

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Cari Eckert at her house 277 Lake Shore Dr., East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Jan DePratti, Corinne Halliday, Bill Taylor, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen (came half hour late), and Neil Murphy. (Bonnie Sudell and Adam Thompson absent) Special speakers Gail Miers to discuss 3rd Beach Dredging and Evelyn Passan and Sue Martin to discuss Events. Also attending were Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Next meeting will be on June 23, 2018 at Corinne Halliday's house, 273 Haywardville Rd. 9am.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 18, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as presented with Cari Eckert abstaining since she was keeping the minutes.

President's opening remarks: There was a low turnout for the Board Appreciation Dinner so a Board Pot Luck dinner will be arranged later in the summer.

A member contacted me to say a combustion engine was being used on a fishing boat on the lake. DEEP was called and they responded very quickly asking the fisherman to discontinue using the gas motor. The sign restricting gas motors is very small and old and is not obvious on a large bulletin board owned by the state. The Board discussed getting a larger tag sale type sign with restrictions to be placed next to the bulletin board. Jason will look into this for a sign to be put up later in the summer.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: As of May there were 2 outstanding accounts unpaid. First notice of tax sale was sent to the two delinquent property owners. A tax sale will be scheduled.

Committees and Work Groups:

Communications:

There have been several returns from the Spring packet mailing. Jason, Lee and Ed are working on getting correct addresses. So far at least seven property owners have incorrect addresses and no phone number. Jason will send out a web blast in the next week.

Events:

Sue Martin presented the latest Social Event spread sheet with dates, sponsors and budgeted amounts listed. The spread sheet did not include projected revenue and Ed said he would get Sue those numbers. Ed asked about expenditures to be made this budget year to ease expenditures in July and August and use up the 2017 budgeted amount. Total budget for 2018-19 is \$11,000. Any amount over that must be approved by a Board vote. We need signed contract for each band and we may need

new language about a deposit in our contract if it is decided to pay an advance deposit. If the event sponsor wants a food truck a POALH contract must be completed by the vendor. We will not accept food trucks that need a guaranteed sales amount or pay in advance. Sue found that by canvassing members that many liked having bands. This year there will be a greater number of bands.

Corinne would like the time changed for the Ladies of Lake Hayward Happy Hour on the web site to 5-7pm. Lee will make the change.

There was a concern about finding volunteers to help with specific events. Use of the newsletters and web blasts were recommended to find people to help. Also this will be brought up in at the June Member Meeting.

3rd Beach Dredging

Gail Miers said "dredging will happen", but maybe not in Fall 2018. We are on the vendor's plan for Spring 2019 at the latest. The vendor contact, Mark from Pristine Waters has a large potential customer in New York state that is waiting on permits. If these come through, their project will be done this Fall. The contract we saw at an earlier meeting will be reworked to accurately reflect our project. The earlier contract was a cut and paste job and incorrectly reflected some aspects of our project. Mark agreed to our contract rider provisions and has adequate insurance. He will remeasure for size and shape of dewatering bag. There will be four payments with 10% held back at the end for POALH sign off. We should have a revised contract by the June meeting.

LQIC

Meeting was held of the committee, a mix of East side and POALH members with a variety of skills that have been helpful to meet the committee's goals. Discussion topics included the Solitude contract. The committee has been happy with the work Solitude has done and would like to renew their 3 year contract. Another topic was the watershed plan. About 1/3 has been completed. It was asked where the data was being stored and if a copy could be stored on the POALH Microsoft 365 cloud storage. It looks like we will get at least \$6000 from the town of East Haddam in fiscal 2018-2019. To qualify for the Town's allocation of funds to lake associations, POALH submits invoices related to lake treatment. The town matches this with the amount earmarked for Lake Hayward. The committee would like to put up temporary seasonal educational signs that ask homeowners to not put leaves in the water and not treat lawns with chemicals. There were not as many leaves dumped into the lake this year. The East side will produce 2 newsletters to update the non-membership side of the lake on issues and ask for donations toward weed removal.

Jan has continued her water testing for eColi. It begins May 22nd and the first 2 weeks will be done by a substitute, Lisa, recommended by Bill Taylor. She requested a special long handled collector tool to allow the tester to be a distance from the collection point. This will help to not stir up muck in the collection area and keep the tester from going into deeper water. The Board had no problem with this acquisition. It will come from the LQIC budget.

Properties: Gary is very happy with the work of American Pride, our mowing and landscaping contractor. There is a work party scheduled next week (rain date first week of June) to put in swim lines and rafts. Also, boats will be removed from the ball field in a dumpster scheduled for next Saturday. This will happen rain or shine. It was requested that Jason send out an email blast on this. Surveyors have been contacted and will be working at the lake throughout the summer to identify POALH property bordering the water and identifying the rights-of-way. Porta pottys were put in place. Final placement of 2nd Beach porta potty is waiting for fencing around concrete pad to be completed. John Allegra put in the concrete pad. Playscape mulch was replaced and there has been a request to use leftover mulch to create a ramp from the boat storage on 2nd Beach to the water. Two docks have been ordered and will be placed at 1st Beach one near the pavilion and one near the boat racks. 2nd Beach parking area has been improved with compacted millings. A request was made by a Board member to replace the tree removed on 1st Beach. It provided needed shade. Neil has been tracking the geese and looking into ways to control them. Barriers have been put up at 3rd Beach.

Technology

Jan has full authority to change passwords and manage our Microsoft 365 account. She is looking into training and sharing documents. When using Share Point software for document storage others in the Share group can edit documents. She is looking for ways to prevent this. We have training options with our E3 Microsoft 365 license. There are quick start guides and other more complete training programs online. Jan said she will send out links to some of the training and would do a group class if there is interest. She recommended trying out Publisher for some of our publications and making better use of Skype. She felt our small payment to Dynamic Alliance for their security services was well worth it.

Public Safety: Bonnie was not present but announced she would buy one more fireproof filing cabinet before the end of June.

Budget:

Ed said we have almost \$61,000 left in the budget for 2017-18. He thinks we will be underspent about \$20,000 based on projections through the end of June. Also, East Haddam looks to be on board to offer us a match for lake quality work much like last year. Gail brought up the issue of ongoing dredging maintenance that we might want to figure into future budgets.

Old Business:

Blighted Properties:

Ed and Jim Ventres (town administrator) toured the property in total disrepair on Wildwood Rd. Jim will have the Building Inspector come and look at it. The taxes have been paid by a trust company. The town agreed to send a letter to the Trust Company

asking them to call the town to discuss the property maintenance. Driving through the association, there seem to be about 6+ properties in various stages of neglect or disrepair. Cari will write up a proposed policy to focus our discussion and determine the Board's position. At the very least we can do is prepare a series of articles in the newsletters encouraging our membership to keep their properties looking good.

New Business:

Emergency Response Time

There is concern that emergency response time is very slow at the lake. There have been three calls for emergency response in the last year or so. One was a fire emergency and the other two life threatening emergencies. One of the life emergencies took East Haddam ambulance 23 minutes to respond and another 10 minutes for a paramedic. The Colchester emergency response team was on another emergency and not available. A request was made to alert the town that this is a problem for us. Cari and Gary will look into this.

Meeting Adjourned about 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cari Eckert, Recorded in the Secretary's absence.