

**POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bonnie Sudell at the home of Bill Taylor, 22 Wildwood Rd, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Janet DePratti, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor and Ed Bader, Tax Collector, Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Bonnie Sudell ran the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 17, 2018 Board of Governor's meeting were approved with changes as amended.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee's report was accepted as presented. Income from taxes since the October board meeting is \$498.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that fourteen (14) property owners were delinquent in their taxes, representing eighteen (18) pieces of property and approximately \$6,700. Demand notices will go out to these property owners in the next couple of days. Owners will need to pay by December 5, or they will go into collection.

President's Comments:

Bonnie spoke about the following items:

- The Public Comment section of our meetings gives the POALH members an opportunity to speak. Consistent with town government, this time is the only time the public and non-board members may speak, unless a board member asks of them a question or to make or clarify a point.
- Our Board of Governors meetings will use Roberts Rules of Order supporting one person speaking at a time, with no other conversations happening at the same time. If a person would like to speak, they may raise their hand. Discussions are to stay on the subject being covered in the agenda. Respect each other's opinion, but it is important to come to a consensus as the board. Please keep your eye out for a free seminar on Robert's Rules of Order on the web.
- POALH property is for POALH functions only, unless approved by the board.
- Ed will ask our lawyer regarding POALH's ability to remove political signs / any signs on POALH property and rights of way.

Committee Reports:

Properties:

Gary reported the following:

- The November 3rd work party had seven energetic participants. There were 13 boats to move, but an owner took 3 while the work party was moving boats. Three boats are left in the ball field as of November 14.
- Surveying is 99% complete. Only documentation remains to be done by the surveyors which should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- Mike Chupas moved the rafts and Third Beach docs out of the water.
- Gary needs to talk with Rod regarding the wiring for heating for the AED at the First Beach pavilion. In the meantime the AED units are at Gary's house.
- Rock landscaping at first beach has been completed.
- Gary will contact John Allegra as he promised that he would get to the work at the Third Beach parking lot this fall.

Signage: Jason stated that the new Lake Hayward sign has been installed on the north end with the help of Gary. The old sign is currently being stored. The completion of the remaining 29 road signs was approved by the Board for this year at a cost of \$4000. Gary is still pursuing the needed cedar posts for the road signs.

Public Safety: Bonnie stated nothing new to report.

Secretary-Clerk: Bonnie stated she will complete the paperwork that will be sent out for completion to those who voted at the August Meeting without proper paperwork on file. Then turn remaining duties over to Jan.

Lake Quality Improvement Committee (LQIC)

- Ed stated that LQIC is moving forward with contracting (a Limnologist for the spring) to understand lake health and any algae condition. Also stated was the lake wide approach to informing residents how to keep the lake healthy. The East Shore Gazette was sent out with articles. Ed will send the text for a west side email blast to Jason.
- Included with informing residents about lake health, Jan mentioned the 3 different signs printed (no dumping leaves, no phosphate fertilizers, get septic serviced every 3 years). There are 3 sets for the east side and 5 sets for the west side; includes a backup set for each side. The "Please No Dumping Leaves in the Lake / Streams" signs are currently up on both sides.
- The Board agreed to waive the competitive bidding requirements for hiring Solitude due to the favorable contract terms, price, and quality and consistency of service. We have been using them for approximately ten years.

Water Quality: Jan stated the completed Excel doc for the 2018 Water Collection was sent to Jason. Jason stated he will get that to Mike for the website. Jan will check out access when it's on the website.

Chatham Health District: Jan stated that Don Mitchell spoke with her on November 1, stating that East Haddam is considering moving to a different Health District due to some complaints. Jan wrote a letter in support of keeping the East Haddam with the CHD which was sent to Emmett Lyman on November 13. A town meeting was held that evening. The discussion included possibly moving to CT River Area Health District; nothing was finalized, no vote

taken. Don will keep POALH informed with a status of East Haddam possibly leaving the CHD and with dates and times of upcoming town meetings regarding this.

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

Events: Bill Taylor stated that Heather Taylor and Dave Edgington agreed to lead LH Days Carnival and Triathlon for 2019.

Technology: Jan worked with Jeff after the October board meeting and he is all set with accessing his LH emails. No email response from Adam asking the status of his access after Jan gave him his password and app name to download at the October board meeting. Neil's iPod hardware does not support the needed software to access Outlook 365. Bonnie will talk with Neil about an approach that will keep him informed. Bonnie will also talk with Adam about his LH email access.

Old Business:

Blighted Properties: Jeff Lesiak on Lake Shore Drive withdrew his complaint regarding the blighted property at 72 Ridgewood. Regarding the Wildwood property, we have not made much progress with the town so the Board is looking into other options.

New Business:

Consider proposal to establish Capital Reserve Estimated Reserve Summary – as part of Strategic Plan: Board agreed that establishing a timetable of projects with estimated priorities, timeframes, and funding is a good idea. It will be focused on at the January 2019 Board Meeting.

Revise Contact List incl. Beach representation: Bonnie is revising this contact list and it will be on the website and in 2019 newsletters.

Establish Bylaw Committee: Bonnie, Ed, and Jan agreed to be on the committee.

Little Beach Dock: Bonnie will contact Dan Hibbert to remove boats from the Little Beach doc and discuss POALH rules.

Docks and rafts floating around: Board agreed to discuss ways to identify docs and rafts due to higher water levels and put it in the spring packet. Also having the east side identify their docs and rafts was brought up.

Properties to be surveyed in 2019: Gary stated plans are to have from First Beach to Dog Beach and the right of way that runs from Lake Shore Dr. to Wildwood Rd surveyed in 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet H. DePratti
POALH Secretary