

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes July 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Sudell at 9:05am at the First Beach pavilion, Lake Shore Drive. Board members in attendance were Gary Peterson, Corinne Halliday, Bonnie Sudell, Jason Griffing, Jeff Conway, Adam Thompson, Ed Bader (tax collector), and Lee Griffin (treasurer). Association members in attendance were Felicia Tencza, Randy Miller, Cindy Biancamano, Lynne Bagnatti, Evelyn Passan, Dave Edgington, Kim Jonah, and Kathy Sabo.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Bonnie Sudell, seconded by Corinne Halliday, to go into executive session. All were in favor. The subject of this session was real estate.

Public Comments: Felicia Tencza commented that she believes adult activities in our events budget should attempt to break even with their costs and that the board should revisit the subject of charging more for the use of the pavilion. Kathy Sabo commented that we are not an association to make money.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Jeff Conway to approve the meeting minutes for the June 19, 2019. It was seconded by Jason Griffing and all approved.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Lee Griffin reported that approximately \$90,000 in tax revenue had been collected so far. Bank statements were reconciled as of 6/30/19 and the end of year statement will be in a newsletter prior to the general membership meeting in August.

Tax collector reported that all tax bills were mailed to property owners and payments are coming in.

President's Comments: Eversource is being contacted regarding a potential issue with a spotlight staying on near the tennis courts. A complaint regarding the placement of a permanent crossing sign was directed to the state of Connecticut. We have received calls from residents who are happy with the temporary crosswalk signs which seem to be slowing down traffic. There were fireworks being discharged from our beaches this year and we will have to call the police in the future. There is too much liability for our Association to absorb.

Nominating Committee: Lynne Bagnatti, of the Nominating Committee, reported that there were 5 potential candidates for them to consider for a slate of Governors. Each of these candidates had written the required letter to the board. Three were present at this meeting and each was given a chance to briefly speak.

Budget Committee: Ed Bader, Dave Edgington, Lee Griffin, Kim Jonah, and Randy Miller were all in attendance. Their report for the 2020/2021 budget was delivered to the Board. These Budget Committee members commented that they were all in agreement with this budget. Tax levy will remain the same amount as last year's levy. The Budget Committee's report will be made available to the members together with an explanation of the components of the Budget.

Jeff Conway, Events chair, presented a 2020/21 schedule which showed potential income, costs and revenue vs. losses for each event. He is confident that he can stay within the proposed \$7,000 net expense budget.

Randy Miller presented a schedule for capital reserves and proposed expenditures and the reasoning behind the numbers. This schedule starts in 2020 and goes out to 2034. He recommended that more work should be done on this plan both at the Board level and thru subcommittees. A copy of this report will be made available. Part of the plan included the purchase of an AED in 2020. A proposal was made to not wait until then and to bring this to the general membership for immediate purchase as part of the members' approval of all Capital Expenditures at the August 18, 2019 meeting.

A motion to present the budget, as drafted by the Budget Committee, to our Association at the annual meeting in August was made by Gary Peterson and seconded by Jeff Conway. In favor of this motion were Corinne Halliday, Gary Peterson, Bonnie Sudell, and Jeff Conway. Jason Griffing had left the meeting early. Adam Thompson abstained.

Properties: The dam inspection process will commence on 7/23/2019 as the State of CT and our insurance company requires. An engineer has been hired and will begin the inspection process at 4:00pm on July 23, 2019. The wood edging around the stone at the pavilion was removed as it had become a tripping hazard. Thoughts are being given as to how it will be replaced. The AED at second beach will be removed during our off season. A decision as to what to do with the old Lake Hayward sign has been tabled until the next board meeting due to its state of disrepair. Gary Peterson, our properties chair, will be helped next year with his various duties by Bob Sudell.

Public Safety: Crosswalk signs have been installed and the police presence has been good in our neighborhood.

LQIC: As of the date of this meeting, we are still waiting on our permit from the state to conduct our weed treatment. Volunteers are busy with our new testing protocol for the lake. Greg Bugbee, of the CT. Agricultural Experiment Station, and others performed an aquatic plant survey on Friday paid by a grant from the state. They are doing this at various lakes in the state of CT. Their final report will be made available to us. The weekly testing at our three beaches continues and the results have been good.

The dredging project at third beach is moving along in a timely fashion. The job of preparing the beach for a dewatering bag and the removal of the muck was competitively bid out. John Allegra was awarded the bid. This work is slated to be performed in September after Labor Day. This project is staying within its budget and is expecting a \$15,000 grant from the town of East Haddam.

New Business: Further discussion is needed regarding a charge for use of the pavilion and the parking issues that arise. A request was made by a resident as to the potential naming of a stream in the association. He was directed to inquire with the town and state. The board received a check for funds for electricity used in the charging of a pontoon boat at the pavilion. The board voted to return the check. It was also pointed out to the board that the meeting minutes of May 15, 2019 were changed after publishing and that they needed to be approved. Bonnie made a motion to do so, and Adam seconded it. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Corinne Halliday