

POALH Board of Governors  
Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by President Cari Eckert at the home of Jason Griffing, 83 Wildwood, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Gail Miers, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Don Smith, Bonnie Sudell and Bill Taylor. Also attending were Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 18, 2017 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the home of Gail Miers, 34 Glimmer Glen, East Haddam.

President's Message: Cari reported that she had received a variety of emails, including one request for pavilion use, one regarding the CT lakes license plates (a flyer will be included in the Spring Packet for those who wish to order), and multiple communications regarding the mowing contract. She also contacted the Secretary of State's office to facilitate registration of our POALH jon boat.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee reported that \$2,630.64 had been received in tax payments and the normal utility bills had been paid. His report was accepted as presented.

It was agreed that the Treasurer and Recording Secretary could each purchase an external hard drive for POALH records at a price not to exceed \$120 each to be expensed to the Communications Budget.

The Board agreed on the new Expense Policy which will be posted to the website.

There was some discussion regarding reimbursement for alcohol at events, with bands cited as an example. It was decided that it would be up to the event sponsor to control consumption within the event expense budget.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that two tax payments totaling \$2,018.46 had been received, and would be forwarded to Lee. Collection of taxes is just short of 99%. Three of the delinquent accounts were now under payment terms; two had not responded and three (chronic delinquents) were protesting.

Ed remarked that revaluation was underway, and that an article should be included in a future newsletter to let members know.

Committee Reports:

Properties: Gary reported that the ad for part time help and a job description had been completed, and would be in the newspapers in mid-April. He will take the names of potential rakers in case he is unable to fill the position. The ad will also be in the Spring Packet.

There will be a work party on May 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. at First Beach to put the swim lines and rafts out.

Bill reported that the tree at Third Beach that was of concern would be removed by the Town.

Gary will not be at the June Meeting but will have a report for Bob Sudell to read. One quote for \$25,000 for fall leaf removal was received. There was discussion as to the logistics of leaf removal and it was suggested that interested members should contract for leaf removal at a reduced price and a set schedule.

It was suggested that Cari include the exercise of strategic planning in her President's message in the Spring Packet. We should get proposals on one or two of the items for vote at the August meeting.

Gary thanked Ed and Cari for their help on the insurance portion of the mowing contract.

Orange fence will be put up across the beaches in early April to deter the geese. We are also looking into passive solutions to deter them. Bill presented a map of the Third Beach area with some ideas to discourage them. He will present this information at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at his house. Cari will send us information on what we can and cannot do.

Ed and Gary are looking into a 40' storage container.

Public Safety: Jason will follow up with the person who is supposed to be replacing our street signs. It was suggested that we get a couple of "Slow – Children at Play" signs for Glimmer Glen.

There was concern raised about the Cold Spring Farms signs on our property. Cari will talk with them about the signage. Discussion of ad space in newsletters was tabled.

Social/Recreation: Bill's daughter Heather started looking into bringing a carnival company in during Lake Hayward Days. We asked her to continue looking into it.

There was a question as to whether the beach games and triathlon would continue.

Don reported that we still needed someone to sponsor the food trucks for two dates.

Our "Meet the Board" event will have hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Ed will get Cari a list of new property owners so that they may be personally invited.

LQIC: Corinne is putting together meetings and will write up something for the Spring Packet.

Water Testing Meeting: Bill will look for consensus from those there as to how to proceed this year, especially at Third Beach and what our relationship should be with the Chatham Health District. Policies for this year need to be defined.

Ongoing:

Bylaw Updates: Gail will get into Spring Packet.

Websit changes: Jason will direct Mike to add [secretary@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:secretary@lakehaywardct.com) to Bonnie's name on the site. That address will go to Lee who will forward it to Jason or Bonnie as needed.

Volunteer Form: This form, which will be revised by Gail before inclusion in the Spring Packet, should eventually go to the Nomination Chair. It should be either emailed to the secretary or mailed to the PO Box.

Spring Packet: All files should be sent to Cari by April 5<sup>th</sup>, who will send to Gail to finalize.

There was considerable discussion regarding newsletter delivery. A motion was made and seconded to email the weekly newsletter, to print some for all three beaches, and to deliver to those with special needs. The motion was tabled.

Board Appreciation Dinner: The Board, Webmaster, Tax Collector and Treasurer (and significant others) will be invited to the dinner April 21<sup>st</sup> at Mohegan Sun's Season's Buffet.

Portable Screen: The Board authorized Bonnie to research and purchase a portable, inflatable projection screen out of the Events Budget at a price not to exceed \$350.

Old Business:

Vendor Risk Management: There was continued discussion on our need to document that we will not assume the risk when dealing with contractors. We do not need to sign a contract with food vendors as we only provide space and electricity. However, we should ensure that they have a Town permit, a food handler's permit and insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell  
Recording Secretary