

# **POALH Board of Governors** **Meeting Minutes** **November 15, 2021**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Corinne Halliday via Zoom.

Board members in attendance: Cindy Biancamano, Hema DeSilva, Dave Edgington (7:29 pm), Corinne Halliday, Evelyn Passan, Kathy Sabo & Phil Sabo

Board Members Absent: Angela Buccheri, Jason Griffing

Association members in attendance: Nancy Kavanaugh, Treasurer

Public in Attendance: Ed Bader - Tax Collector, Tim Pelton – Dam Committee Chair

**Minutes:** *Evelyn Passan made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2021, board meeting. Phil Sabo seconded. A vote was held. All board members present agreed. (6)*

## **Public Comment:**

- **Dam Committee:** Tim Pelton reported that Adam's motion called for three construction bids to be presented at the June 2022 meeting of the association. Tim called DEEP to get a list of dam repair certified contractors. The DEEP does not regulate this. We can hire anyone we would like. John Gilmore (retired civil engineer with a worldwide civil engineering firm) and Tom Tyrrell (vast wealth of experience dealing with RFPs for maintenance and construction items and has dealt with marine contractors in the past) are on the dam committee. They have come up with 24 parameters to build into the request for proposal and invitation to bid documents. This is continuing to be a work in progress. Three dam repair contractors have been identified in CT. They are looking for one more. The dam committee will start to put together a draft RFP. There is plenty of time to get the bids put together, solicited and in. The association membership can select a couple of vendors in June so we can drill it down to one for the August vote. After the contractor is selected in August the permitting process begins with the DEEP and East Haddam Inland Wetlands.

**President's Report:** The Hill family asked permission to leave two halves of a modular home being installed on their property on second beach parking lot for one night prior to installation. The women who are taking over the Lake Hayward store would like some guidelines. Nancy Kavanaugh will check on the balance at this time available to them.

## **Financial Reports:**

- **Tax Collector:** Ed Bader reported that 20 demand notices have been mailed to the delinquent property owners. Ten of those are chronic delinquents. Total property taxes unpaid at this point is \$8,881.00. Interest of \$737.00 would be due on that. Property owners have until the end of the month to remit payments. If payments are not received, then we would move to collections.
- **Treasurer:** Nancy Kavanaugh indicated that tax id numbers from two of our vendors the IRS flagged as being incorrect are indeed correct. Nancy Kavanaugh submitted a shortened treasurer's report this month due to her still working on learning Quicken and how to generate the reports. She will work on this so she can have it in place for our January meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **By-Laws:** No report at this time.
- **Budget Committee:** No report at this time.
- **Dam Committee:** Discussed in public comment.
- **Events:** No report at this time.
- **Geese Committee:** No report at this time
- **Lake & Water Quality:** Corinne Halliday brought up the water quality testing procedures that were discussed at last month's meeting with Russell Melmed. Pros and cons of doing a beta testing for a year was discussed to see what the E coli levels are after a heavy rain event. Then we could put standard no swimming alerts in place alerting people to the possibility of E Coli after certain rain events without actually testing. It was noted that some testing would still need to be done every year to check and see if there is a septic system problem that could be leaching into the lake, but we could forego weekly testing. Corinne Halliday spoke with Solitude about the north end of the lake with invasive weeds and lily pads, etc. Solitude let Corinne know that there were restrictions put into place by DEEP regarding treating the north end of the lake due to three different insects that live down in the bogs. Solitude will try again this year when they request their permit from DEEP to treat the north end. Corinne further reported that the Lake Quality committee will apply for some grants again this year to cover some of the costs we already have, not to start a new project. Corinne let us know that the committee will be filing our lake expense report with the Town of East Haddam to try and get some of our

expenses reimbursed. We hopefully should be getting around \$8,000 and they also gave us \$15,000 towards the dam last year. We will try to get more money for the dam next year as well.

**Bio Detention Basin:** Ed Bader reported he and Karl Acimovic are in the process of completing the Inland/Wetland application to be filed with the Town of East Haddam in time for their January 2022 meeting. He and Karl will write the RFP. The contractor does not have to be a marine contractor.

- **Nominating Committee:** No report.
- **Properties:** Phil Sabo reported that everything is locked up tight and put away for the winter. He will be going up to remove any and all boats, kayaks soon. He is having John Allegra take the trees down on the Glimmer Glen peninsula over the wintertime. Another tree was also removed on Lake Shore.
- **Public Safety:** Nothing to report.
- **Technology:** Evelyn Passan asked board members who have not yet supplied their password to her for the platform switch to please do so asap.

#### Old Business

- **Property Encroachment:** Cindy Biancamano reported that our attorney is emailing their attorney weekly, but we have not heard back yet. Hema DeSilva asked about Glimmer Glenn possible encroachment taking place. Phil reported that the Glimmer Glenn property had previously been discussed by the board and has been taken care of in accordance with what the board decided.
- **Newsletter Editor:** Kathy Sabo reported that she emailed the candidates involved with our decision to move forward with Nichole Howell and Wendy Wade jointly taking over the newsletter. Wendy Wade has declined the volunteer position, but Nichole is willing to do it on her own. She also emailed Marti Bernardi asking her to be part of the volunteer secretarial team, but she has not responded yet.
- **Voter Registration Guidelines:** Kathy Sabo reported that she still needs to contact the attorney regarding this topic.

#### New Business

- **Board Dinner:** Evelyn Passan suggested reallocating funds from the Safety budget for the board dinner. *Phil Sabo made a motion to reallocate \$1,325.38 from Public Safety's budget to the board dinner. Dave Edgington seconded. Corinne Halliday commented that it should be reallocated to Events. Phil Sabo amended his motion to reallocate \$1,325.38 from Public Safety's budget to the Events budget to pay for the board dinner. Dave Edgington seconded. Cindy Biancamano, Dave Edgington, Corinne Halliday, Evelyn Passan, Kathy Sabo & Phil Sabo voted yes (6). Hema DeSilva abstained. The motion carries.*

Next board meeting is a virtual meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

*Evelyn Passan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Sabo seconded. All board members present agreed. (7)*  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.