

**POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes, September 25, 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: Cindy Biancamano, Jeff Conway, Janet DePratti, Hema Desilva, Gary Petersen, Jason Griffing, Kathy Sabo, Bonnie Sudell, Bill Taylor, Lee Griffin, Treasurer, and Ed Bader, Tax Collector. Association members Corinne Halliday, Felicia Tencza, Randy Miller, and Dustin Maurice also attended.

Public Comment:

Dustin Maurice – Offered to get involved. Gary invited him to the work party on Oct 5th. Dustin noted boats filled with standing water and also sees gas engine boats with props in the water. He also stated he has a vehicle with lights and can help out at events.

Felicia Tencza – Stated that the Board agenda was again not made available to the membership as required. Felicia then discussed reasons for renting the pavilion to members as a source of income for the association. Pavilion cost and upkeep is supported by the entire membership. During the 2019 season the pavilion was reserved for private parties and out of use for the general membership for 15 days, approximately 40% of the weekend days. It is expected the operating budget will go up next year, increasing the tax burden on the membership. It would be prudent to maximize the income potential of the pavilion to help alleviate the tax burden. This was endorsed in principal by members at the 2019 annual meeting.

Randy Miller – Randy described a sample pavilion rental fee plan that could generate about \$3,000 based on the 2019 rentals.

Corinne Halliday – The East Haddam Lakes Association meeting will be held on Thursday Sept 26 at the Moodus Sportsman Club. Corinne asked that folks attend especially board members for support.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 14, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Tax Collector: Ed Bader, Tax Collector, reported that approximately 94% the taxes levied as of July 1, 2019 have been collected. There are approximately 21 tax payers who have not paid their July 1, 2019 taxes and 8 tax payers who were late and owe interest charges. Collection efforts will continue through the fall and early winter to collect the remaining delinquencies.

President's Comments:

- Bonnie stated signage rules have been in effect as early as 2001. She stated there have been a lot of complaints as to why signage rules just now being enforced.

Election of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Clerk

- A motion was made and passed by the board to elect Bonnie Sudell for a second term as president.
- A motion was made and passed by the board to elect Kathy Sabo as secretary-clerk.
- No vice president was elected at this time.

Set Board of Governors meeting dates for 2019-20 year

- Bonnie will email a draft board meeting schedule. She asked board members to respond with

comments and conflicts and also dates they may be able to host.

- There was discussion regarding having June, July, Aug and Sept board meetings on Wed evenings as board members often have guests on the weekends.

Committee Reports

Budget: none

Dredging Project:

Third beach has been prepared. Size and level will be confirmed by Gary and Bill and corrected if needed. Pristine Waters will be starting on Oct 1. Bill will be away Oct 1-3, with Gary taking over when he is away. The dates for Jim Ventres to review 3rd beach prep and to have project reviewed by the EH Inlands Wetlands Commission both need to be determined.

Events:

- Jeff mentioned that two bands are booked already for the 2020 season.
- Jeff would like to do a membership survey to get feedback on 2019 events. Jason will forward him the last survey.
- There are 3 new Event Committee members, with Lisa Rogers as one.
- Bill asked that when an event is canceled to please have a sign posted where the event was to take place.

LQIC:

- Greg Bugbee did a survey of the lake and there is bladderwort, which we need to keep an eye on for treatment.
- Felicia stated we are currently doing algae counts and mentioned we only do toxin counts as a teaching mechanism in the case of an algal bloom, since by the time results are available the bloom may have moved on or even dissipated.
- Corinne stated we are expecting to get our 3 year DEEP permit for weed treatment and to have it start 2020.
- Corinne stated that she attended the September 21 CFL forum and found helpful information speaking with other lake property owners in the state.
- LQIC has developed a draft Algae Action Plan, which Corinne introduced. She asked that the board review it for a vote at the next board meeting.
- When asked by another board member what is causing the algae, Corinne stated high phosphate levels (which we currently have), are due to people's use of phosphates (lawn, garden, & flower fertilizers).

Properties:

- Locks on the pavilion storage doors will be changed. Gary will give out new keys at the next board meeting.
- There will be 3 work parties: Sept 28th and Oct 5th to remove rafts and swim lines. Work party Nov 2nd is to remove boats from the boat racks that were not removed by their owners.
- The board decided against using coyote urine on the beaches to keep geese away as suggested by an association member.
- Felicia suggested using black mesh fence which deters geese well on their property.

Public Safety:

- Bonnie stated that she spoke to Beth Lunt at the town hall about the crosswalks not being painted. She also told Beth that the town signs at the crosswalks hang over into the road.
- The new center street sign, and the old one, from Third Beach, were both taken.

Secretary-Clerk:

- Jan will get the number of members registered to vote and send to Bonnie.

Technology:

- Jan stated that the 3 new board members can get onto Office 365.
- Hema stated he is having trouble getting to his email on his iPad, but can access his email on his laptop.

Water Quality:

Kathy Petersen and Jan are working on the 2019 Water Collection Spreadsheet and will send to Mike to post on the website when complete.

Old Business:

Subcommittee to develop Strategic Plan – Hema, Jeff, and Lee offered to work on the Strategic Plan

Subcommittee to develop criteria for Blighted Property Designation

East Haddam tried to pass a blight ordinance at one time but was unsuccessful. From discussions with the town, they won't look into pursuing a blight ordinance in the near future. Ed, Jason and Jan offered to work on this committee.

Dam Inspection Update

State requires the dam be inspected every 7 years. It takes 4 months to complete as the dam need to be inspected at various water levels. A topographical survey is also required. Gary will look into why the association owns the dam.

Rights-of-way and POALH Property Encroachment Update

Gary has begun speaking to owners who have encroached, most unknowingly, on association property. He has suggested to owners to have a survey done.

Property Purchase Update

Lawyers have drafted closing documents which have been presented to the sellers.

Swim Lessons Update

Bonnie and Ed spoke to the swimming instructor and stated the association couldn't take on the liability of swimming lessons. The discussion was formalized with a written letter.

Signage Enforcement Update

Discussion was held regarding the signage rules. It was stated a draft of suggested modifications to the signage rules and regulations will be presented at the next board meeting.

New Business: In the interest of time it was agreed to postpone new business to the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,