

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Janet DePratti at the home of Janet DePratti, 66 Ridgewood Road, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Jeffrey Conway (7:17), Janet DePratti, Jason Griffing, Corinne Halliday, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson (7:15). Ed Bader, Tax Collector, Lee Griffin, Treasurer, Felicia Tencza and Randy Martin also attended.

Janet DePratti agreed to run the meeting.

Public Comment:

Randy Miller reported that the 8 Mile River Wild and Scenic Watershed coordinating committee has grant money for watershed projects and the subject is on the agenda for the LQIC meeting this coming Saturday. Randy strongly encouraged LQIC to apply for this grant money.

The Town of East Haddam has a line item in their budget totaling \$20,000 that can be used by the three Town lakes (Bashan, Moodus and Lake Hayward) for qualifying expenses such as water treatment and educational programs. Notice to apply for this money will go out in November, with proposals submitted in January to the Town. Randy and Felicia are working on this.

Felicia submitted to the Board for consideration in the Spring Packet, the website, the kiosks and weekly newsletter a flyer from the Connecticut State Police outlining Connecticut's fireworks laws. This flyer will also be distributed to our neighbors on the East Side at the upcoming LQIC meeting.

Randy and Felicia passed out a document "POALH – LQIC Capital Reserve Planning Estimated Reserve Summary" (a previous LQIC submission) as an example of a document that they recommend be developed that could be utilized by the POALH as a planning tool to tie into our long range planning and give the POALH an idea of how much is needed in reserves for future projects. This would be a living document, continually updated, going out 15-30 years, estimating capital expenditures for new projects, replacements and repairs such as beach dredging, reroofing the pavilion, resurfacing the tennis courts, repairing the spillways, etc. Randy and Felicia volunteered to lead the initiative to prepare the document.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 5, 2018 Board of Governor's meeting were approved as amended.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee's report was accepted as presented. One item of note was that the POLAH has received an additional \$350 from residents on the East Side, bringing their donations to \$2,575.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that fifteen (15) property owners were delinquent in their taxes, representing twenty (20) pieces of property and approximately \$7,600. On or before December 1st, demand notices will go out to these property owners.

Elections:

Bonnie Sudell resigned as Secretary-Clerk.

After nominations, seconds and vote, Bonnie Sudell was elected President; Bill Taylor Vice President, and Janet DePratti Secretary-Clerk.

Board of Governors Meeting Dates for 2018-19.

Weather permitting, meetings will be held at the First Beach Pavilion. Meetings will alternate between the third Wednesday and the third Saturday of the month, unless those dates are holidays. The tentative dates, times and locations are as follows:

November 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. – Bill Taylor's, 22 Wildwood

No December meeting

January 12, 2019 at 9 a.m. – Jason Griffing's, 83 Wildwood

February 13, 2019 at 7 p.m. – Gary Petersen's, 131 Longwood

March 16, 2019 at 9 a.m. – Corinne Halliday's, 271 Haywardville Road

April 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. – Bill Taylor's, 22 Wildwood

May 18, 2019 at 9 a.m. – First Beach Pavilion, Bonnie Sudell's, 113 Lake Shore backup

June 19, 2019 at 7 p.m. – First Beach Pavilion

June 23; 2019 at 10 a.m. – June Meeting, First Beach Pavilion

July TBD at 10 a.m. – Town Hall including Budget review, First Beach Pavilion

July 20, 2019 at 9 a.m. – First Beach Pavilion

August 14, 2019 at 7 p.m. – First Beach Pavilion

August 18, 2019 at 10 a.m. – Annual Meeting, First Beach Pavilion

September 21, 2019 at 9 a.m. – Bonnie Sudell's, 113 Lake Shore Drive

October 16, 2019 at 7 p.m. - TBD

November 16, 2019 at 9 a.m. - TBD

No December meeting

The 2019 calendar must be posted to our website by January of 2019.

Committee Reports:

Properties: Gary reported that the October 6th work party had seven efficient participants. There are now buoys marking the locations of the weights where the rafts were at First and Second Beach.

Rock Landscaping has been hired for \$3,700 to repair the damage to the wall at First Beach.

There was considerable beach erosion during the storm that dumped seven (7) inches of rain at Lake Hayward. The sand will be reclaimed next Spring.

The Town's highway superintendent was emailed after the storm regarding clearing the storm drains. He replied that there was damage throughout Town, but that the Town would be out to address the issue.

The surveyors will be done next week. They surveyed two rights of way at the north end, and POALH properties at the north end.

The docks were advertised on the East Side, but there has been no response yet. Gary will advertise them on the website also. Jeff again offered to advertise on Facebook.

Gary agreed to work with Jeff after January 2019 and commented that people are not thinking about docks as the weather gets colder.

Rod volunteered his time to wire the thermostats for the fans in the Pavilion. The AED at the First Beach pavilion has not yet been wired. The second AED is at Gary's house at 131 Longwood.

The Little Free Library fell down during the previously mentioned rain storm, destroying all the books. Lee and Gary repaired it and will put it back up soon.

John Allegra promised Gary that he would get to the work at the Third Beach parking lot this fall.

Signage: The sign for the North end of the lake has been completed. Fifteen additional road signs are nearing completion and Jason will pick them up together. Gary is looking into cedar posts for the road signs. He needs 35 at this time, each twelve (12) feet long. New vinyl stickers will be made for the existing rules signs at the beaches to update the line that now refers to cigarette butts to clarify that no smoking is allowed.

Public Safety: Two new signs for the crosswalks at Second and Third Beach are in the works. New hang tag parking permits will be ordered this winter, for inclusion in the Spring packet, for three (3) years.

Secretary-Clerk: Paperwork will be sent out for completion to those who voted at the August Meeting without proper paperwork on file.

LQIC: Corinne reported that the next meeting was this Saturday at Wolf Koste's house. A one year contract with Solitude will be signed after final review, as they have addressed all the points of concern. Although not a multi-year contract as in the past, Solitude has applied for a multi-year permit to treat. The price will be approximately \$13,000 for treatment. The algae growth is one of the agenda items.

Water Quality: Jan said that she is waiting for the last level of measurements and will then post all results on the website.

Water Company: Adam noted that San Jose Water Company has acquired Connecticut Water Company. Adam offered to look into the timeline.

Dredging Project: Bill Taylor reported that they had received and reviewed a totally new contract, 18 pages in length, from the vendor that changed the whole nature of the contract. Among the new provisions, the vendor could engage other contractors to perform the work as well as transfer the entire contract to another contractor. The committee is sending three pages of comments and objections to our attorney.

Events: Adam reported that the Halloween party would start at 7 p.m. The budget is \$700 for the event, with \$350 for the DJ.

Technology: Jan will get with Adam, Neil and Jeff to ensure that they are using the lakehaywardct email addresses, as official POALH communications go out to these addresses.

Bonnie reminded members to start a new email chain for each new subject.

Old Business:

Legal opinion regarding July 1st billing: Attorney Cohen stated that the Association followed all of the procedures in its Charter at the August 2017 Annual Meeting for approving a mill rate and budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year based on the last completed Town valuation, including a provision for requiring that any surplus would be used to offset tax liability in the 2019-20 fiscal year budget. The Association is not obligated to refund surplus tax revenue resulting from the Town's recent revaluations.

Felicia stated that the Budget Committee and Board had misled the membership in their report accompanying the Budget, by stating that the actual mill rate would be set in the spring of 2019. In fact, the mill rate was approved by the membership and could not be changed. There was considerable discussion surrounding this issue, however it is not legal to bill off the new grand list, nor is it legal to change the mill rate once approved by the membership.

New Business:

Blighted Properties: There was a verbal complaint from Jeff Lesiak on Lake Shore Drive regarding a blighted property at 72 Ridgewood. The Town does not have a blight ordinance, and although the Board did look into procedures to handle blighted properties, they tabled the subject until the winter. However, if we receive a written complaint about property, we will look into it.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to table remaining items to the November 7, 2019 meeting at 7 p.m. at Bill Taylor's, 22 Wildwood.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary