

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Cari Eckert at the home of Bill Taylor, 22 Wildwood Road, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Janet DePratti, Cari Eckert, Jason Griffing, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell and Bill Taylor. Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer also attended.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 13, 2017 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the home of Corinne Halliday, 271 Haywardville Road, East Haddam.

President's Comments: The dilapidated picnic table at the north end of First Beach will be disposed of by Lee and Gary, as will the old fencing at Third Beach.

There is a recreational vehicle on Ridgewood Road (on the Lookout Drive side) that has been there awhile. Cari called the Town, but the Town cannot force its removal unless someone is living in it. There was concern expressed about uninsured vehicles and blighted properties, but the Town does not have a blight ordinance, and homeowners may have two unregistered vehicles on their property. Ed and Cari are working with Bouvier Insurance to review our coverages.

Cari received a call from a homeowner who requested assistance moving his boat from First Beach to his residence. Cari explained that this service is not something that the Board wants to be involved in.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee reported that we had received \$4,208.99 since his last report. \$100 was a donation from an East Shore resident and the balance came from tax receipts. Normal expenses of garbage pickup and utilities totaled \$7,164.79. The account balance is \$256,413.93.

Lee is still waiting to close out some events, including some Lake Hayward Days' activities. The Board agreed that reports should be submitted to the Treasurer within ten (10) days of the event.

POALH received \$13,000 from the Town of East Haddam. A recommendation was made and approved to take the excess over budget of \$7,213 and reserve it to cover next year, as we do not anticipate receiving anything from the Town this year.

There was conversation regarding the Promotions budget, which was reduced to \$1,000 this year. Moira Boone wishes to purchase \$2,000 worth of merchandise for next season. A motion was made and passed to permit Moira to spend \$2,000 on promotional items. Promotions is not reflected in the current budget. It was recommended to put it back in the budget, and Lee and Ed will determine how to do this.

Bonnie was asked to buy another file cabinet out of the Public Safety budget, as well as signage for the road race. She will also look into a Lake Hayward Days banner.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed reported the 96.5% of taxes have been collected, leaving a balance of approximately \$8,500. Demand notices went to 23 property owners, of which five (5) have already responded. Payment must be received by October 31st to avoid going to collections.

The discussion regarding "lot only" property owners was tabled.

Committee Reports:

Properties: Gary reported that the work part to bring in the rafts and swim lines was a success, but that there was more work to do at Third Beach.

There will be a small work party Saturday, September 28th to bring the Third Beach docks in, as well as a work party Saturday, November 4th to remove boats still on Association property to the ball field. A branch fell on the First Beach boat rack during a recent storm, but there was no damage. It has been cut up and removed.

Asplundh is behind schedule due to the storms but assured Gary that they would remove the tree in the middle of the Third Beach parking lot as soon as possible.

John Allegra assured Gary that he would get the three (3) trees down at First Beach within two weeks and put the millings at the Second Beach parking lot within two weeks.

Responding to questions about the proposed mulch at the Second Beach playground, Gary reported that it was natural mulch, made for playgrounds.

Gary is working on the lawn mowing/landscaping contract that must go out to bid for 2018.

Public Safety: As discussed earlier, Bonnie will acquire another fireproof file cabinet, road race signs, and price a Lake Hayward Days banner.

LQIC: Jan has a detailed spreadsheet of water testing for 2017 which will be posted on our website, and updated periodically. Jan will also contact Scott Miers regarding the incubator. We had previously authorized the sale of the equipment.

Third Beach Dredging: An RFP has been prepared and sent to three (3) companies, with proposals due October 31st.

Gary was reminded to put removal of debris (grass clippings, etc.) in the landscaping RFP.

A suggestion was made to remind homeowners to not rake their leaves into the lake.

Properties will consider gradually raising the water level of the lake.

Email Blast: Send submissions for the October email blast to Jason by next Thursday.

Old Business:

Contracts and Contract Addendum: Discussion tabled.

New Business:

Bill Taylor will contact Bob Sudell, who is researching docks for Second Beach, to price another long metal dock for Third Beach.

A motion was made and passed to install a barrier at the spillway to maintain the spring water level of the lake.

Cari will contact Sue Martin about the Social/Rec position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary