

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bonnie Sudell at the home of Bill Taylor, 22 Wildwood Road, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Jeffrey Conway, Jason Griffing, Corinne Halliday, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell and Bill Taylor. Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer also attended.

Public Comment: none

Minutes: The minutes of the March 16, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Reports

Treasurer: Lee reported that we had received \$1,441.13 in tax collector receipts, and expended \$22,177.43 which consisted of the 2019 Spring packet, water data analyses, All Waste invoice, 3rd Beach parking lot project, professional fees, standard utilities and the balance of the stipends for fiscal year 2018-19. His report was accepted as presented.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that 100% of taxes had been collected

Financial Projections for the balance of the year ending June 30, 2019: A worksheet detailing actual expenditures through April 4, 2019 and an estimate of expenditures for the remainder of the year was reviewed. Ed and Lee are pursuing certificates of deposit.

President's Comments: none

Election of President: Neil Murphy was nominated and seconded to be President. There was discussion regarding the use of Office 365 as Neil has neither a phone nor a computer capable of installing Office 365. Neil asked that the Association buy him a computer or phone. The Board was uncomfortable purchasing either without the approval of the POALH. The vote for Neil as President was defeated: 2 Yes and 5 No.

A motion was made to have the purchase of a computer for the President and future Board Members as an agenda item at the June Meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Budget: Ed and Lee are putting a committee together. They asked for suggestions for members.

Events: Jeff is working on expenditures and plans a new event, Mens Night.

Properties: Gary reported that the 3rd Beach parking lot was finished except for new curbing. The tennis courts will be power washed May 31st; Gary is looking into the price of new nets. The dam needs to be inspected per our insurance carrier. Gary plans to start putting up the new street signs in May. Sand will be reclaimed from all of the beaches. American Pride will start mowing next week. He met with Courtney Harmon

who wishes to have a cookout after the work party for the rafts and swim lines, hoping to get more volunteers. Gary repaired the damaged 2nd Beach boat rack. He gave permission to Eversource to trim wires hanging over the right of way on Longwood.

Public Safety: Bonnie will order new crosswalk signs for 2nd and 3rd Beach.

Secretary-Clerk: no report

LQIC: Corinne reported that a limnologist had been hired from Northeast Aquatic Research, who provided the committee with a 30 page report, with recommendations for additional testing and education programs. She will have more information after the May 4th LQIC Committee meeting.

Corinne received correspondence requesting reimbursement for algae testing. The Board agreed to reimburse but it must be made clear to all members that it is the policy of the Board that all expenditures must be approved in advance by the chair of the appropriate committee.

Water Quality: no report

Dredging: A representative from Pristine Waters will be at 3rd Beach this Saturday at 10 a.m. RFP's for phases one and three of the project are in the works.

Technology: no report

Old Business:

Spring Packet: The Board extends a big thanks to Cari Eckert for putting together the packet.

Docks: Gary will begin advertising for their sale.

Rights of Way Issues and Resolution: Gary presented photos of POALH properties surveyed over the winter with accompanying maps. There was some discussion of encroachment by abutting property owners. Gary and Ed will talk with those property owners who may believe that the property is theirs. Gary is also working on a plan to clear and make accessible the two rights of way that are currently impassible.

Strategic Planning: As not all Board Members had prioritized the topics brainstormed, the topic was tabled.

Nominating Committee: Proposed guidelines were reviewed. Several members have indicated that they would serve on the nominating committee.

Moderator: Bob Sudell offered to serve as an impartial moderator at meetings. It was suggested that he come to the May Board Meeting for a trial run.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie F. Sudell, Acting Secretary