

POALH Board of Governors  
Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Cari Eckert at the home of Jason Griffing, 83 Wildwood, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Jason Griffing, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell and Bill Taylor. Ed Bader, Tax Collector, Bob Sudell, Properties Committee and Lee Griffin, Treasurer, also attended.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 10, 2018 Board Minutes were approved as presented.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the home of Janet DePratti, 66 Ridgewood, East Haddam.

President's Comments: Cari is waiting for the events calendar to complete the spring packet. She hopes to get it out by April 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Cari will send Board members an email with proposed dates for the appreciation dinner.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee said that we received \$1,206.43 in tax receipts since his last report and spent \$9,126.22. His report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed said that only four (4) accounts are now delinquent; and these properties may go to tax auction.

Ed reported that the net increase in value of Association properties on the East Haddam Grand List was five percent (5%) and he recommended a mil rate of 4.6. A motion was made seconded and passed to set the mil rate at 4.6.

Committees:

Properties: Gary said that recent storm damage included a branch from a tree on Second Beach that fell on a neighbor's roof; a tree removal company new to the Association removed the tree. A tree branch bent a lamp on the tennis court; the damage was repaired today. Gary is gradually cutting up the branches on the beaches and Neil repaired the fence at the north end of the lake and cut up the fallen tree. Gary is getting a price for fencing for the basketball court.

Bob Weaver, our surveyor, has retired. Gary is getting a new surveyor to continue the project of surveying the rights of way.

Gary is installing a gate at the ballfield. There is extensive damage to the field from vehicles driving on it, leaving deep ruts.

We need a new sign at the north end of the lake. Gary has a price to duplicate the sign in a composite material for \$2,675. Neil proposed an alternative of Tyvek attached to marine grade plywood, covered in plexiglass, and protected with a roof. Neil will have samples for the next board meeting.

Gary will be getting new sand for all of the beaches.

The ground and existing mulch in and around the playscape will be dug up this spring, with new mulch spread in this area.

There is an aluminum dock stuck at the spillway.

The mandatory pre-bid meeting for the lawn maintenance contract is March 24 at 10 a.m. at the pavilion.

Bob Sudell presented his research on the three vendors proposing docks. He was asked to submit to the Board the quotes, pros and cons of each vendor and proposed locations. Bob's current proposal was to install all docks in one budget year. The original plan in the capital budget was for two docks per year. Gary suggested that we add docks to one beach per year. It was generally agreed that we need to set some protocol for how to attach watercraft to the new docks. A decision will be made at the April Board Meeting.

Gary is not planning to install the goose deterrent orange fencing this spring.

Public Safety: Bonnie reported nothing new

LQIC: Cari said that Corinne had reported nothing new

Dredging Project: Bill said that the permit had been approved. Ed and Bill will go over the proposed contract and make changes as requested by our lawyer.

Events: Lee said that he is addressing some conflicts in the schedule. He said that we should all direct anyone with questions to our website for information.

Technology: Cari reported that Jan was not sure yet what was involved in the Dynamic Alliance contract from an administrative perspective.

Budgeting: The Board reviewed the spreadsheet presented by Ed (POALH Budget Committee Recommended Budget for 2018-19 with Comparisons to 2016-17 and 2017-18 3-23-18 Revised).

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion of blighted properties was tabled.

Bylaw Revisions: A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept revisions to our proposed bylaw changes as requested by our attorney. These changes will be in the spring packet.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell  
Recording Secretary