

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by President Cari Eckert at the home of Corinne Halliday, 273 Haywardville Road, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Jason Griffing, Corinne Halliday, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson (10:15 a.m). Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer, also attended.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 16, 2018 Minutes were approved as presented.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the home of Cari Eckert, 277 Lake Shore Drive, East Haddam. This meeting will also be a pot luck supper.

President's Comments: Cari wanted us to be very clear that the Board neither condones nor allows fireworks on Association property. Cari reported that she had received and responded to a request to see our insurance policy from an Association member through the FOIA. There was considerable discussion regarding the newsletter correspondence from Jeff Conway. The Board felt that if the general membership felt strongly about having the newsletter delivered and we had a reliable way to do so that we would reconsider our current policy. The 2019 spring packet will include paperwork for the membership to return requesting delivery. The facts will be presented concerning previous costs, current costs and the environmental aspects so that members could make a conscious decision.

David Spencer volunteered to make a post for the Little Library. Gary Petersen will meet with him next Saturday to select a location.

Our D&O policy is not being renewed by the company that covered us previously by Bouvier; they are looking for another carrier for us.

Cari received an email regarding the Glimmer Glen Road conditions; it was noted that other roads in the Association are in worse disrepair, and the Town is not doing anything about them (ex: Briarcliff, sections of Longwood). We will look at the existing engineer's report and review the history of the road, before contacting our attorney. Gary will also look into patching options.

There was a complaint of kids skateboarding on the tennis courts. It is posted "no skateboarding" and Cari will tell the members to call the police. Cari will address this in a future President's message and Lee will look into additional signage.

Financial:

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that we had collected 100% of taxes due. The new tax bills will go out next week.

Budget: Ed reported that we expect to be underspent in this year's budget so we will not use the contingency reserve or the capital maintenance reserve. They will both go back into unallocated reserves.

Committees:

Properties: Gary said that he had a very good turnout for the work party on June 2nd, 15-20 people. The rafts and swim lines were put in. The First Beach docks may be installed later today; he was waiting for a call from our supplier.

Surveying of Association properties would start in the next few weeks.

The dead tree in the middle of the Third Beach parking lot will be removed in the next week or so at a cost of \$2,400. The same supplier will trim branches on the tree by the playground.

Gary is waiting for pricing for the fencing for the Second Beach porta potty, as well as pricing for basketball court fencing.

A new raft for Little Beach will be ordered soon.

Public Safety: no report

Signage: Jason reported that we are waiting for delivery of the new sign for the north end as well as fifteen (15) street signs.

LQIC and Water Testing: Corinne said that she was putting something in the newsletter next week.

They are waiting for a new 3 year proposal from Solitude.

Randy and Felicia are working on a Town grant.

The LQIC Committee evaluated the purchase of a dissolved water meter and decided against it.

Jan reported(through Corinne) that there were no bad reports from her water testing yet. She asked that if anyone needed help with technology to contact her.

Dredging: Bill reported that the 6/21/18 revised contract did not contain all the requested changes and the committee was meeting again to review. We still need a contract for the removal of the sediment collected. We believe that the timetable now is spring 2019.

Events: Jason said that the calendar was up to date.

He asked that advertising for events be made well in advance.

Technology: Cari asked that all committees update the information on our web site.

Old Business:

Blighted Properties: Cari passed out a draft proposal and asked for the Board's input via email before the next meeting.

New Business:

Trash Removal: Lee received a new 3 year contract from All Waste Control for the same price as we are now paying. He asked the Board to waive the competitive bidding process based on previous competitive bidding where they were the low bidder. A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the competitive bidding process.

Budget: Ed said that the budget process was underway and he needed budget estimates from all those with line item responsibility.

Other Old Business:

Jason cautioned Board members about using “reply all” in emails.

Jason also asked that we put the date not “tonight” in newsletter articles, as the electronic version comes out before Saturday.

Bonnie reminded the Board to start a new email chain when you have a new subject.

Ed asked that those who skype in to meetings identify yourself before speaking.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary