POALH Board of Governors Meeting Minutes June 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Bob Sudell at the First Beach Pavilion, Lake Shore Dr. Board members in attendance were Jeff Conway, Janet DePratti, Jason Griffing, Corinne Halliday, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor, Lee Griffin, Treasurer, Ed Bader, Tax Collector. Association members Felicia Tencza, Randy Miller, Bob Sudell also attended.

Executive Session: The board voted to have an Executive Session. Real estate was discussed.

Public Comments:

Randy commented regarding the following:

- He restated his motion which was originally stated at the Aug 2018 association meeting regarding the mill rate for the 2019 – 2020 budget.
- The CT State legislature voted to increase motor boat registration for instate residents by \$5
 and out of state residents by \$20. The extra funds will go into an Aquatic Invasive Species
 fund. This is another fund from which Lake Hayward can request money for lake water quality
 improvement. The legislation still needs to be signed by the governor.
- He suggested a board orientation for new board members regarding their fiduciary responsibilities. A attorney can provide this. Randy stated he knows of an attorney he can suggest.
- He stated he sent suggested by-laws modifications to president and secretary to help reduce the number of ongoing by-laws updates.
- He asked when the first meeting of the budget committee so committee members can schedule their time.

Felicia commented regarding the following, per the Freedom of Information act:

- Minutes need to state that the board voted to have an executive session and the reason why.
- Agenda to be posted prior to meeting and the minutes to be published within 7 days after the meeting.

<u>Mill Rate</u>: An updated mill rate of 4.3424 % was approved by the board using the East Haddam, CT June 1, 2019 adjusted grand list. With this mill rate the property taxes to be raised meet the POALH approved 2019-2020 budget of \$196,100.

LQIC: On behalf of the LQIC committee Corinne requested funds of \$5,500 for water testing/collection equipment, training, and lab testing/analysis to pursue gathering more data and understanding our lake quality with Northeast Aquatic Research (NAR).

- The board approved to waive the requirement for multiple bids when spending over \$5000 as multiple bids were received and resulted in the initial hiring of the outside firm, NAR, to help LQIC and lake residents understand the health of our lake.
- The board approved the funds of \$5,500.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janet H. DePratti POALH Secretary