

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Bob Sudell at the home of Bill Taylor, 22 Wildwood, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Gail Miers, 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 June 22, 2016 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to suspend the order of business to cover Old Business first.

Old Business:

Calabrese Driveway: A motion was made, seconded and passed to send the letter written by Bob Sudell to Mr. Calabrese on POALH letterhead.

Response to email from Felicia Tencza: Ed Bader remarked on the Budget Committee's initial meeting and their reluctance to pigeonhole funds long term when there are no definitive plans. He said that the Committee was leaning towards redesignating the LQIC reserve as a general reserve. Going forward, projects with specific detail would be vetted by the Board. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed to send the response letter as revised.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee Griffin presented the year end report for fiscal year 2015-16. It was approved as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed Bader reported that tax bills for fiscal year 2016-17 went out July 1, 2016.

Tuesday, July 19th there will be a tax lien auction for two properties.

Ed said that he hoped that, at the Annual Meeting, he would be able to say that 100% of last year's taxes billed were collected.

Budget Update: Ed reported that the next two Budget Committee meetings would be Thursday and Friday, July 21st and 22nd at 83 Wildwood.

Two issues were identified with respect to Pilgrim Way. The first was the upkeep and maintenance of the rights of way (running east to west at the north and south ends of Pilgrim Way). The second was the drainage issues on Ridgewood impacting Pilgrim Way, which had been addressed by the POALH in the past.

Ed said that after committee chairs and others responsible for line items made their presentations to the Budget Committee, the Budget Committee would prepare its report and present it to the Board for approval or modification. After Board approval, committee chairs would be notified of the decisions and have a chance to meet with the Board and Budget Committee.

The Board agreed to meet Saturday, July 30th at 8 a.m. at 83 Wildwood (above the garage) to approve the 2017-18 Budget.

Committee members will be invited to meet with the Board and the Budget Committee on Wednesday, August 3rd at 6 p.m. at 22 Wildwood.

By August 11th the 2017-18 Budget will be posted on our website and in each district.

The Budget will also be in the August 13th newsletter.

Replacement of the approximately 70 street signs was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reconsider the previous actions of the Board to replace all of the signs at once. A new motion was made, seconded and passed to replace a portion of the signs each year.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session, then returned to continue the agenda.

Committees:

LQIC: There was discussion among POALH members regarding whether a pesticide or herbicide was applied to the Lake. Gary Petersen will contact Felicia Tencza for clarification and Jason Griffing will send out an email if necessary.

Glimmer Glen: Gail Miers said that her committee was trying to put together budgetary numbers to estimate the cost to rebuild the road and that they are working closely with the Town.

Properties: Gary reported that all lights at the pavilion were now working and that one missing light was on order. It was noted that power in the parking lot was only 220 and that they were looking into getting 110 there also.

The ramp at Third Beach is 5 feet wide at the bottom and 4 feet wide at the top. Bill and Gary were meeting later in the day to go over the five estimates they received for wrought iron railing to be attached to the top of the wall. The life span of this project will be in excess of 20 years.

Gary also reported that people were filling the provided buckets with goose poop on a daily basis.

Social: Don remarked that Night at the Races would be held on the Friday before the start of Lake Hayward Days. Jason, Cari, Mike Trocchi and Don were commended for the wonderful job they have done promoting and executing events so far this year.

Don is advising those in charge of events of a change in procedure for approval of expenses, to keep events within budget guidelines and provide guidance for future sponsors.

Don talked about the need for volunteers to make Lake Hayward Days a success.

Heather Taylor is in charge of the carnival portion; Diane Nelson the beach games, and Dave Edgington the food. The Theme will be "Super Heroes."

As Night at the Races was moved, Ladies' Night was moved to Friday, August 26th.

Public Safety: Bonnie is looking into magnetic stickers with emergency numbers for next year's spring packet.

There was discussion of parking issues at First Beach and whether we should hire a parking attendant or security guard to sit in the parking lot to ensure compliance.

Bonnie will look into the cost.

There was discussion regarding the painting of crosswalks. Bob said that that was part of his overall traffic calming initiative and that he was still working on it.

Middle Beach Dock: We have a bill of sale for the dock.

Sunset Road Gate: A gate has been installed on Allegra's property.

New Business:

Homeowner's Boat Damage: The Board agreed that it was the homeowner's responsibility to file a claim against his homeowner's insurance for the damage done by the branch that fell by First Beach. It was recommended that new signs be made for the boat racks, indicating that vessels were left there at the owner's risk.

Second Beach Correspondence: A meeting will be set up to address the concerns.

Nominating Committee: Gail has put together a committee.

Colchester Land Trust: The Board will urge the membership to support the conservation of lands as part of Watershed Management.

Town Hall Meeting: July 30 at 10 a.m. at the pavilion. It was agreed to have cold water available.

Bouvier Insurance: It was recommended that we accept their proposal.

FOI Compliant Email and Document Storage: Gail presented a draft procedure to address the issue of document management, including official email use and storage.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 9 a.m. at the pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary