

Vicki McDonald is accepting information/pictures for the newsletters. Short and long sleeve t-shirts are available for \$15 and \$20 respectively.

Open Forum

Jeff Walters asked if speed bumps could be installed on Lake Shore Drive to slow traffic. This will be explored, but it's very doubtful because it's a town road.

In light of the vandalism over the winter, the trees on Second Beach will be replaced. Any help in donating trees would be greatly appreciated. The trees are needed to provide shade for people sitting on the grass and using the Playscape.

A street sign is needed for Longwood Road. Tom Kress agreed to make the sign.

A question was raised if fishermen are over fishing. The membership responded that there is no annual limit and there is a daily limit of 6 small and 2 large fish.

We used the ball field last year to store abandoned boats, but many people assumed that this was a dumping ground for appliances, etc. We are exploring putting a chain across the main access to stop this. Since this is a designated landing zone for the Life Star helicopter, we will be working with the East Haddam Fire department and EMS agencies to agree on methods for them to gain emergency access before installing the chains.

Parking at Third Beach has been an issue. John Jacoby will contact the water company to square away their equipment.

A question was raised about the proposed cell phone tower. Tim stated that the water tower will be coming down and will be replaced with pressurized tanks on the ground. Additionally there is a new cell tower on Witch Meadow Road in Salem which (in the eyes of the cell tower erector companies) further reduces the need for a tower. Therefore having a new tower at the lake (and the related income) appears remote.

Rich Harmon asked if the membership would like Child Share to come to LH Days to create identification materials for children. There will be a fee involved. Dick Bailey said the Connecticut Masons will do the same thing for free. He will look into the availability for LH Days and let Tim know.

A concern was raised about the leaves in the water at Third Beach. John Jacoby will take care of it.

A recommendation was made that the Board should examine when the fiscal year for the POALH should start and stop to reduce the timeline between approving the budget and sending out tax bills 9 months later.

Residents of Hilltop asked if we could institute a curfew for teenagers. The POALH is not a policing organization and does not have the power to do this.

Some people are riding ATV's down the ROW near Little Beach. This is very unsafe and the membership is asked to try to stop this if they see it happening.

Tim reported that the lake water quality is tested every Monday at all the beaches and at various locations along the west shore of Lake Hayward. The testing levels at the beaches continue to fall within the acceptable ranges and if any elevated or action levels are detected, postings will immediately be made at the impacted beach.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM.

Respectfully,

Vicki P. McDonald
Secretary-Clerk