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Lake Hayward

Message from the President

Welcome back to a little bit more of the normal we all cherish

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Upcoming Events

- 6/26 **SILENT AUCTION W/ DOWN THE HATCH AND VINTAGE FOOD TRUCK,** 6-9 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 6/27 **JUNE ASSOCIATION MEETING,** 10 a.m. to noon at First Beach Pavilion
- 7/2 **FRIED DOUGH SALE,** 6-8 p.m. at First Beach Pavilion
- 7/3 **JAKE LULAK & THE LOWDOWN,** 7:30-10 p.m., First Beach Pavilion

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Welcome to the summer of 2021. A special welcome to the many new owners here at beautiful Lake Hayward. Hopefully COVID is in our rearview mirror, but we will continue being cautious.

Your board has met throughout the offseason months to keep things running smoothly. There are lots of new and traditional events planned including a golf tournament on July 31 and Ladies Night on Aug 27 (we need male cooks that night). See the events calendar at www.lakehaywardct.com. Speaking of the website, please check it out. There's a lot of useful info on it.

WHAT: POALH JUNE MEETING
WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon, Sunday, June 27
WHERE: First Beach Pavilion

Please attend our membership meeting on Sunday, June 27. There will be a brief presentation by our Lake Hayward Dam committee.

The water at each beach is tested weekly and the Monday and Friday trash pickup starts this week and continues til Sept. 6.

Please make it your mission to have your septic

pumped. It is so important to our lake.

We need two more people for our nominating committee. If interested please contact me at Cindyb@lakehaywardct.com.

If you run an event please, be aware that no reimbursements will be made without the chairman's approval.

Please join me in thanking Lee Griffin for his many years as our treasurer. Time for him to just enjoy our community. Welcome to Nancy Kavanaugh. She will be taking over as Treasurer.

See you on the beach.

- Cindy Biancamano

Town budget defeat will delay issuance of POALH tax bills

There will be a delay in mailing out property tax bills for both the association and the Town of East Haddam because the Town of East Haddam failed to pass its 2021-22 budget in the recent Town Referendum several weeks ago.

It is anticipated that a second referendum will be held in August to approve the town's 2021-22 Budget. Once the

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town budget is approved, the town and association's property tax bills will be mailed to property owners.

The Association has an approved budget and mill rate, but our Grand List is controlled by the town and they will not release the entire town Grand List until the budget is passed and a town mill rate is



set. Both the town and the association use the same vendor to print property

tax bills. We will keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Any questions, please contact Ed Bader, Tax Collector, at 860-295-8769 or 860-214-9288.

Lake Hayward Store goes online with limited-time offer and some good deals

We are trying something new this year. In an effort to bring you the products you have requested without incurring the cost to the POALH of carrying inventory, we are opening a two-week online store via BSN Sports. The store will be open from June 26 to July 12 and can be accessed at <https://www.bsnteamsports.com/shop/LAKEHAYCT>.

T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, quarter-zip pullovers and full-zip jackets are available in multiple colors for adults — all with our new Lake Hayward logo (see image). We

LAKE HAYWARD STORE

didn't forget the kids — we have T-shirts and hoodies for them.

Also, we will be selling inventory from past years at events at the lake this summer — T-shirts, mugs, totes and more will be available at discounted prices.

Finally, this will be my last year as chair of Lake Hayward Promotions and we are looking for someone to take over. Interested? Please contact me at mfboone@optimum.net or talk to a board member.



An eco-friendly life at the lake has its rewards for you and your surroundings

By Jess Stone
Cold Spring Farm

Welcome back to everyone at Lake Hayward for another fine summer season.

Life on the lake is truly about taking in all that nature has to offer, away from the busyness of working life with its traffic and chaos and big-box stores. We come to the lake to find peace and connection, and are often blessed with ecological treasures such as gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, blue herons fishing in the distance, cool lake water to swim in, safe places to play with our children outdoors.

The lake fosters so many memories, year after year, and for a lifetime. That's why protecting these well-loved spaces is so vital to our experiences now and in the future. It isn't difficult to live an eco-friendly life. A single person's choices do, in fact, impact all of us. When many people choose a greener lifestyle, we are all beneficiaries. Our own homes and cottages, our water for drinking, for swimming, for fishing, for boating, are all cleaner and healthier. The health of the environment around us makes all the difference and includes the air, the water, and the land.

What can we all do to live an eco-friendly life at the lake?

WASTE LESS: Avoid using disposable products whenever possible. Use cleaning cloths instead of paper towels for wiping

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up spills. Use washable plates, utensils and cups at your events. Only fill your plates with the food you know you can reasonably eat.

PREVENT POLLUTION: Be thoughtful on how you dispose of everyday items like batteries, plastics and food waste. Use only eco-friendly products in your gardens and lawns. Pick up trash along the roadsides whenever you encounter it. Avoid dumping unwanted liquids into the lake. Let your lawns grow a little longer between cuttings to keep the soil's water-holding capacity at its prime level. Reduce your lawn area and diversify your gardens and plant trees, shrubs, perennials using compost from your local farm for plant nutrition.

REDUCE YOUR FUEL CONSUMPTION: Bike or walk whenever possible. Keep your lights on when you need them; turn them off when you don't. Unplug items that aren't currently in use. Avoid AC units whenever you can find comfort in breezes coming in from your windows.

CONSERVE WATER: Collect water from rainstorms and save for later use in your gardens and lawns. Be conscious of water use when showering, brushing teeth and taking care of outdoor planters and

gardens. Reuse water whenever you can.

INVEST IN REUSABLE PRODUCTS: Buying a reusable water bottle is one of the most effective ways to avoid the use of plastics. If you buy plastic bottles of water because it is purified, keep in mind there are plenty of reusable water bottles that also filter water. Use only reusable shopping bags at the farm stand or wherever you go for supplies. Pack beach lunches using reusable bags and containers. Avoid cleaning supplies that don't come with refillable options. Use glass containers to store leftovers. Over a lifetime, you can significantly reduce the plastics destroying our ecosystem.

UPGRADE YOUR APPLIANCES: Great Aunt Betty may have enjoyed that mini-microwave that adorns your counter-

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Classifieds

For Sale: 9' x 6' Rubber Dockie Floating Pad, with 12' bungee tether. \$100. Call Jeff at 860-463-4873.

New: Samsung microwave 30x15x16. \$175. **Used:** White, double bowl, porcelain cast iron kitchen sink 33 x 22. \$75 **Used:** Black, electric GE Profile Spectra four burner range and self-cleaning oven. \$75. All three together for \$250. Please contact Tim Pelton at 203-213-0834.

Weed treatment is on Tuesday June 29; swimming will be off limits that day

Our annual weed treatment is on Tuesday, June 29. It has typically been on a Monday, but this year it is Tuesday. **Please do not swim, boat or fish on that the day.** Those activities may be resumed on June 30. Watering of livestock may resume on July 1, drinking and cooking may resume on July 2, and irrigation may resume on July 3.

Signs will be posted throughout our lake community reminding you of this. We will also post a picture of these signs on Facebook. Last year's report from Solitude Lake Management can be found on the POALH website. This year's pre treatment survey will also be posted on our website.

Our deepwater testing program continues with the help of a great team of volunteers. As most of you know, after an algae bloom in 2018, your LQIC began an extensive testing program at the deepest point of the lake in 2019 and then again in 2020 under the guidance of Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR). NEAR also did detailed testing of the lake in 2000/2001. There were many interesting findings that you can read in the NEAR summary report on our website. We have continued the deep water testing this year and have added nutrient testing of certain streams where they enter the lake.

The concentration of surface nutrients, water temperature, and water clarity were worse in 2020 compared to 2019. The anoxic

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boundary, the depth below which the water is oxygen deficient, was higher and covered more area in 2020. Anoxia facilitates the release of nutrients from the sediment. Bottom nutrient concentration, however, was less than in 2019. That said, Lake Hayward remains healthy when compared to other Connecticut lakes such as Pocotopaug and Zoar. There is no single triggering event that causes algae blooms. It is a combination of (1) water temperature, (2) internal loading of nutrients released from the bottom of the lake, (3) external loading of nutrients in runoff water entering the lake from the watershed and (4) sunlight. While internal loading was found to be significant last year, external loading remains the source of nutrients that we, as homeowners, can control the most. As residents, we all need to make every effort control/reduce the amount of nutrients enter the lake via runoff from our streets and homes. We will do our best to get a copy of "Your Watershed" booklet to each home which contains helpful tips as to what you can do to further this cause. Please have your septic pumped and updated if need be and please do not pour hazardous waste down a drain.

So what do you do if you see a green algae scum on the surface of the water? Stay away from it! Keep your pets away from it! The algae seen and sampled by LQIC over the

past two summers consisted of potentially harmful blue green algae also known as Cyanobacteria. It can produce toxins. We had a Zoom conference with the director of Chatham Health in an effort to establish a protocol to deal with any sustained blooms we may have. He verified what we already knew about testing for toxins which is that its not any easy thing to detect and you could test one hour and get a negative and the next it could be positive. His best advice was also to stay away from any green scum you may see floating on the water. If you do happen to come in contact with it, rinse it off immediately and of course do the same for your pets.

See our POALH website for documents such as our Watershed Management Plan, Year End Summaries from Northeast Aquatics and Solitude Lake Management. Thank you to Wolfe Koste for writing some of this newsletter submission. He also produces a similar newsletter for our East Shore residents. Tanks as always to our other committee members: Jeanine Gouin, Tim Pelton, Jan DePratti, Ed Bader, Rick Reed, Dennis Pilarczyk, Rachel Mosier, and Marlee Mooney. Rick is doing a great job with our new stream sampling program. It is a hardworking enthusiastic group made up of residents from both sides of our beautiful lake.

- Corinne Halliday
LQIC Chairperson

ECO: A few simple adjustments can make the community a lot cleaner

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top at the cottage, but it's time to replace old appliances and light bulbs with modern, energy-efficient alternatives that last longer and reduce energy consumption. The upgrades will also save you tons of money in the long term.

RECYCLE BETTER: Don't skimp on recycling; it's one of the best ways to conserve trees and reduce landfill waste. Items you may often toss into the trash bin (receipts, junk mail, bills, food packaging) can and should be recycled. Purchasing re-

cycled paper can also help to reduce production inefficiencies, lower emissions, and is way better for trees.

BUY WASTE-FREE PRODUCTS: When you make a purchase, consider how much packaging comes with the item. Yes, it looks lovely in all its marketing wrappings, but how much of the product are you actually using? If it comes in plastic, perhaps you don't really need it. Consider buying more in bulk and less in convenience-size packages. For example, one big bag of chips rather

than 20 little bags of chips. Or, one big box of toilet paper, rather than several individually-wrapped rolls.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping the lake alive and all the memory-making moments possible. Let's work together this summer to keep our local ecosystem thriving for Nature, for its inhabitants, for the community of wonderful people who live here. Please feel free to come up to the farm to discuss more ways to join the movement toward greener pastures. I'm happy to help.

This week in lakeside summer events

JUNE 26

This Saturday from 6-9 p.m. is the Silent Auction at First Beach. Down by the Hatch will be performing live and Vintage's Food Truck will be here.

Take a night off from cooking and come on down.

Vintage will be accepting all forms of payment. The membership has been so generous and creative with the items that they have donated. We have handmade crafts, gift cards to local restaurants, a photo of the lake printed on canvas, a matted Sarah Baskin painting of Harry's Drive in, Keurig coffee makers, and so much more. We have three bricks from the original clubhouse and several street signs to be auctioned off as well. Members should plan to pay for any items they win the evening of the auction via cash, check, or Venmo. Monies raised will go to the social events budget.

JULY 4 WEEKEND: We have made planning for your holiday weekend easy.

JULY 2

6-8 p.m.: Fried Dough Sale to benefit Kids Bingo

JULY 3

3-4 p.m.: A Place Called Hope Birds of Prey Program at First Beach

7:30-10 p.m.: Jake Kulak & The Lowdown live music at First Beach. Please bring cash for a 50-50 raffle

JULY 4

6:30 a.m.: Fishing Derby from Second Beach

LOOKING AHEAD

Please check out the calendar at www.lakehaywardct.com for all our upcoming events. We have highlighted a few of the upcoming events in July below but there is a lot more happening,

JULY 24

Lake Hayward Words on Wood Party: The link is open now at <https://wordsonwood.com/collections/fin-d-an-event/products/7-24-21-6pm-lake-hayward-words-on-wood-fundraiser?variant=33045775056919>



Members can design their own masterpiece to make the evening of the party, or you can simply have it made for you. Monies raised will go to the social events budget. If members have any questions about products or design questions they can email jackievalentine@wordsonwoodparty.com.

Go to: www.lakehaywardct.com/events for more summer happenings.



Welcome newcomers!

Despite the rainy, cold weather, the “Welcome Newcomers Night” was a success.

Special thanks to all board members.

They braved the weather to meet and answer questions for the many new owners here.

Carolyn Kress made the event even

more special by donating eight raffle prizes, mementos and lots of pertinent info.

– Cindy Biancamano, POALH president



Glad to have you in the neighborhood!

Treasurer’s report shows the lake association’s finances on good footing

By Lee Griffin
POALH Treasurer

It is the end of June and the 2020-2021 budget year is coming to an end. The association has had another good year due to the collective efforts of officers, committee chairs, and our tax collector, Ed Bader, collecting 100 percent of the association’s taxes again this fiscal year. We are current with all payments and expect a few invoices before the end of the June and expect to be slightly over budget due to higher insurance cost.

The association has received \$4,210 in donations from East Shore residents that are kept out of the operating budget and placed in a new reserve for Lake Preservation (approved by Association members last year) Mailings continue so donations should continue to come in.

With the efforts of the Lake Quality Improvement Committee, the association should receive \$7,500 in funds from the Town of East Haddam to support the lake quality-improvement initiatives of our association. Great thanks to the LQIC committee for their efforts.

We continue to support the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, donating \$100 for their dedication each year for helping our community in memory of the loved ones we have lost here at Lake Hayward.

Please remember to visit our website at www.lakehaywardct.com to review posted financial information and other important information regarding the association. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at treasurer@lakehaywardct.com.
Current 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Income &

2020-2021 Budget vs Actual			
7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021 Using 2020-2021 POALH BUDGET			
6/20/2021	7/1/2020	-	6/30/2021
Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME	220,301.65	225,202.00	-4,900.35
East Shore Donations	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Interest Income	1,175.54	2,700.00	-1,524.46
Other Inc	7,550.00	7,757.00	-207.00
Donation Received	50.00	0.00	50.00
Town of East Haddam	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Other Other Inc	0.00	257.00	-257.00
Tax Collector Receipts	186,546.11	186,715.00	-168.89
Finance Charge	312.39	1,054.00	-741.61
Lien Fees	36.00	0.00	36.00
Past Due Taxes	312.78	0.00	312.78
Tax Receipts	185,884.94	185,661.00	223.94
Transfer from Reserve	25,030.00	25,030.00	0.00
EXPENSES	204,574.31	225,202.00	20,627.69
Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communications	3,739.81	5,300.00	1,560.19
Events	8,643.45	7,000.00	-1,643.45
Insurance and Bonds	31,367.00	28,345.00	-3,022.00
Lake Preservation-East Shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lake Quality Improvement	11,519.00	21,907.00	10,388.00
Professional Fees	2,184.00	8,000.00	5,816.00
Properties	40,710.73	40,000.00	-710.73
Public Safety	3,937.12	4,000.00	62.88
Real Estate Taxes	3,664.08	3,500.00	-164.08
Stipends	21,500.00	25,500.00	4,000.00
Tax Collection Expenses	3,307.38	3,250.00	-57.38
Transfers to reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Utilities	7,968.18	8,700.00	731.82
Waste Management	40,957.00	44,000.00	3,043.00
Website Expenses	76.56	700.00	623.44
Net Difference:	15,727.34	0.00	15,727.34

Expenses as of June 20
Budget: \$225,202
Income: \$220,301.65
Expenses: \$20,4574.31

Difference of \$ 15,727.34 (additional expenditures are expected before June 30) any remaining funds from this year’s budget will be returned to the reserve.

Newsletter editor needed for 2022

We are looking for an editorially-minded individual with a flair for design to produce the weekly Lake Hayward newsletter, starting in June 2022. Please e-mail webmaster@lakehaywardct.com if you are interested.

**Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward
June Meeting – Sunday, June 27, 2021
First Beach Pavilion**

Agenda

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call of the Board of Governors

Opening Remarks

Reading and Acceptance of POALH August 16, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Financial Reports

- Treasurer
- Tax Collector
- Budget

Reports of the Board of Governors

- President
- Secretary

Reports of Committees

- Events
- Geese
- Lake & Water Quality
- Properties
- Public Safety
- Strategic Planning
- Technology

Old Business

- Dam Project

New Business

- New Treasurer Hired

Announcements

Adjournment

POALH Annual Meeting Minutes August 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Bonnie Sudell at The POALH Pavilion, Lake Shore Drive, East Haddam, CT. Board members in attendance: Jeff Conway, Janet DePratti, Hema DeSilva, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Kathy Sabo, Bonnie Sudell & Bill Taylor.
Board Members Absent: Cindy Biancamano
Association members in attendance: Lee Griffin – Treasurer, Ed Bader – Tax Collector and 80 association members.
Total in Attendance: 90 attendees – All registered voters. A quorum for the meeting is constituted with over 40 voting members present.

Opening Remarks: Bonnie Sudell reported that we have a quorum for the meeting. She appreciated everyone wearing masks and continuing to do social distancing. Protocols for the meeting were as follows: You must be registered to participate in the meeting and to vote. Registered voters received a little packet with a ballot for the board governors, a ballot in case of a runoff and a colored sheet for voting on agenda items. Please raise your hand to speak on a topic and we will bring the microphone to you. Please state your name and lake address and limit comments to two or three minutes. Please only speak once on a topic to refrain from debate so everyone has a chance to speak. Please be polite and respectful and contribute in a positive way to be part of a solution.

Minutes: *A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the June 28, 2020 association meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the June 28, 2020 association meeting minutes.*

Financial Reports

- **Treasurer:** Lee Griffin indicated that a hard copy of the year-end financial report was included in the August 15, 2020 POALH newsletter that all members received. The bottom line is a net difference of revenue over expenses of \$192 (expenses exceeded revenues). He also provided the budget to actual. There were no questions regarding Lee's reports. Lee Griffin will also put the financial review online. There is a report completed by the CPA which verifies that our books are correct. *A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report.*
- **Tax Collector:** Ed Bader reported that for the July 1, 2019 tax receipts we did not reach 100% due to the governor suspending all tax sales through September 2020. The collection rate is 99.5%. In respect to the July 1, 2020 tax revenues 76% have paid to date. The other 24% are taking advantage of the 60-day grace period. Those who have not paid their taxes must do so by October 1, 2020. If taxes are not paid by October 1, 2020, they will be deemed delinquent and you will have to pay interest at the rate of 1 ½% from July 1, 2020 resulting in a 6% interest charge due in October. There were no questions regarding this report. *A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the tax collector's report as presented.*

Suspend Order of Business: Bonnie Sudell asked to suspend the order of business to elect the board of governors of the POALH. *A motion was made, seconded and passed to suspend the order of business to elect the board of governors.*

New Business

- **Election of Board of Governors:** Gail Miers of the nominating committee reported that there was a detailed report in the August 8, 2020 & August 15, 2020 newsletters explaining the process of nominations. Gail reported there were 10 candidates and thanked the nominating committee for their work. Gail announced the four candidates chosen by the nominating committee as follows: 1) First Beach Rep – Evelyn Passan; 2) Second Beach Rep – Dave Edgington; 3) Third Beach Rep – Corinne Halliday & 4) Representative at Large – Angela Buccheri. Bill Taylor nominated Jeff Conway from the floor which was seconded by John Eckert. Jeff Conway accepted the nomination and indicated he would be running for the position of representative at large. Bonnie Sudell explained the voting process. Only registered voters are allowed to cast a ballot. In order to be elected you must have gotten 50% plus 1 of the eligible votes. Candidates nominated from the floor must be present and announce what position they are running for. Jeff Conway and Angela Buccheri spoke regarding their qualifications on being a board member. *A motion was made, seconded and passed to close the nominations.* Bonnie Sudell explained voters can vote for no more than 4 candidates however they may vote for less than 4 candidates. The ballots will be disqualified if you vote for more than 4 candidates, if you vote for more than one candidate for the same position or if they cannot read your ballot. Voting was closed at 10:34 am to proceed with the counting of the ballots.

Reports of the Board of Governors

- **President:** Bonnie Sudell reminded everyone that we are a volunteer board that meets throughout the year and anyone is welcome to attend. The dates, times and locations are on the website. The by-laws, meeting minutes, contact information and forms are also on the website. Bonnie reminded everyone that most of the work in the association is done by volunteers and we need you. If we cannot find volunteers to do the work, then we would need to pay someone to get a task or job done.
- **Secretary-Clerk:** Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

- **Properties:** Gary Petersen reported that the third beach walkway has been completed. He thanks Bob Sudell for helping out with that project. He has ordered more street signs to finish that project in the fall. One of the biggest problems this

summer has been the rafts being unmoored by people and floating away. We were able to retrieve some of the old weights from second beach. He has a plan in place for next year to avoid this problem. The new AED for third beach has arrived. There was a lot of tree damage from the recent storm which resulted in a lot of cleanup on our association property by our landscaper, American Pride. A tree company will also be coming in to cut any hanging branches. Projects to be completed in the off season are: third beach berm, curbing at third beach, right of way between Wildwood and Lake Shore to get surveyed and repaired.

Paula DeSilva, Glimmer Glen asked what that status was of clearing the third beach right of way. Gary Petersen indicated that he was working his way down and thought maybe he would get to it next summer.

Corinne Halliday, Haywardville Rd inquired if the AED for third beach would be seasonal. Gary Petersen replied that it would be taken out in October. The only one remaining during the cold months is the one at the first beach pavilion because it has a heated compartment. Corinne asked if there could be a date certain every year when it is put out and taken down, so all members are aware.

Gail Miers, Glimmer Glen inquired about cleanup of brush on Glimmer Glen wondering if the association is taking care of brush and tree removal from the storm. Gary Petersen replied only if on association property.

Linda Abel, Lookout Drive reported there is a runoff by the boat rack at first beach creating a gully that is deep and dangerous where someone could get hurt. Gary Petersen will put that high up on his list of things to get done.

Diane Nelson, Ridgewood Rd. asked if we could have a bucket with a scooper to properly dispose of the goose poop. Gary indicated these items in the past have disappeared but will try again to keep those supplies available.

Lynn Macri, Lookout Drive thanked properties for having the right-of-way's cleaned up.

Donna Preli, Lookout Drive suggested that people be allowed to run their dogs on the beach to get rid of the geese. Bonnie Sudell took an unofficial vote by a show of hands of who would like to let dogs be allowed on the beaches under proper supervision for a period of time to scare the geese. There was a majority showing they would like to use dogs to control the geese.

Robb Wright, Lake Shore Drive is happy with the cleanup of the right of way but wants to make it clear that the surveys of the right of ways are not consistent with all of our current knowledge of the property boundaries. A group has been asking the board for some time to address this matter. The board is currently completing surveys that push people further into noncompliance. We need an actual meeting or committee to solve this problem. Gary indicated that this matter will be brought up at the September board meeting.

Paula DeSilva, Glimmer Glenn asked about repairing Glimmer Glen which was previously on the strategic planning committee and in the budget. It is in disrepair and feels it is a liability to the association. Gary indicated the Town of East Haddam would not take it over, so the board needs to discuss what they want to do in the way of repairs.

Rachel Mosier, Lake Shore Drive inquired about the recent algae bloom voicing concerns. Corinne Halliday indicated she would talk about this topic when she gives her lake quality report.

- **Lake Quality/Water Quality:** Corinne Halliday reported that a weed treatment of the lake took place at the end of June 2020. We currently hold a three-year permit to treat the lake. The weed treatment company, Solitude, recently did a post treatment survey. The results of that survey will be posted soon on the website. There was a lot of the noninvasive plant bladderwort this year. The lake quality committee does testing of the lake twice a month to check water clarity and oxygen levels. Samples are taken for cell counts for algae as well as a few other things. This is our second summer doing this looking to identify patterns in the future by a limnologist the committee currently works with. The lake quality committee is always looking for volunteers. Water quality has not been great this year. No one can tell us for sure what is causing it. There is definitely more algae in the lake. Nutrient and phosphorus loading contribute to this. Turning your house's downspouts onto the grass instead of your driveway will help. Sediment testing in the fall will determine how much nitrogen and phosphorus loading is going on in the lake. Algae is a tough thing to understand. There has not been a green bloom sit in front of a beach. Testing an algae bloom has to be sent overnight to a lab in Florida. This is something we will do if we need to. Adam Thompson, Lake Shore Drive suggested using barley bails on waterfront properties to counteract the algae. Corinne will look into that suggestion.

Jan DePratti addressed the E.coli situation. The association tests every beach once a week. Unfortunately, this week there was an elevated level at first beach causing the association to close the beach. This is just sectional. Geese and warm water add to E.coli growth. We will keep you updated when it is safe to open first beach. Second and third beach are open.

Phil Sabo, Lookout Drive asked about the protocol of getting a notification out to the association members when the beach closes. Jan DePratti indicated that as of right now we just post a sign at the beach but will do an email blast moving forward.

Cari Eckert inquired on the time frame of getting testing results. Jan DePratti said the state only tests once a week.

Corinne Halliday reported that the twice monthly water sample they take are tested for cell counts for algae and so far, our cell counts are below the threshold. In our permit to treat invasive weeds we are also permitted to treat for algae, but it is not something that is easy to do, and it is expensive.

Lynn Macri, Lookout Drive asked if the state could help us out with the geese.

Linda Abel, Lookout Drive commented that we need to take action regarding the geese to preserve the lake.

- **Public Safety:** Bonnie Sudell reiterated the arrival of the AED for third beach. She will hold CPR classes next year. She urged people to lock their cars due to break-ins that have been occurring around the lake. You can purchase reflective address numbers for your home to help emergency crews find you. Please display your parking permits in your car. Please let your guests and/or renters know what the street address of the cottage is so they can confirm that they are legally here if asked. Make sure to have a boat sticker and address on your vessel.

Mary LaPorte, Longwood Drive encourages people while boating to be aware of swimmers. Jan DePratti reported on the initiative to get a speed limit on the lake. There is a proposed ordinance change to say that all watercrafts will have a 6mph speed limit on the lake that has been sent to the Town of East Haddam. How will it be enforced and is there a fine? Jan DePratti said it will probably be a self-policing type of thing with a \$250.00 fine.

- **Events:** Jeff Conway encouraged members to read the newsletter to know what events will be coming up. The cakewalk has been cancelled. There will be bingo on Friday.

New Business (continued)

- **Election of Board of Governors (continued):** Bonnie Sudell reported that the recommended slate of Evelyn Passan, Dave Edgington, Corinne Halliday and Angela Buccheri won the election.

Presentation of 2021-2022 Budget and Budget Vote

- **Presentation of 2021-2022 Budget:** Ed Bader said the operating budget was presented in the August 8, 2020 association newsletter and posted in beach kiosks. This vote would be to approve a budget of \$218,881.00. That is about a 2.81% reduction of the current year budget. Ed Bader thanked the budget committee of Randy Miller, Dave Edgington, Kim Jonah and Lee Griffin. There have been reductions in the budget of the following amounts: Properties - \$3,000; LQIC - \$1,000; and Social - \$1,000. There is an increase in the mil rate of 4.6%.
- **Motion:** *Jason Griffing made a motion to approve the operating budget of 2021-2022 in the amount of \$218,881. It was seconded by Linda Glassman.*
- **Discussion - Entertainment Budget:** Linda Abel, Lookout Drive inquired why the entertainment budget was reduced. Ed Bader reported the committee felt that the events should increase revenue to offset expenses. Phil Sabo, Lookout Drive commented that we pay our taxes and now we have to pay again to attend events. Ed Bader answered that the charter does not require events to be held and that events will still be held but just charge for them. Linda Abel wondered what happens to money that would be spent on events that were cancelled. Ed Bader replied that it would be spent on another event and that Jeff Conway spent his entire budget last year. Gail Miers, Glimmer Glenn commented that some events run in the negative, especially the adult events so a subsidy amount should be charged. Children's events are not a problem. A nominal fee should be charged so you are not running it at a total loss. Tony Buccheri, Lakeshore Drive asked about data that was looked at to support this decision. Ed Bader responded that Jeff Conway provided an historical analysis. The budget committee wants to increase the revenue portion of the events budget, so they cut \$1,000 to help the events chairperson do that. Jason Griffing gave an example that the golf tournament runs 100's of dollars over budget every year. Diane Nelson asked if there is leftover money from the children's activities this year if it can be carried over to next year. Ed Bader said the board does have the ability to reallocate the budget, but it cannot be carried over. Phil Sabo, Lookout Drive asked if the consultant fee (financial advisor fee) can be taken out and put into the entertainment budget. Ed Bader replied that there is a stipend in the budget he receives for this service. Lynn Macri, Lookout Drive suggested that we make the entertainment budget always the same every year and if there is money leftover the board can reallocate it. Jeff Conway commented he asked for \$7,000 in the budget but they put him down to \$6,000. Good idea to have a set budget every year. Covid hurt the revenue in his budget this year. Corinne Halliday asked if there was a way to vote in the budget with a stipulation that the board goes back and moves \$1,000 from another account. Ed Bader said the board can reallocate funds, but the association would have to vote the budget down.
Discussion - Mil Rate: Hema DeSilva, Glimmer Glenn commented that membership can control the mil rate. Hema thinks the mil rate increase of 12% in this budget is high. Hema would like to see the mil rate frozen at previous year's rates. Gail Miers, Glimmer Glenn said that the mil rate for the previous budget was reduced because of unspent money that goes back to the members to reduce taxes. Corinne Halliday feels like we have a lot of stuff going on like rebuilding of the dam, so we need to build our reserves back up.
Discussion-Salaries: Paula DeSilva, Glimmer Glenn questioned the \$25,000 in salaries. Can we afford this? Bonnie Sudell replied that the stipends have not gone up in three years and if we could find volunteers to do these duties, we would not have to pay for them. We are paying for things we used to get volunteers for, and we need people with knowledge in these positions.
- **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to approve the operating budget of 2021-2022 in the amount of \$218,881. There were 43 votes in favor of accepting the budget. There were 24 votes to oppose the budget. There were no abstentions. The motion to approve the budget carries.*

Capital Expenditures-Phase One Dam Reconstruction Vote

- **Motion:** *Dave Edgington made a motion to approve the \$66,000 capital expenditure to rebuild the dam on the east spillway. Gail Miers, Glimmer Glenn seconded.*
- **Discussion:** Hema DeSilva, Glimmer Glen commented that we should defer this expense because he believes the Town of East Haddam, State of CT, east shore residents and the association together should find solutions and pay for the dam. He is in contact with someone from the state of CT to see if we can apply for state bonding. He believes if we put the money up front, we will not get help from the state or the town. At the town meeting he asked our engineer about the degree of the deterioration of the dam. In 2012 there was an inspection done by the DEEP with recommendations of what needs to be done to maintain the dam in good condition. Our engineer was unable to give a degree of deterioration. Hema's concern is

that this is a joint project, and we need additional information from the DEEP about the degree of deterioration of the dam before we spend the money to rebuild it.

- **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to approve the \$66,000 capital expenditure to rebuild the dam on the east spillway. There were 24 votes in favor of the dam capital expenditure. There were 36 votes to oppose the dam capital expenditure budget. There were no abstentions. The motion to approve the dam capital expenditure was defeated.*

Unallocated Funds Policy

- **Motion:** *Larry Lasardi made a motion to replace the policy of carrying forward unexpended operating funds to a future operating budget for the policy to transfer any unexpended operating funds to the unallocated capital reserves. Dave Edgington seconded.*
- **Discussion:** Keith Marvin, Ridgewood Rd. thinks it is important that if we do not spend our money in a given year that we have a policy to put it into an account to fund capital expenditures. Tony Buccheri, Lakeshore Drive agrees with the proposal but asked if unspent dollars allocated for future capital projects are needed for future operational activities would we be able to transfer those dollars back to the operating budget. Ed Bader replied no. The board can reallocate money within the operating budget only. Jen Glassman, Longwood Dr asked the reasoning for this proposal. Ed Bader replied this is being proposed to avoid fluctuation in future budgets regarding the tax revenue and to build up money needed in capital expenditures to rebuild the dam. A question was asked about the interest on the capital reserve fund. Ed Bader replied the interest is currently at 1 ½ %.
- **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to replace the policy of carrying forward unexpended operating funds to a future operating budget for the policy to transfer any unexpended operating funds to the unallocated capital reserves. There were 4 votes to oppose this motion. There were no abstentions. The motion to approve the policy change carries.*

By Law Revisions

- **Motion:** *Linda Glassman made a motion to approve the by-law changes as proposed in the spring packet. Ed Bader seconded.*
- **Discussion:** Kathy Sabo commented that the bylaw revisions should be voted down because 1) Article VI - Taking out absentee ballots is taking something away from the association members. 2) Article VII - The power to change the budget and rate of taxation recommended to said board is something that should remain as it is slated to be taken away from association members. It is in chapter 10 of the charter, but it still shouldn't just be taken out. 3) Article VI – Adding the word “registered” voter as opposed to just voter when giving notice of a referendum that is mailed out. There are some people that are not registered voters for their own reasons. If there is an important referendum that is sent out via mail, they get no notice of it. Hema DeSilva agrees with Kathy and also disagrees with Article V changes as well. Jeff Conway, Longwood Rd. does not think we should take away the absentee ballot.
- **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to approve the by-law changes as proposed in the spring packet. There were 9 votes in favor of this motion. There were no abstentions. The motion to approve bylaw changes was defeated.*

New Business (continued)

- **Outgoing Board Members:** Gary Petersen thanked Bonnie Sudell, Jan DePratti, Bill Taylor and Jeff Conway for the time they served on the board of governors.

Announcement

- **Strategic Planning:** Hema DeSilva asked association members to contribute via email their ideas for capital improvements for our association.
- **Sound System:** Dave Edgington would like the association to invest in a new sound system.
- **Board Dinner:** *Dave Edgington made a motion for the association to pay for the board and their spouses to go out to dinner which was seconded and passed.*

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.