

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Cari Eckert at her home at 277 Lake Shore Drive, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Corinne Halliday, Gail Miers, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Don Smith, Bonnie Sudell and Adam Thompson. Also attending were Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 20, 2016 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Board Meeting Schedule: There was brief discussion and Cari will send us and our webmaster the schedule when finalized.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that the adjusted grand list was \$151,296.23. As of September 14, 94.6% of taxes billed had been paid, leaving \$8,172.43 uncollected. There were 36 delinquent accounts; of those 11 were chronic (delinquent two or more times in the last five years). \$540 in interest had accrued as of September 30, 2016. In December, demand notices will go to those who have not yet paid, indicating that the accounts would go to collection if not paid within 30 days. Ed's report was accepted.

Committees:

Properties: Gary said that he had contacted our surveyor to survey three pieces of property – the basketball court and two pieces of property north of First Beach across from the rights of way.

The railing for the ramp at Third Beach should be installed late this week or next week. He is also in conversation with Allegra regarding completion of the two ramps. There will be a work party on October 15th at 9 a.m. to bring in the swim lines and rafts. There will also be a work party, if needed, November 5th at 9 a.m. to remove boats still on Association property. Gary also plans to stain the picnic tables that morning. Gary asked that the goose problem be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Public Safety: Bonnie reported that equipment that monitored the speed of vehicles started at \$3,000. She will more aggressively pursue having the Town's equipment on Lake Shore Drive in 2017. Gail said that she and Bill are contacting Glimmer Glen residents to access their feelings on making Glimmer Glen one way. She hopes to have information by March so, if changes are made, they can be reported in the spring packet.

Social/Rec: Don reported that no interest has been shown to chair Social/Rec and he already has requests to use the pavilion for next year. The Pavilion Reservation Form will be updated with Gail's information as the contact. No member requests will be considered until the POALH calendar is confirmed in March.

Old Business:

Email Management Protocols: Gail sent a revised document this afternoon. There were questions regarding the language and overall complexity. Gail asked that potential revisions/corrections be sent to her. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the document in its revised form, subject to legal review.

Long Range Strategic Planning: Cari asked that all members with budget responsibilities, long term capital as well as social, events, etc. send her a list of what they wish over the next 3-5 years for discussion at the next Board Meeting. We need to look at options for large expenses as well as short term.

New Business:

Water Testing: Gail reported that the testing done by our members is a prescreening process, reported on a pass/fail basis. If a sample fails, the sample is sent to a certified lab to be retested. It was decided that we need a committee to look into how we can improve this process, what we can expect from the Chatham Health District, and what we are prepared to pay for. Bill and Cari volunteered to be on the committee. Cari will ask Jan DePratti to also be on the committee.

Controls around contributions to non-profits, including procedure for voting on activities at the Annual Meeting that will impact the current budget: Ed stated that he had started to research the above and found that the first criteria is “does the contribution have a direct benefit to the Association?” We need to develop a policy that all monetary considerations need to go through the budget process, including affording members ten days notice to consider the amounts proposed.

Volunteer Roles: Adam, Jason, Don and Lee will develop a strategy for how future social/recreational events will be managed. It was noted during discussion that the chairperson of the Budget Committee should be on the Board. Gail volunteered to be Vice President so a motion was made, seconded and passed to elect her.

The next meeting will be Saturday October 22, 2016 at 9 a.m. at Bill Taylor’s, 22 Wildwood Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary