

**Property Owners Association of Lake Hayward
Annual Meeting
August 18, 2019**

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, Jason Griffing, Neil Murphy, Gary Petersen, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson. Also present were Ed Bader, Tax Collector and Lee Griffin, Treasurer. There were 134 total attendees, 117 of which are registered voters.

Opening Remarks: Bonnie welcomed everyone. She stated to vote, individuals must be registered and to vote use the yellow piece of paper. 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 also asked that we be polite and respectful and please contribute in a positive way.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the June 23, 2019 Association Meeting Minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer:

- Lee addressed the 2018-2019 year-end report as of June 2019. The overage of 14,887.97 will be returned to residents as a tax reduction in 2021.
- If you are interested in the CPA's report for 2018-2019 please email the our treasurer at Treasurer@lakehaywardct.com
- All invoices as of 08/18/2019 are paid.

Tax Collector:

- All taxes are collected for the 2018 tax year.
- 94% of the taxes for the 2019 tax year are collected.

Reports of the Board of Governors:

President: Bonnie commented on the following:

- She thanked all those who have volunteered this year.
- She asked for a show of hands for the following:
 - spring packet delivered electronically, about 2/3 were in favor
 - charge for use of the pavilion, about 80% were in favor
 - board stop sending weekly email with link to current newsletter, majority stated "No".
- No changes will be made at this time by the board, but they will continue to study the spring packet and pavilion charge subjects.

Secretary-Clerk:

- Jan stated she and Jason have synced up the electronic list and the voter registration binder that holds the hard copy signed sheets to help reduce confusion during the check-in process during Association meetings. She suggested it be synced up yearly prior to the first Association meeting of the year.

Properties:

- 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.
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Second Beach AED will be removed on Oct 15 yearly because it is not heated where the AED is stored.
- First Beach AED will remain where it is. There is heat where it is kept year around.
- When using the AED you still need to call 911. It is NOT automatically called.
- Gary gave a demo of the sound when it is opened, but goes off when closed. Bob Sudell, 113 Lake Shore stated if the alarm appears to go off unintentionally, call Gary or try to close the cover. Don't call 911.
- The two association docks for sale were sold for \$4000.
- Please don't turn of the fan or adjust the thermostat at the pavilion. It is set and sensors automatically.
- First Beach Parking Lot Light lights will be changed to LED.
- Next season's projects include opening the right of ways by our contracted landscaper and completing the Third Beach walkway and parking lot.

Diane Camacho, 134 Longwood asked when the new road signs will be installed ? Gary stated they will be installed this fall season.

Tadd Wamester, 48 Wildwood stated the dodder on second beach was not all removed. He also asked why the trimming was done so close. Gary responded he would have the contracted landscaper remove the remaining dodder and will also be clearer when requesting trimming to be done.

Irene Braren, 146 Lake Shore stated there is a dead tree at the end of little beach. Gary stated he would look in to it.

Phil Sabo, 15 Lookout stated a “Great Job !” being done by the contracted landscaper. He also stated he bought some coyote urine and found it worked to keep geese away. He asked the board to consider using it on the beaches to keep the geese away.

Jeff Bender, 6 Forest Way reported on his investigation into an ambulance service for the Lake Community. He stated the cost was \$22,000/mo for the town. But he did encourage the board to have discussions with the town to possibly have a service for a few months during the summer. First step is the town would need to know the demographics of the POALH community.

Bonnie, president, reminded that when we call 911 to let the person who answers know that you are located in the “Lake Hayward district of East Haddam”.

Mary LaForte, 1 Longwood suggested a permanent sign be posted next to the AEDs stating to tell 911 you are located in the “Lake Hayward district of East Haddam”.

Bonnie Sudell, president, 113 lake Shore stated that Lee Griffin, can take orders for reflective property markers for \$15. These are very helpful for the ambulance and police to find your house more easily.

Lake Improvement Quality Committee (LQIC):

Corinne was absent and Jan DePratti read notes from the August 14, 2019 board meeting.

- Corinne still hasn’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.
- Twice a month deep water readings and water samples 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.
- Randy stated that the Connecticut Federation of Lake (CFL) is holding their Annual Lakes Forum. It is \$10 for CFL members. Speakers will include George Knoecklein of Northeast Aquatic Research, Greg Bugbee of CT DEEP, and Steve Trinkaus from Lake Pocotopaug.
- Bonnie stated that there was only one high e. coli reading this year during the weekly beach testing. It was on first beach, and reading was normal at next day retest.

Bill Wamaster, 133 Lake Shore, brought that our lake is being overgrown with lily pads and asked if something can be done.

Mary LaPorte, 1 Longwood, thanked the LQIC that we have been proactive with our lake's health. She stated she saw a lake shore property owner treating their lawn by a non-organic lawn company. She stated that we all around the lake need to be educated on what to use on our properties.

Felicia Tencza, 22 Forest Way, stated that Lake Pocotopaug needs an extensive amount of remediation. Our LQIC can only do so much. To protect our property value we need to protect our lake. Each individual needs to look at what they are doing. Everything done on ones' own property effects the watershed and makes a big difference to the lake.

Public Safety: Bonnie stated:

- There was police presence last night (Aug 17 during the band performance) and there will be police presence during the carnival.
- Boat stickers for boats stored on POALH racks / property during the summer and the reflective street address signs for \$15 can

be gotten from Lee. Please also put your address on your boat in case it comes breaks free from where it is stored, the owner can be readily found.

- Please use new parking permits given this year. There were four parking permits sent with the spring packet. The parking permits are registered to the property, so if you sell your property leave the parking permits there for next owner.

Events: Jeff reported:

- He thanked Evelyn and Courtney Harmon for their work on the Events Committee this year. Evelyn will not be organizing the bands next year.
- Overall good turnout with the adult crafts on Friday eve. Will not hold those adult crafts that didn't do well.
- If anyone would like to be on the Events Committee see Jeff.
- He also thanked Debbie Taylor, Linda Abel, and Colleen Sokolowski for their work on kid's crafts.

Linda Abel, 30 Lookout Dr., stated that adults can play at Kiddie Bingo, but cannot win, also that tomorrow night, Aug 19th, is the Doggie Parade.

Bill Taylor, 22 Wildwood, reminded everyone the Carnival is Sat, Aug 24, from 3-5pm. Kids can buy a ticket for \$5 and play all of the games. Bill is looking for a volunteer to run the games. If interested contact Heather.

Bob Sudell, 113 Lake Shore, that Lake Shore will be closed from LH Town RD to Hay Field for the Beach Games and Carnival from 12-5pm. There is also a movie night on First Beach after the Carnival.

Larry Lusardi, 126 lake Shore, congratulated Heather for a great job with lake Hayward Days.

Dave Edgington, 25 Wildwood, there will be food at First Beach on Sat, Aug 24, from 12-5pm. Included this year are french fries. See Dave if you want to volunteer.

Jan DePratti, 66 Ridgewood, stated there will also be a professional juggler from the Boston area during the Carnival.

Dredging Project: Bill Taylor reported:

- All contracts are signed.
- Third Beach will be closed immediately after Labor Day for site work and will be closed until May 1st.
- After the site work, Pristine Waters will be installing the large bad to hold the dredged material.
- An overview of the remaining steps for the work was give. These steps are in the Aug 21, 2019 newsletter.

Don Smith, 78 Wildwood, asked if there will be room for the docks and boats on Third Beach. Bill replied that there will be.

Colleen Sokolowski, 21 Wildwood, asked if owners need to move boats / kayaks soon after Labor Day. Bill replied there should be enough room to allow getting boats in and out.

Budget Presentation for 2020-2021 Budget and Budget Vote:

- Ed stated to please note that we are voting on the total budget. Only motion to approve the total budget will be accepted. Total budget gets voted on and approved or rejected. Line item adjustment motions are not permitted.
- Ed Bader moved to approve the 2020-2021 budget and it was seconded by Bob Sudell.
- The budget passed with the majority in favor, one opposed, one abstained.

Capital Expenditures Budget: 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

- Bonnie gave an overview of the work to be done in the 2019-2020 capital expenditures budget.
- Ed moved to approve the capital expenditures budget and it was seconded by Bob Sudell. The capital expenditures budget was passed with the majority in favor and two opposed.

Linda Abel, 30 Lookout, asked if a fence could be placed around the retention pond. Ed stated once it's determined the work needed for the retention pond, the board will look into it.

Hema DeSilva, 24 Glimmer Glen, asked about direction for Glimmer Glen as it is in bad need of repair. Bonnie stated it will be looked in to as upcoming projects are determined. Gary stated he has some money in this year's budget for small repairs on Glimmer Glen. Ed stated he and Gary will talk to the EH First Selectman about roads. Bod Sudell stated the reason the town would not take ownership of the road is because they would require it to be widened.

Hema DeSilva, 24 Glimmer Glen, also stated the south cove needs to be dredged.

Bill Wamaster, 133 Lake Shore, stated we pay a lot in taxes without children into the educational system so we need to encourage the town to do more for the residents, in reference to the roads.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Voting on New Board Members:

- Bonnie thanked the committee members and board for their work this year.
- Bonnie thanked the outgoing board members for their work: Corinne Halliday, Neil Murphy, and Adam Thompson.
- The slate on new boards members was reviewed. There were no nominations from the floor.
- Larry Lusardi moved to accept the slate of new board members. It was seconded. The slate was accepted by a majority, with one opposed and one abstention.

Announcements:

Linda Abel, 30 Lookout Dr, made a motion to have board and spouses go out to dinner paid with association funds. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by a majority.

Linda Baily, 15 Ridgewood Rd, stated instead of paying for use of the pavilion, that the member could get their own private insurance to cover people not from the Association. Bonnie stated that that was not the question discussed but would look into it.

Diane Camacho, 143 Longwood Dr, stated the cross walks need to be repainted. Gary stated that it is on the town's list to do. Jason stated that the more association members calling the first selectman helps to move work along to get done.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet DePratti
POALH Secretary-Clerk