

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Cari Eckert at the home of Corinne Halliday, 271 Haywardville Road, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Corinne Halliday, Jason Griffing, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen and Bonnie Sudell. Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer also attended.

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

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 9 a.m. at the home of Jason Griffing, 83 Wildwood Road, East Haddam.

President's Message: Cari called to congratulate Emmett Lyman, First Selectman for East Haddam on his reelection. She also discussed the dangerous curve on Lake Shore Drive with Beth Lunt who agreed that we need better signage. Beth also asked us to consider closing the right of way that terminates on the Lake Shore Drive curve. Cari will contact the Town in March to find out when we could expect signage.

Cari spoke with Sharon Geer who may wish to sponsor a folk musician she heard.

Cari said that she left two messages for possible Social/Recreation chair Sue Martin, but had not heard back from her. Neil Murphy said that he would contact her to be sure that she was still interested in filling the role.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee reported that \$4,746.65 had been received in tax payments; \$8,153.89 had been paid for normal expenses, with a balance of \$253,006.69. Lee's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that there were eleven accounts, with a total due as of 10/31 of \$3,460.97. Of the delinquent accounts, four owe interest only and all have been delinquent one or more years before in the past three years. Those taxpayers owing over \$50 (including unpaid taxes, lien fees and interest) will be sent to collections. Property Owners owing less than \$50 will have liens placed on their property but will not be sent to Pullman & Comley for collection.

Committee Reports:

Properties: Gary reported that ten boats were moved to the ballfield at the November 4th work party. All but one have already been removed. The docks from Third Beach have also been removed. John Allegra removed the three diseased trees at First Beach. The question was raised as to whether we should replace the tree at the entrance to the beach. The Board was asked to think about it.

Gary said that millings would be put down on Second Beach soon.

Gary will install a locked gate at the ball field to prevent damage by vehicles.

Neil distributed 1954 maps of POALH property, showing the rights of ways. He noted that there are three homeowner docks on POALH property on Lake Shore Drive. This issue will be addressed when surveying of the properties is complete.

The dilapidated picnic table has been removed.

Public Safety: Jason and Gary will decide which new street signs to order in this year's budget. (We have previously purchased thirteen new street signs.)

LQIC/Water Testing: Corinne reported that we should have the year-end report from Solitude by Thanksgiving.

We have only received one proposal for Third Beach dredging.
There was some clarifying discussion about the barrier at the spillway.
We will ask Gail Miers to join us at the January Board Meeting to discuss the dredging.

Communications: No report

Events: Tabled to January. We will come up with a tentative calendar at our next meeting. Members wishing to reserve the pavilion cannot do so until our social calendar is set.

Old Business:

Contracts and Contract Addendums: Cari will work on the food vendor rider/contract and the other contracts.

Insurance Review: Ed will present a proposal to replace one of our insurance policies at the January 2018 Board meeting.

New Business:

We received a request from a member to store a boat at the ballfield off season. The consensus of the Board was to deny the request.

There was discussion about trimming the bushes along Lake Shore Drive as they added to the safety hazard.

The Town of East Haddam recommends closing the right of way on the Lake Shore Drive curve. It was suggested we bring the issue of closing this right of way to the membership in our March email blast. We will ask how many members actually use the right of way and whether the members agree with the Town's suggestion. Depending on the response from the members the Board will make a decision and communicate it to the Town of East Haddam.

There were concerns that too much money was spent at the Halloween Party, an event that occurs outside the normal Association event season. We need more controls on this activity. Neil and Lee will contact Sue Martin and Evelyn Passan to discuss.

Ed reported that the State has passed a budget, but he has not yet spoken with East Haddam's Finance Director regarding the amount of money we received over the budgeted amount in the 2017-18 financial statements (\$6,667). He will update us in January 2018 about the Town's plan's, if any to reduce the budgeted grant money in the Town's 2017-18 budget to make up any shortfall in the State's municipal aid money to the Town of East Haddam.

As a side note, we should all be getting letters from the Town regarding revaluation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary