

**POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Bonnie Sudell at 113 Lake Shore Dr, East Haddam, CT. Board members in attendance were: Janet DePratti, Corinne Halliday, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor, Lee Griffin, Treasurer, and Ed Bader, Tax Collector. Association members Felicia Tencza and Randy Miller also attended.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The minutes of the July 20, 2019 Board Meeting and the August 10, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Tax Collector: Taxes billed in 2019 are 94% collected.

Other: At Bonnie's request, Randy Miller reviewed the recent East Haddam Board of Finance actions regarding Town lake operating expense reimbursements and support of lake capital needs. These Board of Finance actions do not appear to impact expected POALH operating and capital funds from the Town.

President's Comments:

- Bonnie received a letter of resignation from Evelyn Passan from her position on the Events Committee. Bonnie stated Jeff would need to accept the resignation as chair of the Events Committee.
- Al Andrews, 7 Cragmere Rd, called Bonnie and Gary concerned about the dam inspection asking if the boards at the dams could be replaced to raise the depth of the water. Discussion by the board expressed effect on residents with shoreline property. To determine if this is doable an engineer's assessment, permitting by the town and an approval from CT DEEP is required. Board decided to wait for the Engineer's Report for the work currently needed on the dam, before we pursue additional actions.
- On August 24, Lake Shore drive traffic will be detoured onto Town Rd then back on Lake Shore Drive by way of Hayfield. This is to eliminate traffic between first beach and the parking lot for safety. Detour signs are in the East Haddam public works garage.

Property:

- Dam – There was a preliminary inspection by the engineer and no major issues were seen. Tall weeds will be cut down by our contracted property maintenance team for a final topographical survey inspection by the engineer. He will then assess work needed to be done.
- Grounds – The grounds at second beach were trimmed. Also the large bush on First Beach covered with the orange invasive plant was removed.
- Road Erosion at the Dam – Gary spoke to Beth Lunt at the EH Town Hall. She stated that they are aware of the erosion on the road by the dam; they will repair it but that they are very busy.
- Glimmer Glen – Gary also asked Beth about work needed on Glimmer Glen. She stated the road is private, not the responsibility of the town.
- First Beach Large Drain – This drain deposits a lot of sand near the water at the north end of First beach. Gary stated that the amount of sand that was deposited this year is less than last year. The drain is cleaned out yearly by the town.
- Third Beach Parking Lot – EH Town will put in the requested sidewalk and they will look at the curbing at 3rd beach and the 3rd beach parking lot.

- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
 - Second Beach AED needs to be removed at the end of the season because it is not heated where the AED is stored. Corinne suggested that a date be chosen, such as Oct 15, to remove it, have it be the same date every year and state in the newsletter. Gary's stated that if the weather was too cold prior to Oct 15, he would need to removed it.
 - First Beach AED will remain where it is. There is heat where it is kept year around.
- First Beach Parking Lot Light – For an unknown reason the parking lot light is back on that shines into an owner's property. After the other First Beach parking lot lights are changed to LED, the board will reassess whether to take the light down or redirect it.

Secretary-Clerk:

- Jan stated she and Jason are syncing up the electronic list and the voter registration binder that holds the hard copy signed sheets.
- It was suggested a new recorder for meeting be purchased that has better microphone pickup. Lee stated he would ask Jim Ventres at the EH Town Hall what they use to record meetings.

Lake Improvement Quality Committee (LQIC):

- Corinne stated:
 - She still hadn't heard if we have received our permit for weed treatment. She has been in continual contact with Solitude.
 - Lake Pocotopaug treatments were missed by Solitude, also.
 - Although it's later in the season, AJ Reyes, Aquatic Ecologist, from Northeast Aquatic Research, let Corinne know that it is worth treating Lake Hayward.
 - Amanda for Solitude did another pre-treatment survey today, Aug 14. She pointed out more milfoil plant in the lake. When we receive it, the pre-treatment survey from Solitude will be posted.
 - LQIC is returning 3 handheld conductivity meters and purchasing a single conductivity meter. The replacement meter has the sensors at the end of a cord to enable measuring water conductivity in hard to reach places. There is an additional cost difference of \$170, which will come out of the LQIC budget.
 - Randy talked about the twice a month deep water readings and water samples that are being taken by LQIC this season. Three sets have been taken so far. No results from the water samples have been received yet, but the more recent deep water readings show there is not much dissolved oxygen near the bottom of the lake. The deep water readings and the water sample results will help LQIC further understand the health of Lake Hayward with assistance from AJ Reyes, Aquatic Ecologist, of Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR).
 - Felicia invited any of the POALH community who would like to understand this LQIC program to join them (Randy, Felicia, Wolf, and Tim) on the boat while they take readings and samples. There is limited boat space, contact Felicia or Randy for arrangements.

Dredging Project:

- POALH contract with J. Allegra has been finalized for site work.
- Pristine Waters will begin dredging Oct 1, 2019.
- Bill Taylor will oversee and take photos as work progresses.

Technology:

Jan stated Bill had problems with accessing his Office 365 account on his computer, but with a second password reset, Bill can access his account now.

New Business:

- The board motioned and approved the sale of the two docks for \$4,000.
- The board discussed:
 - The request by Janice Spooner, by way of Evelyn Passan, requesting Joey Spooner (son) to host a Make-a-Wish Fundraiser at the First Beach Pavilion. Bonnie stated she would look into it further.
 - The request by Theodora French to post a sign on her property for a class she is offering. Bonnie stated she would respond to Theodora.
 - Swimming lessons not sponsored by POALH are being held at first beach. As POALH cannot obtain insurance if swimming lessons are held on association property, no swimming lessons can be held.
- Time and place for board meetings for the remainder of the year were set and will be post on the website. Time and place for 2020 board meetings will be set at the Sept 2019 board meeting and will be posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet H. DePratti
POALH Secretary