

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Cari Eckert at the home of Gary Petersen, 76 Wildwood Road, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Janet DePratti, Cari Eckert, Corinne Halliday, Jason Griffing, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson. Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer also attended.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 19, 2017 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bill Taylor, 22 Wildwood Road, East Haddam.

Recognition, Election and Appointments: The Board welcomed and recognized new Board Members Janet DePratti and Neil Murphy. Cari Eckert was elected President; Bill Taylor was elected Vice President, and Bonnie Sudell was elected Secretary-Clerk. Lee Griffin was appointed Treasurer and Ed Bader was appointed Tax Collector.

Approval of Meeting Schedule: The following meeting schedule was approved and will be posted on our web site:

- Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. – Bill Taylor's, 22 Wildwood Road
- Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. – Corinne Halliday's, 271 Haywardville Road
- Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9 a.m. – Jason Griffing's, 83 Wildwood Road
- Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 9 a.m. – Jason Griffing's, 83 Wildwood Road
- Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. – Jason Griffing's, 83 Wildwood Road
- Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. – Janet DePratti's, 66 Ridgewood Road
- Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. – Cari Eckert's, 57 Buttonwood Road, Hebron
- Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 9 a.m. – Bonnie Sudell's, 113 Lake Shore Drive
- Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. – June Membership Meeting, Pavilion
- Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. – Cari Eckert's, 277 Lake Shore Drive
- Sunday, July 22, 2018 time TBD – Town Hall, Pavilion
- Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 9 a.m. – Bonnie Sudell's, 113 Lake Shore Drive
- Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. – Annual Meeting, Pavilion

Board Appreciation Dinner: The dinner will take place sometime in April 2018. Board members were asked to send dates for consideration to Cari.

President's Comments and Previous Month's Activities: Cari detailed roles that need to be filled for this year, including Spring Packet coordination, Nominating Committee,

Events/Social Chair, Town Liaison, Water Company Liaison, Newsletter coordination and Public Safety.

Lee Griffin agreed to update the events calendar on the web site.

Cari agreed to update the Outlook calendar.

Adam Thompson recommended Sue Martin as the Events/Social Coordinator.

Jan DePratti volunteered to be our Town Liaison.

Adam Thompson agreed to be our Water Company Liaison.

Jason Griffing will continue to coordinate the electronic newsletter.

Bonnie Sudell will continue to edit summer newsletter submissions, prior to sending them to Mike Trocchi.

Bonnie Sudell will continue in her Public Safety role.

Corinne agreed to continue to chair the LQIC.

Heather Thompson (via Bill Thompson) agreed to coordinate the carnival during Lake Hayward Days. Dave Edgington agreed to coordinate the food for Lake Hayward Days.

Cari asked that we all think about events for next year and bring proposals to our next meeting if possible.

Surveying concerns: Concern was expressed on social media about surveyors on private property. Gary Petersen explained that he is having rights of ways surveyed, and the surveyors have the right to go on private property to find and dig up, if necessary, the survey markers. Gary tried another surveyor but is working with Bob Weaver again.

Lake Shore Drive curve: The Town has all of our documentation regarding the dangerous curves at the north end of the Lake. Cari is working to meet with Beth Lunt to get something done, possible better signage.

Email blast schedule: If needed, email blasts will go out monthly. Board members were asked to get information to Jason by the second Thursday of the month for publication shortly after.

Cari reminded all Board Members that they should be conducting Board business on Office 365, using our Lake Hayward email addresses.

Bylaw changes: The Bylaws will be reviewed, proposed changes made, then sent to our lawyer for review over the winter.

Use of pavilion for campaigning: A member asked to rent the pavilion to allow a candidate to speak. Cari suggested that we need a policy.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee presented the Budget to Actual for the previous month. The LQIC Capital Reserve Account has been renamed the Capital Reserve Account. All discretionary spending for the Town of East Haddam is on hold, including Lake Quality for all three (3) Town lakes. Ed remarked that we will probably not get any Town funds in our 2018-19 fiscal year because of reduced state funding of Town aid. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that 96% of taxes have been collected. The remaining 30 accounts, including 16 chronic delinquents (2 out of 4 years), 7 new on list and 7 interest only, account for more than \$10,000 in unpaid taxes.

Committee Reports:

Properties: Gary reported that the Third Beach survey had been completed. John Allegra should bring the Second Beach parking lot up to grade with millings during October.

Gary will call Eversource to remove the tree in the Third Beach parking lot next week.

The new porta potties are in our storage container.

The fencing for the porta potties at Third Beach has been installed.

The pad for the porta potty at Second Beach will have to be enlarged next spring. The Board agreed to use the same type of fencing at Second Beach.

The mulch at the playground at Second Beach is not appropriate or adequate. Bob Sudell gave Gary a quote on playground approved mulch. Gary plans to have the old mulch dug out and replaced in the spring of 2018.

There will be a work party Saturday, September 30th at 9 a.m. to bring in the swim lines, rafts and the docks at Third Beach.

Public Safety: No report

LQIC: The winner of the \$250 permit to discharge drawing was Bob Kulpa of 53 Longwood.

Solitude was out on the lake surveying yesterday. Corinne expects a report soon.

The East Haddam Lakes Association will be holding a meeting at the pavilion next Tuesday, September 19th at 7 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Jan is waiting for the details of some retests to finish her water testing spreadsheet.

Don Mitchell is very open to ideas that we may come up with.

Bill, Corinne and Gail Miers are working on the dredging project.

The outflows have been identified as a separate issue.

An RFP must be written for the dredging project.

Old Business:

Contract Addendum: Cari will send the "legalise" to us but we will table discussion until we have a pertinent contract (dredging, landscaping).

New Business:

Bylaws: There are some changes the Board wants to make. Ed and Bonnie will work on the Bylaws over the winter, then send to our lawyer. Send any proposed changes to Ed and Bonnie.

Proxies: After considerable discussion, the Board decided not to pursue proxies.

A member had his spot on a Second Beach boat rack taken when he took his kayaks out on the Lake. He commented on social media. He did not leave his chain behind to identify his spot. Bonnie contacted him to explain how this happened. Gary said that Properties plans to continue building new boat racks.

Goose Management: Despite the efforts of many, geese continue to be a problem. Adam agreed to get pricing and companies that do "goose roundups" for the next meeting. Corinne will ask those who attend the East Haddam Lakes Association meeting what they have done.

Incubator: Jan will talk with Scott Miers, as we have authorized the sale of the incubator.

Taxation of "lot only" owners: Ed wants us to consider raising taxes on the vacant lots, currently taxed at \$50. The smallest tax bill for those with a cottage on the Lake is

\$245. Lot only owners get all of the privileges of homeowners for only \$50. There are 15 lot only owners. The subject was tabled to next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary