

**Property Owners Association of Lake Hayward
June 23, 2019 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the pavilion by President Bonnie Sudell. Present at the roll call of the Board of Governors were Bonnie Sudell, Jeff Conway, Janet DePratti, Corinne Halliday, Jason Griffing, Neil Murphy, Bill, Taylor and Adam Thompson. Also present were Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer. There were 65 voting registered members present.

Opening Remarks: Bonnie introduced each of the Board members and each described their roles. Bonnie asked if all voting members had a green piece of paper to vote. She also stated, if you would like to speak, to raise your hand and when called upon to state your name, street address and to limit your remarks to five (5) minutes. She stated we use Robert's Rules to the best of our knowledge. She also asked that we be polite and respectful in our comments and to be part of the solution.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the August 19, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Lee addressed the 2018-2019 Financial report as of 6/16/19 where a copy is located in the June 29, 2019 newsletter. He highlighted the \$2575 donation from East Shore residents, the \$10,454.50 donation from the Town of East Haddam to our Lake Quality Improvement Committee (LQIC), and the yearly \$100 donation POALH makes to the East Haddam firefighters. He also reviewed the budget of \$204,467, our Income of \$222,965.19, and Expenses of \$190,376.66.

Randy Miller, 22 Forest Way, recommended that half of the monies left from the 2018-2019 spent budget be moved to the reserves. Bonnie stated the Board would take his recommendation into consideration.

Tax Collector:

- Ed stated that all taxes for 2018 were collected. He stated the 2019 bills will be sent out the last week in June. Bills are due July 1st but there is a 30 day grace period. For taxes to be counted as timely they must have a readable US postmark by Aug 1st. He also stated that the amount of taxes billed for 2019 (\$196,102) has only a small, approximately two dollar (\$2), overage compared to the 2019-2020 POALH Association budget (\$196,100).
- Ed stated the budget committee has been formed and will meet the first time this coming Thurs, June 27th. At the Town Hall meeting on Sunday, August 14th the budget committee will give a report on their rough draft. At the July Board Meeting the budget will be presented to the board, and at the August 18th, Annual Meeting the budget will be voted on. He also stated the budget committee is volunteer and that only a small portion of the budget is spent through March and that most of the budget is spent in April, May, and June and the committee needs to take this into consideration.

Reports of the Board of Governors:

President: Bonnie commented on the following:

- She thanked Cari Eckhart on the wonderful job this year with the Spring packet.
- She thanked Mike Trocchi for his excellent job with our website.
- She thanked Mike Trocchi for his work laying out the weekly newsletter and thanked Jan DePratti for her weekly review of the content.
- If you have a newsletter delivered to your house please tip the carriers. If you want a paper copy delivered to your house please contact Jeff Conway.

- The Treasurer and Tax Collector receive a stipend, but POALH Board Members are volunteer.
- Board meetings typically rotate at board members' properties. This year we started holding summer meetings at the pavilion. All members are welcome to attend. The locations are on our website.
- Minutes are also on our website and all members are invited to check out board activities.
- Bonnie reiterated Ed's comments that the tax amount is determined to raise just enough money to cover the POALH expenses. If taxes are over-collected, that money is used to reduce taxes two years ahead.
- Town Hall is August 14th, where the 2020-2021 budget will be presented. It is a good place to express your concerns and make comments.
- As the board is a volunteer organization, we need members help. Those who have wanted to volunteer in the last few years has gone down. As we need to contract more services out, the more it will cost.
- No smoking on the beaches. There is a dog beach north of First Beach.

Secretary-Clerk: Jan reported:

- All meeting minutes are on our website. Also that we post them after they are approved by the board at the following meeting. So minutes for May's Board meeting and a special early June Board meeting are on the website.
- Please register to vote. There are a lot of people who own property at the lake and are not registered to vote. Jason and Ed have voting forms at the sign-in desk.

Cari Eckhart, 277 Lake Shore Dr, stated if members want to attend a board meeting and discuss a new topic to contact a board member to have it put on the agenda. Bonnie replied that it wasn't necessary as there is a public comments section in the agenda.

Cindy Biancamano, 73 Lake Shore Dr asked if absentee ballots are still available. Bonnie replied as of the current by-laws they are and require to be notarized.

Nominating Committee: Lynn Bagnatti, 2 Glimmer Glen, reported:

- Lynn Bagnatti, Courtney Harmon, Kathy Petersen, and Gail Meirs are the members of the Nomination Committee. Their email addresses will be in next week's newsletter.
- Currently there are 4 board members whose terms are expiring. Not all of the 4 members necessarily want to continue. See one of the committee members if you are interested in being on the board. There is a list of requirements including what you need regarding a computer and time you will need to be involved.

Events: Jeff reported:

- The shirts the newspaper carriers wear have all the events for the season listed on the back.
- Stated that Courtney Harmon is in charge of the children's activities and he (Jeff) is in charge of adult activities.
- He highlighted upcoming events including Ladies Nite, Men's Nite with a Cajun barbeque, and the Hawaiian Luau with the band Coconuts following, and Kiddie Bingo.
- They are looking for judges for the Little Mr. and Miss Lake Hayward event.
- Jeff also encourage people to join the board, giving positive feedback about his experience.

Linda Abel, 30 Lookout Dr., stated that Kiddie Bingo is on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm not 6-9pm and that the Doggie Parade during Lake Hayward Week is also 7-8 pm.

Properties: As Gary Petersen, property chair, was not able to make the meeting, Bonnie gave Gary's report.

- A new Lake Hayward sign was made and installed at the north end of the Lake, from the feedback we have gotten everyone seems very happy with the sign. Gary would like to thank Jason Griffin for having the sign made and helping to install it. We still have the old sign and considering raffling it off. Adam stated that Tom Kress who made the original sign may want it back. Bonnie agreed it would be a good idea to look into that.
- The remaining street signs have been purchased, they will all be installed this summer along with new sign posts. Anybody that would like to help with the signs please contact Gary Petersen. Looking into raffling off the street signs.
- The Third beach parking lot was enlarged and asphalt millings were put down on the parking lot similar to the Second beach parking lot.
- A survey was completed of the two right of ways at the north end of the Lake and the two reserve beaches north of First Beach. Some of the right of ways are impassible and will be cleared of the trees and brush. The two right of ways will then be clearly marked for use by all members.
- The tennis courts were pressure washed in May.
- In the fall the walkway at Third beach between the Third beach stairs and the parking lot will be worked on to make a better walkway between the beach and the stairs.

Richard Harmon, 3 Ridgewood Rd Ext

- Asked if the town would be painting the crosswalks at Third Beach. Bonnie replied the town will be painting both Second Beach and Third Beach crosswalks.
- He also asked if the new street signs were reflective. Bonnie answered yes.

H. A. Andrews, 7 Cragmere Road.

- Stated that there is considerable erosion on Cragmere Rd and that it has been difficult to work with the town. Beginning eight years ago, he has sent multiple requests to the town with photos to have the road fixed and to specifically to Emmett Lyman, First Selectman. The town created a ditch but it caused considerable runoff. Mr Andrews asked to have the association have more direct contact with the town to get needed repairs done on roads.
- Bonnie replied that is has been and ongoing battle. Cari Eckart, prior president, talked with the town also. But unfortunately it is a low priority for the town. The board will continue to speak with the town. She believes this is a case where the more people who complain to the town the higher the changes the issues will be addressed. She agreed the roads in general are not up to par.

Public Safety: Bonnie Sudell, public safety chair, reported:

- Richard Harmon is taking orders for the public house number reflective markers. They are fifteen dollars (\$15) each. They are a good idea so firemen, police, etc. can find your property easily. Richard Harmon reiterated the importance of having a reflective house numbers to help the firemen, police etc who don't know the area well.
- Police have been contracted by POALH to be present for events. They will also be here on an ad hoc basis to set speed traps, stop speeders, and check POALH parking stickers.
- There are 4 new parking permits this year which were included in the spring packet. If you did not get them, please see Bonnie. Please leave your parking permits at your property if you sell.
- There will be two CPR classes this year and one new Pet CPR class. The Pet CPR class requires preregistration. Dates and times will be listed in the newsletter.
- Boat Stickers along with the owners address are required to be posted on all boats being stored on POALH property during the summer season. They are available today at the

registration desk or ongoing from the treasurer.

- Per stated law, fireworks are not allowed on POALH property. It is requested that there is quiet after 10 pm.
- Be sure to lock your cars. Don't leave valuables in your cars.
- If you see something say something. The phone numbers for the East Haddam and Cochester police are on the kiosks.

Debbie Taylor, 22 Wildwood Rd, asked if the new street signs are reflective. Bonnie replied yes.

Don Smith, 78 Wildwood, stated there are 3 abandoned boats on the east side of the lake.

Peter Paschke, 32 Ridgewood Rd

- Talked about the dangerous curve on Lake Shore where Pilgrim Way starts. He stated Cari Eckhart, a few years ago, documented the condition and brought it to the town's attention. He is curious as to what the situation is regarding this with the town.
- Bonnie replied that she is aware of Cari's work, it is a dangerous curve, and we will continue to follow-up with the town.

Richard Harmon, 3 Ridgewood Rd Ext, answered a question and gave an announcement:

- When calling 911, state you live in East Haddam in the Lake Hayward District, otherwise valuable time may be lost having your call rerouted to the correct responders for our area.
- There will be a *Stop the Bleed* workshop at the East Haddam Town Street Firehouse, on July 20th, from 9-11 am. Please call to reserve a seat. Detailed information will be in the newsletter. He stated if we had enough interest here we could get a workshop held.

Lake Quality Improvement Committee (LQIC):

Corinne reported:

- The lake had a small amount of algae in the fall. As a result LQIC hired a limnologist, an expert on the factors that effect the health of waterways, from Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR). There is an article in the June 22nd newsletter outlining the process and why we hired who we did.
- Corinne encouraged everyone to read NEAR's report on our website, lakehaywardct.com. On the top navigation bar see Lake Quality > Northeast Aquatic Research Data Analysis and Recommendations.
- One result of the NEAR Report was that they suggested a new testing protocol. LQIC members will be gathering more lake water data twice a month and also testing in-flowing streams for nutrients. This will help LQIC and NEAR understand the lake's health and deal with any further algae breakouts. Exactly what we will be testing for is in the NEAR report on the website.
- Residents can also take precautions to help the lake health by getting septic systems cleaned every 3-5 years and eliminating phosphate fertilizers. A phosphate-free fertilizer has a zero as the middle number.
- If you have questions feel free to email Corinne, CorinneH@lakehaywardct.com. Also there will be an Lake Quality article in the newsletter every week. Please read it.
- There is a delay in the weed treatment this year. It's targeted to happen in July at the beginning of the week.
- There are a lot good resources online. Consider becoming a member of the The CT federation of Lakes (Ctlakes.org). This organization helps to educate the public, represents lakes at the local and state government levels, and helps to keep lakes healthy.

- Corinne also stated the town has a pool of money they divide yearly between the three lakes in East Haddam. We submit our expenses for the upcoming year and they cover a percentage as we have an income flow and the other two lakes don't. For the 2019 – 2020 budget we received \$9,441.
- The town also has a fund for lake projects. The dredging project applied and is being granted \$13,000 to help pay for the project.
- Corinne thanked the LQIC members; on the east side Wolf Koste, Tim Pelton, Jeanine Gouin, and on the west side Ed Bader, Gail Miers, and Janet DePratti.

Jan reported:

- Weekly Water collection for e.coli testing has started. It begins the week before Memorial Day and ends the week prior to Labor Day. Weekly testing is not being done for algae. There have been no problems with e.coli this year and none last year. Kathy Petersen is doing the collecting this year while Jan is giving her training and is backup if needed.
- A report of all the e.coli test results from 2018 can be found on our website under Lake Quality>Water Collection in the navigation bar. The 2019 tests results will be on the website after Labor Day.
- She reiterated Corinne's request to have septic systems cleaned and eliminating the use of phosphate fertilizers. She also talked about the use of neem oil, an organic approach to treating plants for insects and disease.

Third Beach Dredging: Bill Taylor reported:

- The contract for dredging was signed in Feb 2019 with Pristine Waters, Llc. Following, they were present to answer questions of potential contractors that would make a proposal for phase 1 (beach preparation) and / or phase 2 (post dredging cleanup).
- Proposals from potential contractors for phase 1 / phase 2 are required by July 1, 2019. A decision by the dredging committee will be made by July 13, 2019.

Jan DePratti stated for newsletter submissions they need to be sent to Webmaster@lakehaywardct.com and secretary@lakehaywardct.com by 6pm on the Sunday.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Bonnie reported since members received the spring packed with by-laws change proposals, the board has received some very good by-laws update suggestions. These will be reviewed and considered. As a result a vote on by-laws change proposals is postponed to the June 2020 Association Meeting.

Richard Harmon, 3 Ridgewood Rd Ext, asked why a lien would be placed on a property because their taxes weren't paid. Ed replied that POALH tax collection follows state law and explained the process whereby a delinquent account could result in a lien against the property. Once the taxes are paid the lien is lifted.

Linda Abel, 30 Lookout, stated that since stone has been displaced around the pavilion, walking in the area has become dangerous. She asked that stone be delivered and be spread, offering to help. Bonnie replied that we are aware of the condition. Jeff stated that we discussed it at a prior board meeting.

Peter Paschke, 32 Ridgewood Rd requested if there could be reinforcement to have septic systems pumped on the lake.

Announcements:

- Bonnie announced that the Lake Hayward store will be open again this year. Dates and time will be listed in the the July 6th newsletter.
- Jan announced she will be hosting the Tissue Paper Collage workshop on July 7th from noon – 2pm at the Pavilion.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:28 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet DePratti
POALH Secretary-Clerk