

**POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bonnie Sudell at the home of Jason Griffing, 83 Wildwood Rd, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Jeff Conway, Janet DePratti, Jason Griffing, Corinne Halliday, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Ed Bader, Tax Collector, Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Bonnie Sudell ran the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 14, 2018 Board of Governor's meeting were approved and accepted with correction.

Financial Reports:

Tax Collector: Ed reported that seven (7) remaining property owners are delinquent in their taxes and all have gone into collection. This represents a little over \$3,300 in property taxes. Six (6) of the seven (7) properties are chronic, meaning they have been delinquent in paying their taxes two out of the previous four years. The six (6) chronic property owners have been requested to pay next year's property taxes in advance along with this year's property taxes, interest and lean fees.

Treasurer: Lee's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Properties:

Gary reported the following:

- Surveying requested for this year is complete. The surveyor will deliver signed drawings to Gary with a month.
- Gary called the town regarding leaves blocking storm drains near first beach. Town came out and worked on drains on west side of lake for about 5 business days.

Signage: Jason stated that there have been a lot of compliments on the new Lake Hayward sign that was installed on the north end of the lake. All remaining street signs have been ordered due to a better bulk rate.

Public Safety: Bonnie stated nothing new to report.

Secretary-Clerk: Bonnie stated nothing new to report.

Lake Quality Improvement Committee (LQIC)

- Committee will move forward to hire a limnologist to study water quality, primarily due to algae bloom later during the 2018 season.
- Solitude contract has been renewed.
- Solitude 2018 Final Report has been received and will be put on our website.
- A concerned lake resident, independent of the POALH Board and the LIQC committee, sent a lake water sample to the state for blue-green algae assessment during the outbreak this fall. The report stated the following: *Of the cyanobacteria genus observed in the October 13th sample from Lake Hayward, the following have been associated with synthesis of cyanotoxin:*

Aphanizomenon spp., Dolichospermum spp., Microcystis spp., and Woronichinia spp. The concentrations of cells from these genera, and the total cyanobacteria concentration, in this sample are well below the thresholds the State of Connecticut uses in advising municipalities on interventions at public beaches (e.g. posting advisory signs).

Water Quality: Jan stated the completed Excel document for the 2018 Water Collection is on the POALH website under Lake Quality > Water Collection.

Dredging Project: Bill Taylor reported that contract negotiations are ongoing.

Events: Jeff will be point person on the board regarding events for the upcoming season. Evelyn Passan has offered to coordinate adult activities and Courtney Harman has offered to coordinate children's activities. Evelyn and Courtney have requested to attend the February meeting and give a status report. Ed stated we have funds in the current budget for events that are slated to be spent by the end of June.

Technology: Since Neil's iPod hardware does not support the needed software to access Outlook 365, Jan will drop off a printed copy of the minutes for review to Neil when they are sent out to the board by email.

Old Business:

Blighted Properties: Ed stated he would call East Haddam town again regarding the Wildwood property.

Strategic Planning: A brain-storming session was held to identify critical issues facing the association using the information toward building a strategic plan. As part of the topics discussed were: cost estimates, volunteer effort vs hiring, priorities, short term goals vs long term priorities. An email with ideas from 2016 was also circulated to the board members.

New Business:

Spring Packet: Ideas of what would be included in the packet were discussed. One was a hard copy survey (for those who do not use the website, email) as to whether or not an association member wanted a printed newsletter delivered. Jan stated that Cari Eckhart mentioned she is interested in helping with the Spring Packet. Jan will email Cari back accepting her help.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet H. DePratti
POALH Secretary