

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Larry Lusardi at 10:08 a.m. at Lee Griffin and Jason Griffing's house at 83 Wildwood, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Dave Edgington, Dave Glazier, Larry Lusardi, Diane Nelson, Linda Nuzzo, Gary Petersen and Bonnie Sudell. Also attending were Lee Griffin, Treasurer, Gary Zawistowski, Garden Club, Bob Sudell and Jason Griffing, Pavilion Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 12, 2013 Board Meeting were accepted as amended.

Eight Mile River Watershed Buffer Planting Initiative: Gary Zawistowski presented the results of his meeting with Patricia Young, Program Director of the Eight Mile River Watershed Wild and Scenic Partnership Rivers and a local master gardener. They propose a buffer of native plantings at Second Beach, north of the boat launch and the "hitching post" boat rack, extending 10'-14' from the water's edge, in an undulating curve covering about 110' of the lagoon area. The existing plants along the water's edge will not be removed, and they do not plan to plant on the first 2'-3' of the water's edge, except for possibly decorative grass. They will need help clearing and planting the area and are also looking for some large decorative boulders for the 2'-3' area nearest the water, as well as silt fence to hold back the soil when the area is first planted. The Board was in favor of this project. Gary will get back to us when a target date for the work is determined.

Treasurer: Lee presented the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted as presented. As requested by Ed Bader, activity related to the fire loss has been separated from the operating budget. Approximately \$8,600 in property taxes has yet to be collected, and Lee is hopeful that we can collect the balance. The waiver from Redi Rooter was received and the claim for the destroyed porta pottie was paid for \$900. Partial payment in the amount of \$3,300 was made to the architect and \$1,000 to Mr. Weaver for surveying the property adjacent to our spillways.

Old Business:

Pot Luck Supper: Larry thanked Diane and Steve Nelson for hosting our Pot Luck, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

President's Update: Gail mailed her proposed mailing update to Board members for comment.

Impact Study: Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. sent a letter to DEEP requesting a waiver of the impact study prior to this year's treatment due to the timing of the proposed study. They are awaiting a response.

Dam Inspection: The report has been received and acknowledged by Gail. She agreed to the recommendations regarding recommended maintenance and we need to advise them when we have completed the work.

Property Survey: The survey, addressing questions regarding property lines and ownership of the spillways, for the purpose of dam maintenance, has been completed. Details are forthcoming.

P.O. Box: Lee Griffin reminded Board members that all correspondence related to the POALH should be sent to our P.O. Box, not an individual's address. This practice will help with continuity as Board members change.

Storage Pod/Table and Chairs: Lee offered to store tables and chairs in his garage, eliminating the need for a storage pod. Tables and chairs will need to be ordered by June 1st to be in this year's budget. Shagbark was recommended as a vendor for picnic tables, as the one acquired for Second Beach is quite sturdy. One quote for a storage pod is \$144.95 per month for a 16'x8'x8' pod, with a \$58 delivery charge. The discussion was tabled until April.

Insurance: Bob Sudell explained that although RFQ's went out to various agencies, the market for our business is limited and we are having difficulty getting quotes, with Colchester Insurance as our broker of record. The committee has changed its approach and has now asked brokers to be interviewed, in the hopes of choosing one that we feel comfortable with. Ed Bader hopes to have a presentation for the Board in March.

Budget Committee: Ed Bader wants to have a Budget Committee meeting in mid-March to discuss the impact of revaluation on our mil rate and the budget. The Board feels that they need to have input from our Tax Collector, Brenda Armstrong, before they can make recommendations to the committee. Regarding our reserves, the Board thought that Ed Bader had researched what a reasonable reserve percentage should be and will ask him. The overall goal is to adjust the mil rate to keep our taxes level.

Committee Reports

All Committees: Anything to be included in the February mailing must be to Gail by mid week.

CT Water: Larry posted the latest water company information on our blog, including details on the current project – Longwood, Hilltop and East Lane, as well as activation/deactivation details and curb key information.

Pavilion Rebuild Committee: Bob Sudell reported that the committee met with our architect, and selected a design with a cupola, to blend in with the neighborhood. The proposed design should not impede any homeowner's view of the Lake and be as vandal resistant as possible. Officially, there will be no cooking station in the storage area. To reduce light pollution and to address current zoning restrictions, can lights have been proposed in the soffits. These lights will provide adequate lighting for the porta potties. A stone dust path has been proposed to reach the porta potties, which will be hidden by a partition wall. Two porta potties are proposed, to be located as close to the street as necessary to facilitate cleanout. Gail received correspondence from Felicia Tencza, who is not in favor of selling pavers as a fundraiser. Siding and stone costs should be received before our Town Hall Meeting. Dutch doors are proposed for the East (food prep area) and West (Recreation supplies) "rooms," with Properties to occupy the largest area in the middle of the storage area. John Allegra will dig up the existing pad, after it has been pinned. The new security system will have four cameras to provide better coverage. The Pavilion Committee will meet Saturday, March 2nd at 9

a.m. at Bob Sudell's to go over their presentation. The Board has been invited to attend and ask questions. The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th at 1 p.m. at the Polish Club. Bob Sudell will research the possibility of Association members participating in the meeting remotely by phone. Bob asked that we hope to put the project out to bid soon, and are looking for contractors. The Pavilion Rebuild Committee intends to be the construction managers of the project. There was some discussion as to establishing a staging area in the First Beach parking lot, as well as how to segregate the work area from the rest of the beach.

Properties: Although many projects are on hold pending construction of the pavilion, Dave detailed the following spring projects: marking trees that should be removed and obtaining bids to do so; removing one large tree from the dam area and leveling the soil around the spillways; new signage, including Beach Rules, from a liability and enforcement standpoint; spring cleanup of the beaches; a pole (with grasses around it) or large rock at First Beach to deter vehicles on the sand; meeting with members from the North End to access their needs and wants; and putting the lawn mowing/leaf removal contract out to bid.

Parking and Security: Dave Glazier gave Board members their new parking and guest passes for 2013. The old guest passes in the plastic sleeves are no longer valid. Each cottage will get two parking passes and two guest passes, a maximum of four passes per household. The passes will be available at the June Meeting and from Dave. They will be printed on an as needed basis and will be valid for 2013 only. Dave will check the motor vehicle laws but he envisioned the window decals attached to the driver's side windshield. He plans to have teenagers check for parking passes, place paperwork advising them that they are not in compliance on the windshield of those without passes, and give the information to Dave. Vehicles that have had paperwork placed on the windshield three times will be towed. Dave will check with the Police to find out how this information needs to be posted in order for us to legally tow vehicles. Properties will then obtain the proper signs, in addition to signs detailing when the beach is closed, that nothing should be disposed of in the porta potties, no glass on the beach, etc.

Social: Diane passed out a tentative calendar, including the June Meeting (June 23), a dedication of the Pavilion (June 30), and Ice Cream Social (June 21), two bands – one Fourth of July weekend and one during Lake Hayward Days, Chocolate Bingo, a Tag Sale, and other possible social events. Dave Edgington gave Diane the form he gave to members who rented the pavilion, detailing their responsibilities, as well as a spreadsheet showing who donated their deposit back to the Memorial Fund. Don Smith will be in charge of Pavilion reservations this year. Diane again asked that Beach Reps take the time to visit the beaches on a regular basis to talk with the members there to find out what they like about the Lake, what they'd like to see us do, etc.

Recreation: Linda is in the process of contacting volunteers for Arts and Crafts and Kiddie Bingo, as well as the paid swim instructors. She is looking into yoga on the beach on Saturday mornings, organized horseshoes and organized walking around the Lake.

Board Calendar: Dates for future meetings will be the third Saturday of each month, starting at 10 a.m. Summer meetings will begin at 9 a.m.

New Business: Lee reported that an updated mail/email address list will be available for Board members soon. Dave E. said that he would be advertising for beach rakers

soon. It was decided not to include the August Meeting minutes in the February packet. The minutes will be available at the June meeting, and association members will be encouraged to read them on the website. Those not having internet access will be directed to their local library. Upon request, a hard copy of the minutes will be sent to members. The Board will consider revising the Bylaws to include electronic dispersal of information.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 16th at 10 a.m., location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary