

Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward
Spring Packet 2018



Sunset on the lake 2017

"A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature." ~Henry David Thoreau, Walden

Welcome to the 2018 season. This packet of information is for you to reference and keep on hand for you and others who use your home. Additionally, there is a copy on the Lake Hayward website Lakehaywardct.com.

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President's Message

We survived another winter and now I am ready for the Lake. I know several of you stay year-round and had a rough winter, so the spring weather must be a relief. The Board has been busy planning for this summer. A few proposed changes were made to the Bylaws to match CT State regulations pertaining to the amount of time notifications go out before Association meetings. We used this opportunity to make other minor changes. One of these was to increase the flat tax on 'land only' properties not included with house lots from \$50.00 to \$100.00. These property owners have all the same benefits the other members have, paying a much lower amount. They have been paying this low amount for years. The proposed Bylaws are near the end of this packet and will be voted on at the August membership meeting.

The Properties committee has a few new projects planned and they are outlined in the following sections about plans for 2018. In the autumn we should see the beginning of the 3rd Beach dredging project voted on at the last August Annual Meeting.

A few frustrating issues addressed this winter that are still begging for solutions include the increase of population of geese on the lake. There are numerous ways to discourage them, but there is no perfect solution. At this point the best we can do is block their access to the beaches and grass areas during the month or so they are not able to fly because they are molting. This is usually in July and it makes it difficult for us to access the water at the beaches. I did read one strategy that involved people taking their dogs in their boats out to the middle of the lake, so the dogs will bark at them. This is supposed to make them feel unsafe, especially when they can't fly. Who knows, it might work. Just remember, no dogs are allowed on the beach. Geese are a source of eColi, especially in August when they can fly over the barriers at the beach. We are testing the water for this every week.

Another issue we are working on is the unsafe condition of the road on the northern end of the lake when drivers speed around the curves. I have met with the First Selectman and presented the issue to the Town Engineer. At a minimum we have requested signage to warn drivers there are pedestrians and to reduce their speed. Things are moving at a snail's pace and the tight Town budget seems to be one of the impediments to action. We will keep reminding them of our issue.

Changes have been made in our process of issuing parking permits. These are outlined in this packet under the Public Safety section.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the lake....

Cari Eckert, President Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward

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What's Planned for 2018

Properties

As the winter comes to an end the properties committee is looking forward to doing a number of projects during the spring and summer.

Neil Murphy will be assisting me on the properties committee, and Bill Taylor will coordinate projects at third beach. Thank you to all the other volunteers who help each year.

1st Beach plans

Last fall some rotten trees were taken down at 1st beach. The stump will be removed in the area near the entrance gate and a new tree will be planted.

2nd Beach plans

At 2nd beach asphalt millings will be put down to improve the parking lot.

The new porta potty at 2nd beach will be fenced in like the 3rd beach porta potty.

With more boats being used by Association members we will be purchasing 2- 20ft docks to install at the 2nd beach lagoon. This is part of a larger project to increase dock space.

New mulch will be installed at the playscape. This will be a specially designed mulch made for playgrounds.

3rd Beach plans

The 3rd beach parking lot will be enlarged. Eversource has designated the large tree in the middle of the parking lot to be taken down. After that is accomplished we will enlarge and improve the parking lot.

A new walkway will be made between the ramp and the parking lot. This will include removing the old porta potty fence. A new crosswalk will be painted on the street between the walkway and the parking lot

3rd Beach Dredging project:

POALH requested proposals from waterfront remediation firms licensed and insured in the state of Connecticut for the removal of accumulated sediment and debris from the Third Beach Swim and Boating area. The total area to be dredged is approximately 20,000 square feet in strategic areas impacted by accumulated muck. Meetings have been taking place with East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission and contract negotiations are being finalized in preparation for work to start in the Autumn.

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Additional Projects

Additional work will include installing black chain link fence around the basketball court.

Preparing areas for new porta pottys purchased by the Association in 2017. Each beach will now have a handicapped accessible porta potty with an additional regular porta potty at 1st beach.

A new gate will be installed at the ballfield to prevent damage created by vehicles driving on the grass and creating large ruts.

Rights-of-way need to be cleared to be made passible. This year we will start clearing the rights-of-way at the north end of the lake. They will be surveyed to determine their location and width, and then they will be cleared.

We have had some new street signs made to replace the old signs which we will be installing this year.

On **Saturday May 19th there will be a work party** to install the rafts and swim lines. We will meet at 9am at the pavilion. I hope to see you all at the work party.

Gary Petersen, Properties Committee Chairman

Events

We have a new recreation and events chairperson, Sue Martin, who along with her helpers have many of the old standby activities planned along with a few new ones. The yearly success and sell out of the Ladies Italian Dinner during the Lake Hayward Days week inspired another Women's Wine and Cocktail hour earlier in the summer to give us a better chance to get to know each other. Look for this in June. Also, we have Kathy Connolly back to discuss landscaping. If you wish to sponsor an event, please let Sue know by contacting her at Events@lakehaywardct.com. She will let you know what the calendar looks like and what activities need sponsorship. Cari plans to sponsor the lake wide tag sale (towards the end of July).

POALH Merchandise

New this season available to purchase will be hoodie sweatshirts with a new Logo! Come and see us at the June 24th Association meeting at 1st Beach. We also have new logo T's and hats as well as vintage mugs, cooler bags, signs, stickers, license plate covers and plastic wine glasses.

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Lake Water Quality Improvement

Every year LQIC is busy with ongoing water quality and invasive plant species monitoring, and lake treatment for invasive plants. Our watershed management plan is an ongoing work in process along with our concerns regarding storm water management issues.

Educating members about the lake and its surroundings is part of our mandate. We will continue to do this by placing articles in the POALH weekly newsletter and in a special newsletter distributed twice a year to the east shore residents. We will again be **hosting landscape designer, Kathy Connolly**, for a talk on what we all can be doing on our own properties to contribute to the health of our lake. This will take place on **June 30, 2018, 10:00am**, at the Pavilion. If you wish to learn more about her go to her website **SpeakingofLandscapes.com**. It is our responsibility to keep our lake healthy for generations to come whether it involves the way you landscape, remodel, and in our daily use of the lake.

The yearly weed treatment is scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2018. Please do not swim, boat or fish on that day. No drinking, cooking, or watering of livestock until the 28th and no irrigation until the 30th. Last year's End of Year report on the Lake's weed treatment can be found on our website Lakehaywardct.com.

Remember to empty your septic systems every 2-3 years or so depending if the house is seasonal or used year-round. Poorly maintained septic systems contribute to high bacteria in the lake.

Water Testing

Regular screenings for bacteria and phosphorus occur throughout our swimming season in an attempt to insure a safe experience for the Association members and guests and to give us information about the condition of our lake. We have testing for total phosphorus and chlorophyll a as well as testing for eColi.

Swimming Water Testing Overview

POALH's water collection and testing at Lake Hayward conforms to CT Department of Public Health protocol. The purpose is to ensure swimming water is safe. Testing is primarily for e.Coli and testing for cyanobacteria if there are obvious algae blooms.

The testing done weekly with the help of the Chatham Health District typically begins the week prior to Memorial Day and ends the week after Labor Day. On Tuesday mornings, a POALH member collects 3 water samples at each of the 3 beaches (First Beach, Second Beach, and Third Beach). The water samples are transported on ice to the Colchester Town Hall by 11 am. A Chatham Health District employee transports the Lake Hayward water samples to the CT State Water Testing Lab in Middletown, CT, that day.

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The next day, Wednesday, both the Chatham Health District, Director of Health, and POALH will be contacted by phone if any of the water sample testing results are above the e.Coli limit of 235 cfu/ml (colony forming units per milliliter). If any water sample is above this acceptable level, an immediate retest is taken for each unacceptable water sample. Again, if testing results show an unacceptable level, the Chatham Health District Director of Health, and POALH will be contacted by phone the next day, Thursday. The beach at which the sample was taken will be closed by the state of CT and not reopened until another acceptable reading is taken the following week. POALH will post signs along the beach and the state of CT will post a notice on the beach kiosk. Occasionally if the samples are very high, POALH will put up no swimming signs before the second test but will take them down if the retest sample is acceptable. An unacceptable reading in one location does not mean the whole lake has a high e.Coli level, just the testing area.

The water collection and testing for cyanobacteria (blue/green algae) is coordinated between POALH and the Chatham Health District upon recommendation and communication of both groups. So far, this has not been a problem at Lake Hayward.

You may view the CT Department of Public Health document outlining swimming water collection and monitoring at:

[State of Connecticut Guidelines for Monitoring Swimming Water and Closure Protocol](#)

Secretary/Clerk

Per our Charter, members of the POALH should be registered with the Secretary-Clerk to be able to vote at meetings and referendums. We encourage you to register so that your voice may be heard.

If you have not yet registered, please complete the enclosed **Voting Registration** form and return to me by email to secretary@lakehaywardct.com or mail to [POALH, Box 230, Colchester, CT 06415.](#)

Bonnie Sudell, Secretary/Clerk

Parking Policy Changes

Effective March 1, 2018

The Association utilizes parking tags that hang from the rear-view mirror of each vehicle. The 2015 Spring Packet contained four (4) hang tag Parking Permits for your family and guests. These permits are registered to your property and may be moved from vehicle to vehicle. These permits replace all previous permits, including separate guest passes, and are the only permits that will be accepted when you park on Association property. These permits will expire in June of 2019 and each property in the Association will receive a new set of parking tags in their 2019 Spring Packet.

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The parking tags are required to be used to park a vehicle at any of the Association's beach parking lots. Failure to display a parking tag in a prominent place on the vehicle will result in the vehicle being tagged or prohibited from parking at the beach parking lots. The POALH Board is actively seeking a vendor who will boot or tow vehicles not displaying the current permit. Our local and State Police reserve the right to arrest those on Association property for trespassing, if the current permit is not displayed.

It is your responsibility to inform guests and/or renters of the need to display these permits when on Association property.

Each owner of a residential and seasonal house or cottage and "Lot Only" owners should have received 4 parking tags. If an owner owns more than one dwelling unit, the owner is entitled to 4 parking tags per dwelling. Owners with extra lots are not entitled to extra parking tags. The parking tags are attached to the property. If a property is sold the parking tags are to be transferred to the new owner.

- If new owners of a property do not receive 4 parking tags from the seller of the property, the Association will replace the parking tags at no charge.
- For all other requests for additional parking tags that have been lost, stolen or misplaced, there will be a \$5.00 charge for each tag issued. The property owner must send a request to the Public Safety Chair, with a check made payable to the Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward (POALH) for the number of parking tags needed (not to exceed 4) (at \$5.00 per tag) with an explanation of the reason for the additional tags. Mail your check to Public Safety Chair, Public Safety Committee, POALH, Post Office Box 230, Colchester, CT. 06415 or you can drop your request and check in the POALH mail box at 83 Wildwood Road.

Please don't forget to include your check. All replacement tags must be paid for in advance. Any questions on this new policy should be directed to Secretary@lakehaywardct.com.

PLEASE LEAVE THE PARKING PERMITS AT YOUR LAKE HAYWARD PROPERTY.

Watercraft:

Watercraft on Association property should display both your lake address and a green boat registration sticker. Properly labeled boats may be placed on the boat racks between April 1st and October 31st. Racks are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please place lighter watercraft (i.e. kayaks, aluminum canoes) on the upper racks as a courtesy to those with heavier boats. Ground level racks are intended for row boats, paddle boats and jon boats; kayaks and canoes should be placed on the multi-level racks. Please do not leave watercraft on the grass as it kills the grass and makes lawn maintenance difficult.

The POALH reserves the right to remove watercraft not in compliance.

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Make note of the make, model and serial number of your watercraft and keep the information in a safe place. You will need this information to identify your watercraft in case of theft.

Please lock your watercraft. The POALH is not responsible for theft or damage to watercraft on Association property

Registration stickers will be available at Association meetings and by contacting Lee Griffin, Treasurer at treasurer@lakehaywardct.com .

Garbage Collection

All-Waste Control will collect trash and recyclables twice a week (Monday and Friday) during the summer, starting on Monday, June 18, 2018. The last twice a week pickup will be Tuesday, September 3, 2018, after which pickup will be on Fridays only. The Town of East Haddam has implemented "single stream recycling" so it is no longer necessary to separate the various recyclables into separate containers and/or put them out on separate days. All recyclables can be combined and placed into a single container and put out with your regular trash. We must recycle.

1. Glass and metal food and beverage containers (rinsed); lids go in trash (no broken glass, mugs, windowpanes, ceramics, light bulbs, mirrors, dishes or tempered glass)
2. Plastic containers #1 through #7 (rinsed); lids go in trash
3. Newspaper, magazines, cereal/pasta boxes, milk and juice cartons, junk mail (no phone books, wax or plastic-coated cardboard, soiled newspaper or magazines, books, plastic (Tyvek) envelopes)
4. Cardboard (broken down) (no wax coated boxes, soiled boxes, pizza boxes)

Garbage bags should not be left uncovered for more than one day to prevent animals getting into them. Please contact All-Waste Control at 860-873-9003 with any questions.

Financials

Each month, the Treasurer prepares a summary of the actual monthly revenues and expenses, the checking account balance, money market and unallocated reserves that makes up the total available funds which also includes the East Shore resident's donations and funds budgeted and received from the Town of East Haddam for our Lake Associations. These reports are posted on the POALH website www.lakehaywardct.com after board review and approval.

Throughout the year, the Treasurer also provides the Board with detailed comparison of all the revenue and expenses accounts incurred with the related budgeted amounts. The Board ask each Committee chair and others responsible for specific revenue and

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expense line items to report on the activity and the utilization of the budgeted amounts. In addition, following established policies, all expenditures over \$5,000 are required to be competitively bid unless the Board waives the bidding process. For example, the lake treatment program is a recurring vendor which the Board has waived rebidding each year. Our LQIC committee helps the board monitor this vendor as well as the treasurer verifying expenditures based on contracted amount.

Lee Griffin, Treasurer

Tax Collector's Update

Tax Collections:

To date more than 99% of our members have paid their property taxes and we appreciate their commitment to funding the Association's 2017-18 Budget.

JULY 1, 2018 PROPERTY TAXES

Each municipality is required to revalue the property in its tax base every five years and the revaluation as of October 1, 2017 entailed a physical revaluation of most properties in the Town of East Haddam and our Association tax district. The revaluation increased the taxable assessed value of Association property by approximately 3.5%. The October 1, 2017 revaluation was conducted by an independent valuation company and each property owner received notice of the amount of the new assessed value. The Association must use the Town's valuation process except as noted below with respect to "Lot Only" ownership.

The Board of Governors reviewed the impact of the revaluation (conducted by the Town of East Haddam and which the District must follow) and decided to affirm the recommendation made at the August 2017 Annual Meeting to maintain the July 1, 2018 mil rate at 4.6 mils. Your July 1, 2018 property tax bill will reflect the new October 1, 2017 valuation and be taxed at the rate of 4.6 mils except for "Lot Only" property owners who are taxed at a flat rate as explained below.

"LOT ONLY" OWNERS

The Association taxes its property owners based on one of two methods:

- For those property owners who own a year-round or seasonal residence and other vacant lots the tax base is the assessed value of the owned properties at the October 1 Grand List value times the Board approved mil rate.
- For those property owners who only own a lot or lots without a year-round or seasonal residence on the lot at the Grand List date, these "lot only" owners are taxed at a flat rate.

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The "Lot Only" owners receive the same benefits of membership in the Association as other property owners but pay only a small portion of the cost of operating the Association through their flat rate tax. The flat rate of taxation has not changed in over 15 years. Based on a study of the costs of operating the Association, the Board of Governors voted to increase the flat rate tax on "Lot Only" owners to \$100 per year from \$50 per year effective with the October 1, 2017 Grand List (July 1, 2018 tax bill). The Board decided to annually review this decision as a part of setting the mil rate and the flat rate tax applied to "Lot Only" owners.

MAILING ADDRESS

Each year we urge property owners to notify us of any change of address so we can make sure our address files are up to date. We use the property tax files of the Town of East Haddam to send your property tax bills and every year we get mail returned to us because the U.S. Post Office cannot deliver your tax bill to you. If you change your address you need to notify the Town of East Haddam's Assessor's Office-860-873-5026 of that change of address and notify us of your change of address. A Form to notify the Association is included in this Spring Packet of Information. The Town of East Haddam Assessor's Office cannot accept address changes from us. You must notify the Assessor's Office directly of your address change.

NEW MEMBERS

For new members, please refer to the Association's web site www.lakehaywardct.com for more information on our property tax procedures. There is a "Q and A" list of questions and answers to many questions new property owners have about their responsibility to pay property taxes. If you need more information or have other questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. Remember it is your responsibility to receive your property tax bill and pay it on time. My e-mail address is taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com and my phone number is 860-295-8769.

Ed Bader, POALH Tax Collector

Public Safety

This year as in the past we recommend you clearly identify your residence with number markers that our police, ambulance and firefighters can see from the road. You will find a form to fill to order reflective address markers in this packet.

CPR will once again be offered this Summer. Watch for information on this in our newsletter and online at lakehaywardct.com under Events. Did you know we have a defibrillator at the pavilion?

Bonnie Sudell, Public Safety Chair

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Water De-icers, potential danger:

I am confident that I speak for most of us when stating that we all care about preserving the health and beauty of Lake Hayward. We spend countless hours discussing the best course of action when it comes to ensuring the best water quality and means of managing the Canada Geese population, removing sediment build-up, proactively monitoring water quality indicators and responding to occasional unhealthy bacteria levels.

Despite our best efforts, there is something new threatening our waters. The increasing popularity of dock de-icers has changed our winter landscape. Dock de-icers are used to prevent ice from forming around docks through the use of heating elements or agitators. The assumed intent by homeowners who use these devices is to avoid the need for removal and reinstallation of their dock on an annual basis. Unfortunately, this convenience does not come without negative consequences. The consequences can include:

- Creating an open area beyond the homeowner's dock, causing unsafe conditions for others using the lake for winter recreation as well as local wildlife
- Creating an open area also encourages geese and waterfowl to continue to take up residence at the lake, with food resources available year-round
- Creating an open area beyond the homeowner's dock, causing dock damage by allowing ice floes more room to accelerate in windy conditions.
- Lake water temperature and light conditions are altered which may impact algae and plant growth and alter feeding habits of fish and other aquatic organisms.
- Circulator de-icers can disturb bottom sediments releasing nutrients such as phosphorus, increasing algae.

A better understanding of these issues can greatly reduce these hazards and better protect our lake, all while helping you to be better neighbors.

Bill Taylor, 3rd Beach Representative

Reflective Address Markers:

Firefighters, police and emergency medical responders lose precious minutes if they can't find you and sadly, many of our homes do not prominently display house numbers. Rich Harmon, one of our very own first responders, has expressed this concern at many Association meetings. We believe that we have an easy, inexpensive solution to this problem. The East Haddam Fire Department sells reflective address markers for the nominal cost of \$15 each. Two-sided, reflective on both sides; these markers are suitable for attachment to mailboxes, trees and posts. We urge you to complete the enclosed form to obtain your marker today. A representative from the East Haddam

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Fire Department will also be at our June Meeting to take orders. If emergency responders can't find you, they can't help you!

Police and Security:

We continue to work with both the East Haddam Police Department and Troop K in Colchester to provide both random patrols and presence at our events.

To discourage theft from your vehicle when on Association property, please lock it and do not leave valuables in plain sight.

We encourage all Association members to take responsibility for reporting suspicious activity to the Police. Please do not confront anyone. Call the East Haddam Police at 860-873-1226 with as many details as possible. This number will roll over to the State Police, Troop K in Colchester, if East Haddam Police are unavailable.

To report underage alcohol and drug use, call the Anonymous Tip Line at 860-873-5013.
If you see something or hear something, SAY SOMETHING!

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Newsletters-2018 Summer Season

The weekly summer Saturday newsletters will be sent to your email and distributed in the newsletter holders at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Beach kiosks with extra copies on the Free Little Library table under the 1st Beach Pavilion. Please be sure to send us your email by filling out the Property Owner's Information update form:

<http://www.lakehaywardct.com/owners-guide/property-owners-information-update/>

New for 2018: An option for home delivery is also available in 2018 because some residents have expressed interest in having their paper delivered plus we have volunteers to manage delivery and kids who would like to deliver the paper. If you would like a paper delivered contact Jeff Conway at jwconway@cox.net. The delivery team may canvas the Association to see who has an interest in home delivery. Remember to tip the carriers if you choose to have home delivery.

Also, if you know of a child who would like to become a newspaper carrier, please have them email Jeff Conway so they can provide his/her name and the name of his/her parent and phone number.

Expect to see the first newsletter soon before the June 24th Lake Association meeting.

Jason Griffing, email alerts and announcements and

Jeff Conway (member/volunteer)

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Send your submissions to secretary@lakehaywardct.com. Deadline for submissions is Sunday 6 p.m. to be published in the following Saturday newsletter. Present your submission using the following formatting:

- Word document
- Garamond 10pt type • 1/2 page = maximum of 420 words
- 1 page = maximum of 840 words
- Graphics and photos in .jpg format only.
- Single space only between sentences (do not double space).

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- Teenage/youth services run once with beginning and end date of availability • Community interest events or local fundraisers for charity, local fire department, etc. run once with dates
- No advertising of professional businesses or services will be allowed.

The newsletter editor and Board reserves the right to modify format, graphics or text as necessary to meet publishing guidelines. Submissions may be refused by the editor if the topic is not considered appropriate by the Board. Submissions received after the deadline will be included in following newsletter, unless voided due to time sensitive content.

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Beach News

1st Beach

A new Recreation and Events volunteer has stepped up from 1st Beach. Many the Events volunteers come from this beach area. We must like a good time because we make sure to have fun events happening. Geese were a major problem on 1st Beach last year. The barriers at the beach edge did a moderate job of keeping the beach clean until they finished molting and could fly over the barrier. A few volunteers helped to keep the barriers up and raking everyday helped keep the beach moderately clean. We can always use help with landscaping and weed removal. Last year we had an infestation of Dodder weed near the drain on the south side of the beach. It is a highly invasive land weed that kills other plants nearby. This was seen at 2nd Beach as well. We may need help removing this again this summer.

2nd Beach

We always have a large group of volunteers from the 2nd Beach area and they deserve special thanks. They make up most of the group that does Spring preparation and Autumn clean up. They rake, move boats, put out and bring in rafts and swim lines and many other things. This year most of our group volunteering to manage and deliver newsletters comes from the 2nd Beach area. A few properties projects will be completed this year including new docks and improvement of children's play area. Watch the events calendar for our 2nd Beach potluck.

3rd Beach

It was a sad start to the New Year with the loss of our dear friend and local historian, Sheila Laverty. Sheila passed away on January 5th with her loving family by her side. Sheila was our "go to" person for "the way things used to be" at the lake, even before many of us called Lake Hayward home. Any question that was asked, she always replied with a story and often times, a photograph to back it. She will be forever remembered and sorely missed by her Lake Hayward Family.

Spring always brings new hope and wishes for a fun and enjoyable summer at the lake and 3rd beach is no exception. This winter was not as challenging as in years past, which was a blessing. However, we did unfortunately get our share of leaf matter that settled in our cove. Our annual spring clean-up weekend has been tremendously helpful prepping the space that we all enjoy during the summer months. Please plan on helping during this year's spring clean-up May 19th. All are encouraged to help out, for any amount of time you can offer. We will have to rake the leaves out again this year as the proposed dredging project will not take place until fall, 2018.

Third beach parking lot is due to be enlarged, graded, and new stone added. Once the lot is finished it would be good to clean out some of the weeds pushing their way into all the lovely Hosta plantings. Along with the improved parking area there is

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planning to upgrade the crosswalk at Lake Shore to be more perpendicular to the road and better in line with current standards. Also, in need of attention will be the plantings located at the south entrance to the beach. Some shrubbery was added last year when the area was cleaned up but there is room and need for many more plants. Please add a perennial plant to this area for all to enjoy.

With the installation of the concrete pad and privacy fencing last year the new porta potty will be in the new location for the start of the summer season. With the porta potty in its new location work can continue on the walkway from the beach to the crosswalk for the parking lot.

Third beach found great success in using a rope strung across the waterfront in limiting the number of waterfowl that were able to come onto 3rd beach. This was due to the residents that use 3rd beach taking ownership of a specific beach issue and working together to improve the quality of their surroundings. This is what working together can accomplish. The orange fencing at the beginning of the season along with the rope line will again be in used this summer to keep 3rd beach clean and goose free.

The number of boats, kayaks, and other watercraft are increasing at all the beaches as well as 3rd beach. Along with respecting other people's property on the beach and boat racks we should respect others that may be swimming in the designated swim areas. This includes storing your watercraft in the designated areas, launching in designated areas, and not boating in swim areas even if there are no swimmers visible.

POALH beach regulations are posted on signs by the kiosk. Along with the rules, courtesy goes a long way to add to everyone's enjoyment. We must share this beautiful part of our world and random acts of kindness go a long way to that end. Have a wonderful summer season a Lake Hayward and don't forget social events at all beaches are open to all members.

Bill Taylor, 3rd Beach Representative

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P.O.A.L.H.
Voting Registration

Please email this form to secretary@lakehaywardct.com or mail to
POALH, Box 230, Colchester, CT 06415

I hereby certify that (check one):

_____ I am an elector of the Town of East Haddam and reside within said limits of the
Association

or

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Secretary-Clerk

Date Approved

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YEAR ROUND SEASONAL (circle one)

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By-law Changes

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BY-LAWS
of
THE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF LAKE HAYWARD
(POALH)

Revised August 20, 2017 by Vote of the Association

PREFACE

If there exists any contradiction between what is written in the by-laws with what is written in the charter of the POALH, the charter shall take precedence.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward. Reference Section 1 of the charter.

ARTICLE II
LIMITS AND TERRITORY

The limits and territory of said Association shall be that part of the development known as Lake Hayward Club, located in the town of East Haddam, Connecticut, as bounded and described and divided into three districts, in Section 2 of Special Act No. 87 enacted by the 1957 Connecticut General Assembly and approved April 23, 1957. Reference Section 2 of the Charter.

ARTICLE III
OBJECTS

Deleted April 1993. Reference Section 3 of the Charter.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERS

Deleted April 1993. Reference Section 4 of the Charter.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. The members of said Association shall elect from said members, a Board of Governors consisting of nine volunteer members whose duties shall be to follow and enforce the charter, by-laws, and rules and regulations of said Association. Members of the Board of Governors shall receive no compensation for duties performed as a Governor.~~performed duties.~~ Reference Section 4 of the Charter.

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The nine members shall be as follows:

- a. Six (6) members for a term of two (2) years each, two from each district; three terms to expire in even years and three terms to expire in odd years.
- b. Three (3) members at large for a term of three (3) years each, one (1) term expiring each year.

Section 2. At each Annual Meeting, the members of said Association shall elect, from said members, a successor for the term of three years to the member at large whose term then expires, and successors, one from each district, for the terms of two years each to the other members of said Board of Governors whose terms then expire. If a district does not have a member to elect to represent that district, then a member at large shall be elected to fill that vacancy and when the term normally expires the district shall again elect a member from said district. Reference Section 4 of the Charter.

Section 3. The members of the Board of Governors shall hold office until their successors are elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association and have been qualified unless sooner disqualified by ceasing to be owners of land within the limits of the Association or qualified electors as described in Section 1 of the Charter, or upon their removal for cause by a vote of two-thirds of the ~~total~~ members present and registered with the Secretary-Clerk of said Association, taken at a meeting duly warned and held for that purpose. Reference Section 1 and Section 4 of the Charter.

Section 4. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of said Board of Governors between Annual Meetings of the Association shall be filled with another member by a majority of the remaining members of the Board of Governors until the next Annual Meeting, at which time the members of the Association shall elect, as prescribed in Article 5, Section 2, a member of the Board for the unexpired portion of the term. Reference Section 6 of the Charter.

Section 5. The Board of Governors shall elect from its members a President, Vice - President and Secretary—Clerk. Reference Section 4 of the Charter.

Section 6. Deleted April 1993. Reference Section 6 of the Charter.

Section 7. The President of said Association shall be the chief executive, shall preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Governors and generally perform such duties as are customarily performed by presiding officers.

The Vice-President, in case of the absence or disability of the President, shall assume the duties of the President.

The Secretary-Clerk shall sign all warning notices, orders and by-laws and shall keep a record of all actions of the Association and of the Board of Governors.

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Section 8. The Board of Governors may appoint an attorney at law as counsel for said Association and authorize payment to ~~him/her~~ for services rendered. The Board of Governors may appoint or employ an Assistant Secretary-Clerk to assist the Secretary-Clerk in the performance of the Secretary-Clerk's duties and a Treasurer to fulfill the Treasurer's duties as described, within the Charter and authorize payment to them for services rendered. If due to absence or illness, the Secretary-Clerk or Treasurer is unable to perform their duties, the Board of Governors may appoint or employ a substitute. Reference Section 7 of the Charter.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and paid out and shall render a report at each Annual Meeting and at other times, at the request of a majority of the Board of Governors. Said Treasurer shall be bonded for not less than three hundred thousand dollars ~~seventy-five thousand dollars~~. Bonding fees shall be paid by the Association. Reference Section 7 of the Charter.

Section 9. At any meeting of the Board of Governors a majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 10. The President of the Board of Governors, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, may appoint a member of the Association, who is a user of the water company's services, to act as a liaison to the current water company.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS AND ~~REFERENDUMS~~ REFERENDA

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Sunday in August at such time and place within said limits as a majority of the Board of Governors shall decide and warn. Reference Section 4 of the Charter.

Section 2. A meeting shall be held on the fourth Sunday in June at such time and place within said limits as a majority of the Board of Governors shall decide and warn for the purpose of discussing the current status of said Association.

Section 3. Special Meetings shall be called by the Board of Governors as needed or whenever a petition, signed by not fewer than twenty registered members, is submitted to the Secretary-Clerk. Such petition shall give a reason for requesting such Special Meeting.

~~Absentee ballots will be available to eligible members as defined within the by-laws in the event of a Special Meeting as noted above upon written or email request to the Secretary-Clerk at least 3 days prior to the scheduled Special Meeting and received by the Secretary-Clerk no later than the day prior to the Special Meeting.~~

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~~Absentee ballots must contain the name of the eligible member and their signature on the ballot shall be notarized. Absentee ballots that are received after the Special Meeting will be acknowledged but will not count in the final tally. Absentee ballots shall not count toward a quorum required to conduct business.~~

Section 4. No meetings of said Association shall be held between the dates of November ~~October~~ first and April first, both dates inclusive.

Section 5. The Board of Governors shall meet as frequently as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Association. The Board shall publish a schedule of its meetings after the August Annual Meeting ~~prior to the June Association meeting~~. Notice of Board meetings will also be provided at least ten (10) ~~seven (7)~~ days in advance on the website and in the weekly newsletter during the summer. Committees shall meet at any time deemed necessary. The Board shall maintain an electronic email and document storage solution to support the safekeeping and accessibility of public records such as communications, documents, and accounting of all business and important matters of the Board and Association.

Section 6. All Special or additional meetings of said Association shall be warned by the Secretary-Clerk at least ten (10) ~~seven days~~ prior to the date of the meeting by posting notices at designated areas in each district and by notice of said meeting to each member, at least ten (10) ~~seven (7)~~ days in advance. It is the responsibility of each member of said Association to notify the Secretary- Clerk of any changes in contact information. The Association contact information is:

POALH
P0 Box 230
Colchester, CT 06415—0230

~~lakehaywardct@gmail.com~~

The Annual Meeting shall be warned by the Secretary-Clerk at least ten (10) ~~seven (7)~~ days prior to the date of the meeting by posting notices at each district, in the weekly newsletter, and in the calendar of events provided each spring.

Section 7. Forty members of said Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Reference Section 13 of the Charter.

Section 8. In the event of failure of a quorum being present ten minutes following the time stated for a meeting, the President may cancel such meeting and any business to have been acted upon at such canceled meeting shall not be heard until the next regular June or Annual Meeting or until a Special Meeting, duly warned for that purpose, is called.

REFERENDUMS REFERENDA (vote by membership on specific questions)

Section 9. The Board of Governors shall cause a copy of notice of any referendum to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each registered voter of the POALH at least thirty (30) days prior to the holding of the referendum at such voter's address as shown in the last compiled grand list of the POALH and voter registration records or at any later address of which the Board of Governors shall have received written notice prior to the date of mailing of the notice of referendum.

~~Absentee ballots will be available to eligible members as defined within by laws in the event of a referendum as noted above upon written or email request to the Secretary-Clerk at least 3 days prior to the scheduled referendum and received by the Secretary-Clerk no later than the day prior to the referendum.~~

~~Absentee ballots must contain the name of the eligible member and their signature on the ballot shall be notarized. Absentee ballots that are received after the referendum will be acknowledged but will not count in the final tally. Absentee ballots shall not count toward a quorum required to conduct business.~~

ARTICLE VII
TAXES

Section 1. The Board of Governors shall prepare and submit to said Association, at each Annual Meeting, a budget for the following year to be voted on by the membership. Upon acceptance of the budget by the membership at the Annual Meeting in August and the subsequent finalization of the Association's October 1 Grand List by the Town of East Haddam's Assessor in January, the Board of Governors shall establish the mil rate (not to exceed 15 mils) to fund the total Annual Budget requirements. ~~and the assessed value of real estate within the Association boundaries as determined by the Town of East Haddam, the Board shall determine the mil rate not to exceed fifteen mils on the dollar and tax amounts necessary to meet the budget requirements.~~ The budget will be posted on the kiosks ~~sign posts~~ of said Association not less than ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting. The budget ~~it~~ shall also be posted on the website and in the newsletter ten (10) days ~~one week~~ prior to the Annual Meeting.

The minimum Association tax for property owners who only own vacant lot(s) is \$100.00, which tax may be increased each year by the action of the Board of Governors ~~\$50.00~~. The tax on a vacant lot designated as open space or having an assessed valuation that results in a tax of less than \$3.00 is waived. Reference Section 10 of the Charter.

Section 2. Said Association shall have the power to change such budget and rate of taxation recommended to said Board of Governors provided the rate does not exceed that set forth in the Charter. Reference Section 10 of the Charter.

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Section 3. The rate of taxation so recommended by said Board of Governors shall be final unless changed by the Association at the Annual Meeting. Reference Section 10 of the Charter.

Section 4. Said Board of Governors shall appoint or employ a Tax Collector to manage the collection of such taxes. Warrants may be issued for the collection of money due pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-130 of the General Statutes. The Tax Collector shall have powers similar to those of collectors of town taxes in the State of Connecticut, although the monies shall actually be collected by the Treasurer of the Association who shall deposit the same in a depository satisfactory to the Board of Governors. Reference Section 10 of the Charter.

Section 5. Deleted April 1993.

Section 6. The Board of Governors shall have the power to abate any tax if any taxable property shall be destroyed by fire or the elements prior to the date when such tax shall become due. Reference Section 12 of the Charter.

ARTICLE III
PROPERTY

Section 1. Said Association may buy, sell, lease, mortgage, hold or own such land or personal estate as its purpose may require.

Section 2. Whenever it is the opinion of the Board of Governors that any property containing a building has become neglected and run down, it shall be their duty to decide upon the desirability of purchasing said property at a fair price. This decision shall be brought before the Association as new business for approval. Upon acquisition of such property by the Board of Governors in the name of the Association, the Board of Governors or a committee appointed by the Board of Governors shall cause to be made sufficient repairs as will enhance the sale ability of such property. The necessary funds to restore the property and the market price for the eventual sale shall be determined by the Board of Governors. Prior to determining the market price or such property, including the purchase price by the Association and the sale price of the Association, the Board of Governors shall have the property appraised by three independent appraisers and shall consider their recommendations. Said appraisers shall not be members of the Association.

ARTICLE IX
BY-LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1. By-laws may only be enacted, amended or repealed as stated in the Charter. Ordinances and regulations may be enacted, amended or repealed by the Board of Governors when a vote is taken by such Board and at least two-thirds of said Board approves the proposed ordinance or regulation. Reference Section 8 of the Charter.

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Section 2. No ordinance or regulation revision will take effect until thirty days after said revision has been provided to all members of the Association by the Board of Governors. Reference Section 8 of the Charter.

Section 3. Any ordinance or regulation enacted by said Board of Governors may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the registered members of said Association present at an Annual Meeting, or a Special Meeting called for this purpose. At least twenty registered Association members must request the repeal of a regulation or ordinance for its debate and subsequent vote to take place at a meeting, Annual or Special.

Section 4. A certification of the Secretary-Clerk of said Association of the mailing of any ordinance or regulation as provided for in Section 2, shall be prima facie evidence of such mailing. Reference Section 8 of the Charter.

ARTICLE X
COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors shall each year appoint such committees as are deemed necessary.

Section 2. Deleted 2015.

Section 3. Each committee shall have the general supervision of all matters pertaining to their particular committee under such rules and regulations as have been approved by the Board of Governors.

Section 4. Deleted 2015.

Section 5. The Board of Governors shall have the right to remove any member of any committee at their discretion and shall advise that member of its reasons in writing.

Section 6. Deleted 2015.

ARTICLE XI
Powers and Duties of Committees

Public Safety - This committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, shall:

1. Serve as liaison between the Association and all law enforcement agencies.
2. Sponsor public safety workshops and informational sessions as needed.
3. Regulate the parking of vehicles with parking permits and passes.

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Lake Hayward Days - This committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, shall:

1. Plan activities for the annual lake celebration that runs during the third week of August (from Saturday before the Annual Meeting to the following Saturday).

Recreation/Social - This committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, shall:

1. Plan and supervise recreational programs for the general welfare.
2. Plan and regulate entertainment, concerts, and celebrations.

~~Events - This committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, shall:~~

- ~~1. Plan and regulate entertainment, concerts, and celebrations.~~

Properties - This committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, shall:

1. Clean, maintain, and improve Association properties, right-of-ways, beaches and docks.
2. Repair and maintain Association roads that are not state or town roads.
3. Promote the planting of trees and shrubbery and other work leading to the improvement of the general appearance of the property within the limits of said Association.
4. Work with the Town of East Haddam to maintain roads in condition to minimize the impact of roads on the lake as soon as possible in the spring.
5. Address all roads and Association property complaints.

Lake Quality Improvement Committee - This committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, shall:

1. Educate the members of said Association as to the environmental impact of various human practices and activities in order to minimize the impact of such practices and activities on the lake.
2. Establish and maintain a lake water quality monitoring program involving a systematic sampling of lake water in order to compile sufficient information for the evaluation of bacteria, nutrient and sediment levels and other factors affecting water quality.
3. Undertake actions in order to lessen the erosion of the beaches.

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ARTICLE XII
Financial Review

Section 1. The President shall each year appoint a public accountant or certified public accountant who is not a member of the POALH who shall review the tax collector's and treasurer's accounts of revenue and expenditures each year for the preceding calendar year.

Section 2. The report of such public accountant or certified public accountant shall be posted on the POALH website one week prior to the Annual Meeting and read at the Annual Meeting by the Secretary-Clerk of said Association.

ARTICLE XIII
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. The President shall each year appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members, one from each district where possible, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the successors to the members of the Board of Governors whose terms then expire.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall furnish the list of candidates for the Board of Governors to the Secretary-Clerk fifteen days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting who shall then post such candidates' names in each district at least ten days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Other nominations for the Board of Governors shall be permitted from the floor.

ARTICLE XIV
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Section 1. The President shall each year appoint a Budget Committee of four (4) members, one from each district (if possible) along with the Treasurer.

Section 2. This committee shall review the past year's budget, the current year's budget and actual spending. The committee will present its suggestion to the Board for a budget for the following year, no later than August 1 in time to be reviewed and posted at each district and on the website, 10 days before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XV
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. At all meetings, except Special Meetings, of the Association, the following order of business shall be observed:

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1. Roll call of the Board of Governors.
2. Reading and acceptance of minutes of preceding meeting.
3. Receipt of communications.
4. Accounts payable.
5. Reports of the Board of Governors.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Announcements.
11. Adjournment.

Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the Association's final authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by the by-laws or established precedent.

ARTICLE XVI
TOWN LIAISON

Section 1. The Board of Governors may appoint a member of the Board of Governors to act as liaison with the officials of the Town of East Haddam to further the interests of the Association and to maintain communication on issues affecting both parties.

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Aug. 2017

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Annual Meeting
August 20, 2017
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The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. at the pavilion by President Cari Eckert. Present at the roll call of the Board of Governors were Cari Eckert, Corinne Halliday, Gail Miers, Gary Petersen, Don Smith, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson. Also present was Ed Bader, Tax Collector. There were 82 registered members present.

Acceptance of June 25, 2017 Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Introductory Remarks: Cari reminded members that they must be registered with the Secretary-Clerk to vote. Those registered who checked in this morning received a colored piece of paper to hold up when voting.

Cari also went over protocols for speaking at the meeting. She asked that you raise your hand, wait for the microphone to be brought to you, state your name and address and speak for no more than five minutes on a topic.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Ed Bader gave the report in Lee Griffin's absence. He referred members to the report in the August 19, 2017 newsletter for details. The report was also posted on the kiosks and on the web site and available on the sign-in table. Ed said that copies of our annual financial review were also available.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that, for the second year in a row, 100% of taxes billed was collected. For this fiscal year, 94% of taxes have been collected, with about \$13,000 still due.

Reports of the Board of Governors:

President's Report: Cari reported that this year had been very difficult as no one stepped forward to take on the position of recreation/events chair. She did thank the volunteers who took on individual events during the season and Don Smith, for developing a system for sponsoring events. She urged the membership to step up and volunteer for the position.

Cari talked about the Board's efforts to develop a strategic plan. This plan included items that could fall under our normal operating budget, as well as those that would be considered capital improvements. She said that the Board developed a list of things that either needed to be done or would be beneficial if done, and attempted to prioritize them. Among items discussed were improvements to Third Beach, including a walkway and fence, improvements to the Second and Third Beach parking lots, storage sheds and a jon boat. Items considered that were deemed to be too expensive included a machine to groom the beaches, a full-time maintenance person and leaf pickup for the entire lake community. Future expenses considered included dam and spillway maintenance, hiring of a limnologist to help develop a lake management plan and an EPA nine element plan, additional docks and boat storage, tennis court maintenance and basketball court improvements. Items considered a high priority as well as not part of our normal operating budget included rebuilding and maintaining our drains/outflows, muck remediation and outside property maintenance.

Cari said that she was hopeful that the current method of newsletter distribution at kiosks was acceptable to the community, but that the Board would revisit the issue over the winter. The decision to stop newsletter delivery this summer was based partly on cost and partly on an on-line survey of 211 members; 136 said that they did not want door to door delivery, and 75 wished to continue with Saturday morning delivery. As with the position of recreation/social chair, no one stepped up to coordinate newsletter delivery this year. Other factors in stopping door to door delivery included

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threats made to the children delivering and complaints about newsletters piling up at the doors of infrequently used cottages.

Properties: Gary Petersen said that many projects had been completed at Third Beach, including two ramps and associated railings and new boat racks. A forty foot storage unit, located behind the firehouse in the ballfield was purchased to store our porta potties, our jon boat, swim lines and other items. Twenty-eight yards of sand was reclaimed at Second Beach. New handicap accessible porta potties were purchased for each beach, with an additional porta potty for First Beach. A new pad for the porta potty at Third Beach was in the works as well as fencing around the porta potty. There are plans to expand the Third Beach parking lot (including tree removal), put asphalt millings down on the Second Beach parking lot, removal of dead and dying trees at First and Second Beach and ten additional new replacement street signs. Construction of new picnic tables as well as staining of existing tables was in the works. Gary thanked Bill Taylor for his help watching over the projects at Third Beach. Bill Taylor thanked all the volunteers who helped with small projects at Third Beach during the work parties the previous weekend.

Gary responded to concerns from Tadd Wamester about the Second Beach raft floating away twice over the summer. He said that the first time someone intentionally removed the new chains and weights, and the second time the bracket broke. The raft now has new chains, brackets and weights. Gary said that the Board is also looking at getting an additional sign with our rules and regulations to be posted on Second Beach, as signage is now only in the parking lot.

LQIC: There was a comment made about an invasive plant (dodder) growing along the lagoon area of Second Beach as well as near the outflows of First Beach. Corinne Halliday thanked those who volunteered to remove the plants. She also thanked everyone on the LQIC, including those from the East Shore community. In response to concerns about beach closings due to e coli, Corinne stated that it was hard to pinpoint the cause of the high levels. Many factors, including heavy rains contributed to the levels.

Corinne postponed the permit to discharge drawing, as many members stated that they had not received paperwork after having their septic tanks pumped out. She asked members to look for the new drawing date in the newsletter.

Mary LaPorte requested that we have a speaker from the Eight Mile River Watershed.

The water testing locations and procedures were explained. Testing is done every Tuesday, with results on Wednesday. High reading areas are retested and beaches are not closed unless there are two consistently high readings. Two areas that have shown high e coli readings include the south end of First Beach and the north end of Third Beach. Bob Sudell reminded members that a high reading in one area does not mean that the entire lake has high readings but the Board closes beaches as a precaution.

Public Safety: Bonnie Sudell said that the majority of the money in the budget for the past few years, and going forward, were for patrols. Officers were effective stopping drivers for speeding and stop sign violations. She urged people to lock their car doors and not leave valuables in their cars.

Social/Recreation: Don Smith, although not the chair, detailed the events that had taken place in the last year and the events planned for the upcoming year. Adam asked for help for the carnival and beach games. Don thanked all of the volunteers and urged someone to take over the role of supervising social/rec.

Presentation of 2018-19 Budget: Ed Bader directed members to the August 12, 2017 newsletter, which detailed the proposed budget. The proposed budget was also posted on the bulletin boards, on the kiosks and on the website. Ed thanked the budget committee, made up of Kim Jonah, Dave Edgington, John Eckert, Lee Griffin and Gail Miers. He explained the process of meeting with committee chairs and others responsible for line items in developing the budget, including preliminary presentation at our Town Hall and submission to the Board for review and approval. He said that the budget assumes a mil rate of 4.6, although the Town is undergoing a revaluation and we can't estimate what that will do to the grand list.

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He said that there had been a couple of changes in reserves. The proposed budget does not include an increase in capital reserves of \$25,000. He said that the committee recommended a contingency reserve of \$10,000 be given to the Board. He also stated that the committee recommended reducing the promotions reserve from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

Gail Edgington asked how the committee could consider raising our taxes by 30%. Cari replied that the decision made two years ago when we increased our tax collection rate to 100% to return the money to property owners lowered our mil rate. The Board felt at the time that the money should not be kept in reserves. We now have a better idea of the projects that need to be completed and their costs.

Dave Edgington asked about the grant we have received in the past from the Town. Ed said that we got it last year but we cannot count on it going forward. Dave said that he thought, due to the uncertainty of the State's budget, we should not have the Town grant in the budget. He also disagreed with the Board's decision, while reviewing the Budget Committee's proposal, to increase the Properties' budget from \$30,000 to \$40,000. He felt that the Association was too aggressive on projects. Gary explained that \$5,000 additional had been added to clear rights-of-ways. He said that \$5,000 had been added to the landscaping budget to include maintenance of rights-of ways and other changes in the scope of their work.

Diane Nelson suggested that a work party be scheduled to clear the rights-of-ways as they were a safety issue.

Bob Sudell commented that there was a greater demand for services now with many newer and younger families, and pointed to the increase in the number of boat racks as an example of the need.

Leisha Spencer thanked the Budget Committee and Board for what they did.

Gary commented that although many members said that they would volunteer for tasks, when he called them for work parties, they were not available. He hoped that more work parties would take place in 2018 but that it was necessary to subcontract some of the work to get it done.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2018-19 budget. It passed 67 for to 8 against.

Special Project Proposal – Third Beach Dredging: Gail Miers, who worked with Bill Taylor and Corinne Halliday, reviewed the muck situation at Third Beach and its effects on the water quality and usable beach area. A preliminary estimate of \$28,000 was received to dredge the area. Gail made a motion to allocate up to \$41,000 (including a 10% contingency) to remove muck from Third Beach, subject to the Association's bidding process. The motion was seconded. Ed clarified that the Association was using the same process for this project as it had done for the Second Beach dredging project. Peter Paschke asked if other options had been explored, other than dredging, and expressed concerns about the stagnant water. Gail explained that the stagnant water promoted muck development, necessitating placement of the raft farther out each year and that removal was necessary. Diane Nelson commented that property owners needed to dispose of leaves and other organic materials responsibly and urged passage of the motion. The motion passed 65 for to 4 against.

Unfinished Business:

Bylaw Revisions: Cari asked for a motion to waive the reading of the changes. A motion was made, seconded and passed. Cari asked for a motion to accept the bylaw changes. It was made, seconded and passed.

New Business:

Outgoing Board Members: Cari thanked Gail Miers and Don Smith for their service on the Board. Present Board members Adam Thompson and Jason Griffing agreed to serve another term. Janet DePratti and Neil Murphy stepped forward to fill vacancies.

Board of Governor Nominations: Cari presented the following slate of new members to the Board of Governors: Jason Griffing as Second Beach Rep with term expiring 2019; Janet DePratti as Rep at

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Large with term expiring 2020; Adam Thompson as First Beach Rep with term expiring 2019 and Neil Murphy as Third Beach Rep with term expiring 2019. Continuing in their terms were Bill Taylor as Third Beach Rep with term expiring 2018; Cari Eckert as First Beach Rep with term expiring 2018; Bonnie Sudell as Second Beach Rep with term expiring 2018; Corinne Halliday as Rep at Large with term expiring 2019 and Gary Petersen as Rep at Large with term expiring 2018. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was accepted as presented.

Board Dinner: A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Board of Governors and their significant others go out to dinner.

Other: Linda Abel requested that First Beach be rototilled to remove grass. She also asked that beach goers leave the barriers on the water line in place. She asked that the Board consider letting people walk their dogs on the beach in the early morning to scare the geese.

Cari asked that we recognize Mike Trocchi for his hard work on the website and newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary