

**Minutes of
POALH Annual Meeting
June 24, 2007 10:00 AM**

President Tim Pelton called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Members of the Board of Governors Present:

President, Tim Pelton
Vice-President, Cindy Biancamano
Treasurer, Alice Miles
Secretary-Clerk, Vicki McDonald
Ray Brignano, Pavilion Reservations
Robyn Constable, Recreation Director
Rich Harmon, Parking and Security
John Jacoby, Roads and Beaches
Jeff Walters, Member at Large

Tim confirmed that a quorum was present.

The meeting began with a request to waive the reading of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the membership on August 20, 2006. (The minutes had been distributed in the spring packet and were also available at the meeting.) Joyce Bettencourt moved that we waive the reading of the minutes. Dick Bailey had a comment about the canoe rack and insurance coverage. His comment was so noted. A motion by Alan Basney that the minutes be accepted; seconded by Charlotte Basney, and passed unanimously.

Tim mentioned that everyone should have received a spring packet of information for the upcoming season. If not, any Board member will get you one. If there are address changes they should be reported to Alice or Vicki so that the mailing lists are kept current.

Accounts Payable

Alice reported that we're in great shape for the upcoming season. There are few outstanding bills and tax collection is up \$5,200 beyond what was budgeted due primarily to property transfers. There are still \$9,300 in past due taxes owed to the POALH.

A question from the floor inquired about the source of miscellaneous income. This revenue comes from the sale of t-shirts and Lake Hayward Days activities.

President's Report

- a) **2007 is the 50th Anniversary of POALH** – More will be reported by Cindy later in the meeting.

- b) **First Beach Lighting and Security**

Lighting remains to be completed and multiple approvals are required from East Haddam P&Z. The approval process is underway as well as coordinating electrical connections by CL & P.

c) Pilgrim Way Drainage

The Association and the Town will work together to put in storm sewer drains at Ridgewood and Pilgrim Way. By including proper drainage of Ridgewood Road in the plan, additional engineering is required. The goal is to have construction started by Labor Day.

d) Weed Treatment

The good news is that a full treatment of the lake is not necessary this year, but next year it definitely must be done. The treatment will probably be done in May and everyone will be notified in advance. We are required by DEP to do two underwater surveys annually to measure grow-back of the fanwort weed and thus far we are on track.

Question from the floor: Does the East Shore contribute to the weed treatment plan?
Answer: yes. Some households contribute voluntarily to the fund, but there are no requirements that the East Shore must contribute. East shore property owners get a donation letter from Tim every two years.

e) Use of the ball field by East Haddam Little League

The Board elected to allow the EHLL to use the ball field with the understanding that documentation of proof of insurance coverage by the EHLL and a hold harmless clause releasing POALH from any liability be presented. Thus far the East Haddam Little League has not responded.

f) Signage

Many roads are missing signs and efforts are underway to replace them.

g) Water Tower and Birmingham Water Company

Tim noted that the water tower has been demolished and that the water company has indicated that area will eventually be fenced in to minimize vandalism.

Reports of the Board of Governors

Cindy – 50th Anniversary

POALH is planning a dinner dance on July 21 at the Polish American Hall. Cost is \$30 per person for dinner, music, and a cash bar. Tickets are available after the meeting. Make checks payable to POALH. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the celebration. Dick Bailey mentioned that we should try to get in touch with all the past Little Miss Lake Hayward's to see if they will attend.

Rich – Parking and Security

Parking stickers were mailed in the spring packet. (Current stickers expire 6/30/07.) Please place them in the back window of your vehicle. Guest passes need to be filled out completely and will be good for only one week; then they must be reissued. If

you need more passes contact Rich. Please be courteous when parking; there is a limited amount of space. Duff Benson mentioned that Pavilion users are giving out too many guest passes and not leaving room for members. Board Member Ray Brignano will work out a special parking plan with a limited number of parking passes for non-members to use the parking area for pavilion events.

Robyn – Recreation

Arts and Crafts is on Wednesday; kiddie bingo is on Monday; movie nights will not be regularly scheduled, but check your weekly POALH newsletter. Chris is returning as swim instructor. If you haven't gotten your sign-up form and payment to Robyn, do it ASAP.

Robyn will order promotional products for the 50th anniversary and beyond. They include: t-shirts (including special order children's sizes), cooler bags, beach bags, beach towels, light-up cups and bumper stickers.

Jeff distributed a sign-up sheet for tennis instruction. No schedule is in place yet and we still need a tennis instructor. Adult tennis lessons can be arranged if there is demand.

Ray – Pavilion Reservations

Just because someone reserves the pavilion for a specific date does not mean they have exclusive use of the facility. An issue was raised again about parking. Suggestions made were to carpool from the member's home, park at the ball field and shuttle down to the Pavilion. Ray will explore issuing a special guest pass in a limited quantity to anyone reserving the pavilion. Betsy Guala and Rich Harmon will sit on a committee to explore parking issues over the summer and report back at the August meeting. Members reserving the Pavilion must pay a \$25 which will be refunded if the Pavilion is left clean and orderly.

A request was made to allow handicapped persons to park on the grassy area along side of Second Beach. This is too dangerous because of the number of children walking and playing in that area. The Board will erect a handicapped parking sign close to the beach area.

Alice – Budget

We currently have \$75,000 in the escrow account for weed treatment, which will continue to grow until payment is required next year. The books are open to review if anyone would like to see them. The Board will publish a list at the August meeting of the members behind in their tax payments (excluding hardship cases).

John – Roads and Beaches

No report from John, but it was mentioned by the membership that everything looks great due to the hard work of John and his crew.

Vicki – Telephone Directory

We are trying to create the telephone directory a little differently this year because not everyone has a landline. Postcards were distributed in the spring packet requesting name, lake address, lake phone and winter phone. Not a lot of postcards

have been received to date. We will wait until after 7/15 to publish the directory provided we have sufficient names to make it worth while.

Reports of Special Committees

We need to form a nominating committee to review members interested in filling the two vacancies on the Board: President and Vice-President when they step down following the Annual Meeting. Betsy Guala will chair this committee and will be looking for volunteers to serve on the committee or on the Board. She will list the requirements and responsibilities of Board members in the newsletter and on the website. The election of new Board members will occur at the August meeting.

Unfinished Business

Unmarked boats will be removed from the beaches after July 1. If you leave your boat, canoe, or kayak at a beach area please label it with your address.

Al Andrews commented that East Haddam is looking to purchase 280 acres of farmland at the top of Town Road to be kept as open space. The price is between \$1.3 and \$1.7 million. The goal is to prevent future development on this land. We have the right to vote on this referendum. We need to keep this information in the newsletter and on the website.

We are still looking for volunteers for some social events.

Teen Club will hold its first meeting on July 3rd. They plan to hold a pasta dinner, a chicken barbecue and to paint the Pavilion. Teens (and their parents) are welcome.

Carol Moriarity asked if we still have policing by East Haddam. The answer is yes and we prefer not to announce the patrol schedule.

Twice a week trash pick-up begins the week of July 4th.

Tennis courts are available on a first come/first served basis and there is a sign-up sheet to reserve courts. The courts will be locked at night to prevent vandalism, but all Board members have keys should anyone need access. A special thanks goes out to Carol Moriarity for tightening and releasing the nets each day and securing the court area at night.

Weekly water quality testing is continuing at each beach again this year and any abnormalities requiring action will be immediately posted.

A request was made to remind families to retrieve their toys and personal belongings from the beaches at the end of the day rather than leaving them behind.

New Business

Julie Stewart is working on a storybook project for the 50th anniversary. She is collecting old photos, which she will scan and return to the owner. POALH books

can then be purchased for \$30 - \$40 each. The greater the volume of books ordered, the greater the price will be discounted.

Associate/Affiliate Membership for East Shore Drive

This issue has been raised before and not been approved. It might be a way to get better financial participation by the East Shore Drive residents in weed treatment, taxes, etc. as well as simply being a good neighbor. Several members spoke both in opposition and in favor of allowing this type of membership. A hand vote was taken to create a committee to explore relationship issues (with representation from the East Shore as well). Committee members include Linda Ryder-Munet, Joyce Bettencourt, Randy Miller, Cory Hammill, Sandy Zawistowski.

Community Dock at Second Beach

Ron Levesque inquired if the Association would explore having a community dock at Second Beach to get the boats off of the grass. The boats make it difficult to mow the grass and are not particularly attractive. The Board will consider a similar arrangement to what is in place at Third Beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully,

Vicki P. McDonald
Secretary-Clerk