

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by President Cari Eckert at the home of Gail Miers, 34 Glimmer Glen, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Corinne Halliday, Gail Miers, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Don Smith, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson. Lee Griffin, Treasurer, also attended.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the home of Gary Petersen, 76 Wildwood, East Haddam.

President's Message: Cari reported that we received proof of worker's compensation coverage for our mowing contractor. The spring letter to seasonal water customers did not go out until a phone call was made to CT Water Company. After five trips to the Department of Motor Vehicles, the jon boat is finally registered. Cold Spring Farms did not return Cari's calls so she moved their sign from the north entrance to Lake Hayward to First Beach, next to their other sign. A request for pavilion use was referred to the web.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee reported that the only activity since last month was the normal monthly bills. The Solitude bill will be paid shortly. Lee's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: In Ed Bader's absence, Lee reported that there are five delinquent accounts outstanding with a total balance of less than \$2,000 in unpaid taxes, interest and lien fees. Two other accounts are on payment plans. Ed's report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Properties: The final ad for part time help was published in the Rivereast News Bulletin, Craigslist and CT Free Ads. There have been two inquiries so far.

Since last month there has been no progress at Third Beach. The next project at Third Beach will be expansion of the parking lot.

Don Smith, Jason Griffing, Lee Griffin and Gary Petersen put the goose fence up last weekend.

There is considerable erosion at Second Beach. Gary is looking into getting more sand and possible dredging.

Gary and Ed have not had a chance to look at storage units yet.

We should have a quote for road signs in a couple of days.

The porta potties should be delivered May 1st.

Public Safety: There was some discussion about our video surveillance system. It was agreed that having the tapes available for 30 days was a deterrent.

Events/Social: Don is making calendar updates in Outlook and our website.

The East Haddam Lakes Association is holding their meeting at the Pavilion Wednesday, June 7th at 7 p.m.

The Meet the Board Social will be Friday evening, June 16th.

The Town Hall Meeting was moved from June 10th to July 15th.

Lake Hayward Days: Heather will run the carnival in any case although she is still looking into the idea of bringing a carnival company in.

Adam Thompson said that he and his cousin Veronica would run the beach games.

LQIC: Corinne said that they had their first meeting. She would like to have the East Shore Gazette on our website. Solitude will be on the lake June 8th to survey areas for recommended treatment. Treatment will be June 26th.

There was some discussion about the septic system pumping initiative.

Water Testing Meeting: The meeting went well with Don Mitchell and others.

Procedures are being developed for water collection and testing. They are considering taking three samples at each beach. Third Beach remains an issue due to stagnation.

Jan DePratti and Lisa Tellier will get a small stipend to perform the tests and develop a database of the results. The State will test at no charge. Bill and Gail are still looking

into the muck issue at Third Beach. The positioning of the docks at Third Beach appears to add to the problem. They are looking into suction dredging of the areas near the outflows and the docks.

Old Business:

Board Dinner: this Friday at 6 p.m.

Spring Packet : Will go to the printer Monday the 17th.

Newsletter: Of 208 responses, 65% said they would like email only with printed copies available at the beaches. A motion was made, based on the survey results, to stop hand delivering the newsletter, but to email it to members and print a limited number to be available at the kiosks at each beach, and to deliver it to those with special needs.

The motion was seconded and passed with 5 yes, 4 no and no abstentions. Lee will purchase three waterproof boxes for the kiosks and Gary will install them. Jason will write up a short article on change for the spring packet.

New Business:

Strategic Plan: The Board will research how to present the strategic plan initiatives to our membership, including cost and action plans. Of the three issues identified, Corinne and the LQIC will address the Nine Point Plan; Gary, Gail and Bill will work on the aerator and Bill, Gail, Cari and Adam will address the outflows/muck.

Paid Advertising: There was some discussion about allowing paid advertising from local service providers in our POALH communications. This would not be an endorsement.

There is already some information on our website. No decision

POALH Demographics Survey: There was some discussion about conducting an email and door to door survey for the purpose of identifying how many adults and children were in each household; whether they rented, if they were year round or seasonal, etc. It was decided that this was not a crucial initiative, but could be considered if we got a request, such as an Eagle Scout project.

Water Level: There was discussion regarding raising the level of the water with sand bags to slow the flow. It was referred to Properties to determine the pros and cons.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m
Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary