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A Message from our President

Hello and welcome back after a cold Connecticut winter. Sure hope that you stayed healthy. Hopefully, Covid is in our rearview mirror. We, as a board, have been meeting throughout the winter and have lots in store for the upcoming season including in-person events!!! Yay Please dispose of your expired green parking permits. You should have received new orange permits. If not, Carolyn Kress and I will be at the pavilion on Saturday, May 28th from 10-noon. Come get yours.



I am so happy to tell you that the little firehouse by our ballfield is up and running! What a comfort to know that help is close by. (I wonder if this might help with our homeowner's insurance?) I've asked the East Haddam Fire Department to clean out our dry hydrant too. We need a nominating committee, please email me if you can help. President@lakehaywardct.com. This isn't a time-consuming job but a good reason to give back to your community.

Here's a biggie.... Remember how much fun and excitement is generated for our little people with the carnival??? We need some of you to run it! Please don't let it go away. Contact events@lakehaywardct.com

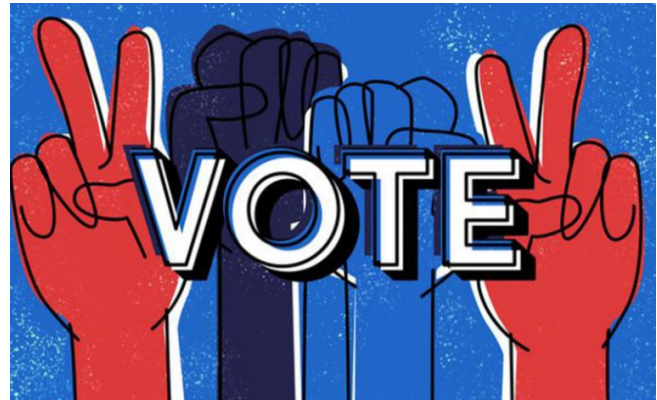
We are putting together a group to look into upgrading the playground at the second beach. I think the current one was there when I was a kid, which means it's an antique!

See you on the beach
Cindy Biancamano
President,
2nd Beach Representative
President@lakehaywardct.com



Secretary

Members of the POALH should be registered with the secretary to be able to vote at meetings. You are encouraged to register so that your voice can be heard. Voting registration guidelines and requirements can be found on the [Lake Hayward website](#). The voting registration form can also be found on the Lake Hayward website and is included in this spring packet for your convenience. Please email your completed registration to secretary@lakehaywardct.com. You only have to register once, not every year. If you are unsure if you have a valid voter registration on file you can email the secretary with your inquiry. Please register to vote before the membership meetings take place as this helps the load on the volunteers the day of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.



Kathy Sabo

Secretary POALH

Secretary@lakehaywardct.com

Communications

If you have not filled out a Property Owners Information Update form please follow the link below to supply us with your information (also there is a form near the end of the Spring packet). During this past winter, we tried to contact Association members whose properties had damage due to trees falling etc., and were unable to get in touch. This is one way to get notice to you sooner. <https://www.lakehaywardct.com/owners-guide/property-owners-information-update/>

Emails for electronic communications

We encourage all who can to please opt for email delivery of all newsletters and other communications to save on printing costs and be environmentally responsible. Remember all newsletters are always available on lakehaywardct.com

Spring Packet delivery

As you were previously notified by mail, the Board of Governors has voted to discontinue the printing of this Annual Spring Packet to save costs and paper. Should you know of anyone who

does not have an email and needs a copy please have them write POALH at Box 230, Colchester CT 06415 and we will get one to them.

Multiple emails

If you would like others in your family to receive the weekly summer electronic newsletter and any pertinent notices by email, we are able to as our electronic communications provider has updated their program. If you would like your spouse/children/co-owner etc., to get this electronic email please send the individual's name, email, and property to associate the email with, and we will add them to the distribution. In the subject line please state "additional email". Send this to jasong@lakehaywardct.com.

Jason Griffing

Communications and Email Delivery

jasong@lakehaywardct.com

Properties

I would like to thank everyone who helped me keep up with the POALH properties last summer. I am still getting my feet wet as a properties manager. Projects that may be in the works this year will include getting some new sand for the beaches, some trees that need to come down on POALH property, and getting the pavilion power washed and stained in the fall. Last summer we saw the beach rakers doing a great job of taking care of the beaches. But they cannot do it alone. They need your help. Please remember to fill in any holes that are dug during the course of the day on the beaches. We also need your help in keeping our beaches clean by picking up trash and more importantly goose poop. There are scoops and pails located at every beach to help you with this task. Just leave the filled pail and I will come by with my La Cucaracha, pick up the pails and dispose of the contents.

I am always looking for volunteers to be part of my Properties Posse. There are many jobs, large and small, that need attending to. Even if you can only help with one tiny thing, it makes all the difference. Last year a volunteer tightened all the screws on the picnic tables at the pavilion, volunteers built a new boat rack at 1st beach and another volunteer painted the lines for the pickleball courts. Just let me know when you sign up what your availability or your specialty is. You can email or text me. I would love to see some new faces and welcome back all my old Properties Posse workers. Are you in? #GroupHug

Phil Sabo

Properties Chairman

properties@lakehaywardct.com

The events calendar is filled for Summer 2022!

Social Events

Please visit the [events calendar](#) to see the events planned for this summer. We are hopeful that Covid will not impact our plans, but please check the calendar often to be certain. All events are subject to change in the event of inclement weather, availability of volunteers, and/or local health recommendations if we should have a local surge in Covid cases.

The first newsletter of the summer will be on June 25th. Each week it will list upcoming events at the lake. We will also have events listed on the Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward Facebook page. **We will not be listing events on the Lake Hayward Facebook page as that page is public to anyone.** If you use Facebook, please head over to this page and like to follow!



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Listed below are the events that are scheduled prior to the delivery of the first newsletter so mark your calendars now!

May 22nd - 1st fishing tournament of the season leaves 2nd beach at 6:30 AM

June 11th - Artisan fair is back at the pavilion starting at 11:00 am and our first band of the season Big Dog Isaac will be playing starting at 7:30 pm

June 24th - First adult craft of the season with Lisa Rogers at 6:00 pm, we suggest a \$5 donation to cover the cost of supplies



June 25th - A Place Called Hope is coming back with their birds of prey at the pavilion at 3 PM

June 26th - Member Meeting at the pavilion starting at 10:00 am & Rustic StrEats Food Truck starting at 11:30 am until sold out

Angela Buccheri
Events Chairperson
events@LakeHaywardCT.com

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JOIN US AT THE JUNE ASSOCIATION MEETING!
Sunday, June 26, 10:00 am, to see what's new this year!

Lake Water Quality Improvement Committee - LQIC

Our yearly treatment for invasive aquatic weeds will continue this year and is scheduled to take place on either the last Monday or Tuesday of June. You will be notified of the exact date as it gets closer and as usual, signs will be posted around the lake. Please do not swim, boat, or fish on the day of the treatment. Do not use lake water for drinking, cooking, or watering livestock during the days immediately following the treatment. Specific dates for resuming these activities will be communicated to you through our newsletter and signs posted throughout our community. As a committee, we are reviewing our weed treatment protocol with Solitude Lake Management yearly to do what is best for our lake quality and to spend your money wisely. We are hoping to continue both our deep-water sampling protocols and stormwater stream testing under the guidance of Northeast Aquatic Research. We are trying to get a handle on why we have been suffering from periodic algae blooms. Blue-green algae exists normally in lakes, but it



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can potentially become toxic when blooms occur. The best advice from experts is to stay out of water when green scum is present and to keep your pets away as they are more apt to ingest it. There are many triggering events that can cause a bloom including runoff after a storm, internal loading of nutrients, and sunlight. We as homeowners have some control over nutrients entering our lake. Please do not use fertilizers that contain phosphorus and nitrogen. Have your septic tanks pumped every three years and please repair old systems.

Have your downspouts from gutters directed onto your landscaping rather than down an asphalt driveway. We all must start to do our parts!

To help curb runoff your association is moving forward in building a bio-detention basin behind the tennis courts. As most of you know, your LQIC applied for a grant in 2021 from the state and was granted \$16,000 to help pay for this project. Much work has been done to meet the grant's protocols and deadlines. There are the usual permits from the town that are needed, along with reports that are due to DEEP on a timely basis. This work included site visits from the town and DEEP, along with attending hearings at our town offices. We want to thank Ed Bader for all his hard work in accomplishing these tasks. A Request for Proposal is being developed now that will solicit bidders for this project. The work is expected to be completed no later than the end of July and hopefully much sooner. This hopefully is just the first of more projects we can do towards the mitigation of runoff from our hillside. We are hoping to use our findings from our stormwater stream testing to pinpoint the greatest need.

As always, I would like to thank the hard work of our committee this winter and all through the year. Jeanine Gouin, Tim Pelton, Wolf Koste, Rick Reed, and Marlee Mooney from the east side of the lake. These neighbors have been instrumental in our efforts. They've done this by donating their time, their boats, producing a newsletter to keep their neighbors informed of our work, and soliciting donations to help pay for this work. The association side is also well represented by Jan DePratti, Dennis Pilarczyk, Rachel Mosier, and Ed Bader who also donate their time and skills to our various projects. As you can tell, this committee's work is a collaborative effort from our lake community and we are very grateful for that.

Corinne Halliday,
LQIC Chairperson
CorinneH@LakeHaywardCT.com

Water Testing

Regular screenings for bacteria and phosphorus occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day to ensure a safe water experience for Property Owners and guests. Our water collection and testing conform to the Connecticut Department of Public Health protocols.

Testing is performed every Tuesday at each beach. The three water samples are then transported to the Connecticut State Water Testing Lab in Middletown. They will contact our board within 24 hours if any of the samples are problematic and a second water sample will be collected and sent back to the testing lab. Should the second test results confirm a problematic reading, that beach will be closed until a future test result meets the requirements of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. A problematic reading at one beach does not mean that the lake as a whole is affected. Our board will post signs on the problematic beach, to notify Property owners and guests. We have additional testing for total phosphorus and chlorophyll also performed but on a different schedule.

Parking Permits

Each property owner will receive (4) parking permits.

This includes

- Year-round residents
- Seasonal residents
- Lot owners

Property owners who own multiple cottages are entitled to (4) parking permits per cottage. Lot owners are not entitled to additional parking permits. POALH utilizes rear-view mirror hang tag



permits. Each permit is registered to your property and may be shared amongst your various vehicles. These permits replace all previous permits, including past hangtags and guest passes.

Failure to display a parking permit in a prominent place on the vehicle will result in the vehicle being tagged or prohibited from parking at the beach parking lots. Our local and State Police reserve the right to arrest those on POALH property for trespassing if a current permit is not displayed.

Please remember: The parking permits are registered to your property. If a property is sold the parking permits are to be transferred to the new owner.

If new property owners do not receive (4) parking permits from the previous property owners, POALH will replace the permits at no charge and void all permits held by the previous property owner.

If your parking permit is lost, stolen, or misplaced the property owner may submit a request for a replacement to Carolyn Kress explaining the situation. Property owners may request up to (4) replacement permits at \$5.00 per permit.

Email Carolyn Kress at crkress@comcast.net, Checks should be payable to POALH.

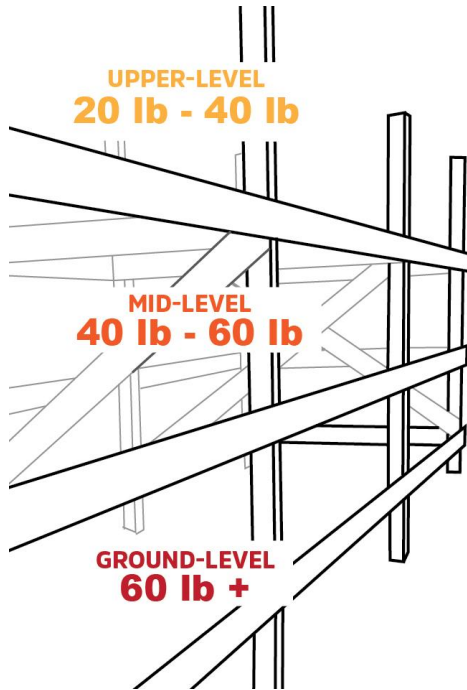
Garbage Collection

All-Waste Control will collect trash and recyclables twice a week (Monday and Friday) during the summer, starting on Monday, June 27th. The last twice-a-week pickup will be Monday, September 5th, after which pickup will be on Fridays only. The Town of East Haddam has implemented "single-stream recycling" so it is not necessary to separate the types of recyclables but put them in a container separate from the other trash. We must recycle.

1. Glass and metal food and beverage containers (rinsed); lids go in the trash (no broken glass, mugs, window panes, ceramics, light bulbs, mirrors, dishes, or tempered glass)
2. Plastic containers #1 through #7 (rinsed); lids go in trash
3. Newspaper, magazines, cereal/pasta boxes, milk and juice cartons, junk mail (no phone books, wax or plastic-coated cardboard, soiled newspaper or magazines, books, plastic (Tyvek) envelopes)
4. Cardboard (broken down) (no wax-coated boxes, soiled boxes, pizza boxes)
5. Garbage bags should not be left uncovered for more than one day to prevent animals from getting into them.

Please contact **All-Waste Control at 860-873-9003** with any questions.

Watercraft Storage



Must display your lake address. Boats may be placed on the boat racks between March 15th and November 30th on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Upper-level 20lbs - 40lbs

- Lighter watercraft
- Kayaks
- Aluminum canoes
- Paddle Boards

Mid-level racks 40lbs - 60lbs

- Kayaks
- Canoes

Ground-level racks 60lbs +

- Fishing boats
- Paddle boats



The POALH reserves the right to remove watercraft that is not in compliance.

Make note of the make, model, and serial number of your watercraft, and keep the information in a safe place. Safeguarding this information is necessary to identify your watercraft if stolen. It is recommended that property owners take steps to secure watercraft to racks. POALH is not responsible for theft or damage to watercraft on Association property.

Financials

Each month, the Treasurer prepares a summary of the actual monthly revenues and expenses, the checking account balance, money market, and unallocated reserves that make up the total available funds which also include funds budgeted and received from the Town of East Haddam for our Lake Association. At our 2020 Association annual meeting, a new reserve was created for donations received from East Shore residents which can only be used for lake preservation. All reports are posted



on the POALH website www.lakehaywardct.com after board review and approval.

Throughout the year, the Treasurer also provides the Board with a detailed comparison of all the revenue and expenses accounts incurred with the related budgeted amounts. The Board asks each Committee chair and others responsible for specific revenue and expense line items to report on the activity and the utilization of the budgeted amounts. In addition, following established policies, all expenditures over \$5,000 are required to be competitively bid unless the Board waives the bidding process. Our LQIC committee helps the board monitor our water quality vendor in partnership with the treasurer, verifying expenditures based on the contracted amount. The Treasurer also assists with the budget committee, properties, and other committees as needed.

2022 POALH Treasurer
Peggy Krempecki
treasurer@lakehaywardct.com

Tax Collector's Update

Tax Collections:

To date, 98.4% of our property owners have paid their property taxes and we appreciate everyone's commitment to funding the Association's 2021-22 Budget.



Change of Mailing Address:

Each year we urge property owners to notify us of any change of address so we can make sure our address files are up to date. We use the property tax files of the Town of East Haddam to send property tax bills. Mail is returned to us because the Post Office is unable to deliver mail to you because the forwarding address notification has expired. If you change your address, you need to notify the Town of East Haddam Assessor's Office, 860-873-5026, of that change of address and notify us of that change. A form to notify the Association is included in this Spring Packet of Information. Other changes that require notification include change of ownership, i.e., transferring ownership into a Trust, changing Trustees, and/or the passing of one or both owners requiring the establishment of a Probate Court filing. The Town of East Haddam Assessor's office will not accept changes from us. The property owner or Executor of the estate must contact the Assessor's office directly.

Forwarding Mail in the Summer and Picking up Tax Bills in Person:

Forwarding mail from a property owner's winter address sometimes becomes problematic and so following the prior year's practice, we will arrange for a time and place for property owners to pick up their property tax bills in person. The pick-up dates will be during the week of June 27, 2022. We need to be notified by June 15, 2022, if you want to pick up your property tax bill in person. Please send an e-mail to taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com or call me at 860-295-8769 to let me know you want to pick up your tax bill in person. When you pick up your bill or bills you will need to present identification and sign a receipt.

Escrow of Association Property Taxes:

We are not aware of any mortgage company or bank that escrows municipal district property taxes. During the past year, several property owners were under the mistaken impression that their Association property taxes were escrowed along with their Town of East Haddam property taxes, and they did not pay their Association property taxes on time. If you are a new property owner, please do not assume your Association taxes are paid by your mortgage company or bank.

If you have any questions about your Association property taxes, please call or email me.

2022 Tax Collector

Ed Bader

taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com

860-295-8769

Public Safety

We urge all property owners to take the initiative and clearly display their cottage address. This simple task will ensure that Police, Fire, and EMS responders find your property quickly.

Reflective Address Markers

Police, Fire, and EMS responders lose precious time if they can't find your cottage. Property Owners can purchase reflective cottage markers from The East Haddam Fire Department for \$15/ per marker. Each marker displays the property address on both sides with reflective lettering and is suitable for attachment to mailboxes, trees, and posts. Property owners are encouraged to reach out to the EHFD if they need assistance choosing where to place their cottage markers. The EHFD is working closely with all East Haddam residents to ensure that they can find you and your neighbors quickly.



Police and Security

We continue to work with both the East Haddam Police Department and Troop K in Colchester to provide both random patrols and availability at our events. Property owners are encouraged to report suspicious activity to the police immediately, **DO NOT CONFRONT ANYONE!** We recommend that property owners lock vehicle doors and keep valuables out of plain sight to combat theft from the inside of your vehicle.

East Haddam Police Department
860-873-1226

**Connecticut State Police,
Troop K**
[\(860\) 465-5400](tel:8604655400)

**Report underage alcohol
and drug use**
Anonymous Tip Line at
860-873-5013



Spring Packet

The Board of Governors has voted to share the Annual Spring Packet via email and make it available on lakehaywardct.com. Please inform the board if you do not have an email and would prefer a printed copy of the newsletter.



Health Update

East Haddam is a part of the Chatham Health Department. The Board of Governors relies on their guidance when/if the data suggests that mitigation strategies need to be put into place for everyone's safety. While we all hope that Covid-19 will not impact our summer, we want to be transparent with the membership that regardless of anyone's personal opinions, we seek the advice of our local health experts when we are making decisions for the association. The information below is from the Chatham Health Department and includes a link to their website if you are looking for more information.

In order to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- Stay up to date with your vaccinations.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- STAY HOME if you are sick or have tested positive for

COVID-19 in the past 5 days, and DO NOT leave home

until at least 5 days have passed since your symptoms began or since you tested positive, you are feeling much better, and no longer have a fever.

Chatham Health District is coordinating vaccine clinics and vaccinating homebound residents.

To see upcoming scheduled vaccine clinics in the district, visit our website:

<https://www.chathamhealth.org/services-2>, or call 2-1-1.

If you or a loved one is homebound and is not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination, register here: <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/homebound>

Angela Buccheri

AngelaB@lakehaywardct.com

Newsletters

Newsletters will be shared via email, and paper copies will be available in kiosks at the beaches on Saturdays during the summer. Property owners can request to have the newsletter delivered to your cottage by a community youth on Saturday morning. By providing the Property Owners name and cottage address to Jeff Conway.

Via email:

JWConway@cox.net

Subject line: Newsletter Delivery

or Hand delivery: 119 Longwood Drive

Once received your cottage will be added to a carrier's route.



Newsletter Carriers WANTED!

- If you would like to become a carrier, please reach out via email with the below information:
 - Your Name:
 - Your Parent's Name:
 - Cottage number:
- If you were a carrier last year, your route has been reserved. Please reach out via email to confirm your continued interest in delivering.

Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Submit to: newsletter@lakehaywardct.com

Deadline: Sundays, 6 p.m. to be published in the following Saturday newsletter.

Submission Format Requirements:

- Word or Google doc
- Graphics and photos - JPG, PNG, TIFF, PDF, PSD, AI

Classifieds: run one week but can be resubmitted until sold

Teen & Youth services: run once with beginning and end date of availability

Community interest events, local fundraisers, local fire department announcements - run once with dates

Advertising professional businesses or services is prohibited

POALH reserves the right to modify the format, graphics or text as necessary to meet publishing guidelines. Submissions may be refused if the topic is not considered appropriate. Submissions received after the deadline will be included in the following newsletter, wherever possible.

Geese Committee

Spring is here and so are our geese. Sexually mature geese return to the nest where they hatched. Last year, Nutmeg Farms Goose Management located three nests, replaced 16 real eggs with wooden eggs, and submitted all required paperwork with DEEP. This year we hope to be even more aggressive. To determine when and where the geese are congregating on 1st beach, we have set up a motion-activated trail camera. Knowing where and when the geese are congregating, allows us to notify Nutmeg Farms of time frames to come and harass the geese and locate nests. Once it is tested, we hope to add cameras to the 2nd and 3rd beaches. If you see a nest on or near your property, please let me know. We will also be attaching lifelike plastic swans to the swim ropes on 1st beach to discourage the geese from accessing the beach.

Again, we need the assistance of our entire lake community. Long-term reduction requires the implementation of several different strategies: (1) Food: Do NOT feed waterfowl. Feeding not only attracts birds to an area but keeps them there. (2) Habitat Modification: Geese need space to land and take off and are uncomfortable feeding in areas where their view of potential predators is poor. Allow grass to grow to a height of at least one foot. Plant less palatable species such as mature tall fescue, periwinkle, pachysandra, English ivy, plantain lily, and ground juniper. (3) Harassment: Starting late August thru the Fall, harass them with your kayaks, boats, remote control boats, etc. Dogs are also very effective at harassment but to volunteer, please contact evelynp@lakehaywardct.com.

Beach News

1st Beach

We cannot wait for summer. We are going to have so much fun at 1st beach and the pavilion. Check the events calendar on the Lake Hayward website lakehaywardct.com to save the date for some of your favorite activities.

A big thank you to everyone who frequents 1st beach for helping out with keeping the geese barrier up and picking up the poop. This endeavor requires the whole community to chip in and help to be successful. We appreciate the last beachgoers of the day making sure the geese barrier is back in place. There is always a pail and shovel near the pavilion to complete the task of picking up the poop. Just leave it in the pail and our properties guy will take care of emptying the pail.

An additional boat rack was built last year on 1st beach so now there are two. The boat rack is available on a first-come, first-served basis starting on March 15th (no earlier) and ending on November 30th. Please refrain from moving or tipping boats/paddleboards currently on the rack when adding your vessel. It would help to leave the bottom level for bigger boats. Don't forget to put your address on your vessel before adding it to the boat rack.

Please consider lending a hand when the properties committee schedules the beach cleanup day. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about anything regarding 1st Beach feel free to email us using the email listed on the POALH board information sheet in this packet or on the website.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the beach. Let's have a fabulous year!

Kathy Sabo & Evelyn Passan,
1st Beach Representatives
KathyS@lakehaywardct.com
evelynP@lakehaywardct.com

2nd Beach

Well it's almost the time of year we all love, going to the beach and seeing friends again. We are forming a committee to look at replacing the playscape at 2nd beach. If you're interested in joining the committee please contact me. I'll see you on the beach.

Dave Edgington
2nd Beach Representative
DaveE@lakehaywardct.com

3rd Beach

Welcome back to another fun summer season at Lake Hayward! We look forward to meeting new neighbors in our 3rd beach neighborhood as there were quite a few home purchases in the area. Welcome new Lake Hayward residents! Keep an eye on POALH's events calendar for social activities throughout the season. You can find this information on our website and highlighted in our weekly newsletter starting in June. Please remember that the boat racks located throughout our Lake Hayward properties are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please keep an eye out for volunteer requests in both email blasts and newsletters to help clean up our beaches. We are asking that everyone do their part to keep the geese off our beaches and please don't feed them. Feel free to contact Corinne or Hema, your 3rd Beach Representatives, with any concerns/questions you may want to share. You can find our email addresses on the POALH website in the Contacts list.

Corinne Halliday and Hema DeSilva: HemaD@lakehaywardct.com
3rd Beach Representatives

Lake Hayward Dam Repair Project Update Spring 2022

Fall 2021

At the annual POALH meeting, the membership approved a motion for the dam committee to solicit three bids from dam repair contractors to repair the dam.

Dotting I's and Crossing T's

An interesting inquiry response from CT DEEP. While DEEP has regulations on all kinds of environmental projects, they do not maintain a list of registered or certified dam repair contractors. They need to approve the proposed project but have no input on what contractors one can use.

The Town of East Haddam does not get involved until there are final design plans to review and requests for permits addressed.

Winter 2022

In January three CT-based dam repair firms were provided with a copy of the 2019 DEEP dam inspection report inquires made if they would have interest in learning more about the scope of the project.

The firms were [Mohawk Northeast Inc. based in Plantsville](#), [Macknik Construction in Old Lyme](#), and [Schumack Engineering located in Clinton](#).

In February both Macknik Construction and Schumack Engineering expressed interest in learning more about the project. Each contractor was provided with the basic engineering drawings without their related pricing. Each vendor was invited to set up a site visit in March

once the snow had melted. In March, independent site visits by both contractors were completed and they met with Tim Pelton and Corrine Halliday.

The feedback from each vendor was very congruent

- The dam repair project is very straightforward
- Both have extensive dam experience
- Both have worked with Karl Acimovic and feel he is a highly qualified engineer
- Timeframe to complete all the repairs is 60-90days
- We will need to draw down the lake 8-12 inches during construction
- Neither recommends doing the repairs in two phases due to the cost associated with mobilization/demobilization, drawing the lake down twice, and the inconvenience for the abutting property owners
- Each spillway repair will be repaired independently to assure that in the event of a major rain event, one spillway will always be operational
- Project pricing estimates and timeframes will be provided within 45 days

Interface with the Town of East Haddam

- POALH will need to secure inland wetland permits for the dam repairs.
- Road runoff from Haywardville Road is undermining the northern headwalls on both the eastern and western spillways. The contractors will submit bids correcting that situation as a separate element of the dam bid should POALH want to seek reimbursement from the town for the work and/or motivate the Town to make the required modifications now.
- The southern headwall of the eastern spillway is also in need of repair. The contractors will bid to correct that item as a separate element of the bid should POALH want to seek reimbursement from the town and/or motivate the Town to make the required modifications now.

Value-Added Opportunity

This project is the perfect opportunity to install a dry fire hydrant at the dam while the dam repairs are underway. Tim Pelton has contacted the Fire Chief requesting dry hydrant design specifications that the Town requires as well as having the Town fund the installation as part of the Town's commitment to public safety. The Chief has yet to respond.

Next Steps

- Upon receipt of both contractor's pricing quotes and construction timelines in April, a subcommittee of the dam committee will review each bid in detail and interview the vendors as needed.
- After that exercise, the dam review subcommittee will make a recommendation in May for the contractor of choice to the entire dam committee for their approval.
- The identified Dam contractor selected, and related funding will be a discussion agenda item at the June 2022 POALH membership meeting.
- With membership consensus to move forward in June, the POALH finance committee will create a tentative action plan for funding the dam repairs.

- With membership consensus, legal dam repair construction documents will be prepared and shared with the contractor.
- A ‘town hall’ public meeting will be scheduled over the summer for the membership to discuss the dam repair project with the contractor.
- Approval of the dam repair project and related funding will be an agenda action item at the 2022 POALH Annual Meeting.

Tim Pelton
Dam Repair Committee Chairman

Property Owners’ Association of Lake Hayward 2022 Contacts

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POALH Annual Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2021,

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Cindy Biancamano at POALH Pavilion, Lake Shore Dr, East Haddam, CT.

Board members in attendance: Cindy Biancamano, Angela Buccheri, Hema DeSilva, Dave Edgington, Corinne Halliday, Evelyn Passan, Gary Petersen, and Kathy Sabo.

Board Members Absent: Jason Griffing

Association members in attendance: Nancy Kavanaugh – Treasurer. A quorum for the meeting is constituted with over 40 voting members present.

Public Present: Ed Bader – Tax Collector, Tim Pelton – Dam Committee Chair

Opening Remarks: Cindy Biancamano welcomed everyone and indicated that parking passes were available to be picked up today. She asked if anyone wanted to take over the Lake Hayward store. Please use the colored paddles you received for voting.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to waive the reading of the June 27, 2021, association meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the June 27, 2021, association meeting minutes.

Financial Reports

Treasurer: Nancy Kavanaugh reported that she is in the process of learning the treasurer position. She welcomes any questions via email or requests to see the books. The budget to actual report was provided to all association members via the newsletter and posted in kiosks. She looks forward to working with everyone.

Tax Collector: Ed Bader reported that there was a 100% collection of taxes last year. This year we have collected 93% so far. Ed thanks all those who have paid their taxes.

Budget: Presentation of 2022-2023 Budget: Dave Giroux, the budget committee chairperson, asked for a motion to approve the 2022-23 operating budget of \$219,400 as presented by the budget committee and approved by the board of governors.

Motion: Jerry Johnson made a motion to approve the 2022-23 operating budget for \$219,400 as presented by the budget committee and approved by the board of governors. Bill Halliday seconded.

Discussion - Reserves: John Eckert, Lakeshore Drive, voiced his concern that there are not enough reserves right now and the reserve amount is very low in this budget. Dave Giroux commented that lowering the reserve to \$10,000 would allow a financially lower burden on the membership. Carolyn Eckert, Ridgewood Rd., Ext., voiced concern that as a membership we have not yet approved the reconstruction of the dam. Having too low an amount going into reserves does not make sense if we make the choice not to do some of the things that have been recommended relative to the dam. She feels that \$10,000 going into reserves is inadequate.

Vote: A vote was held on the motion to approve the operating budget for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$219,400. There were 48 votes in favor of accepting the budget. There were 29 votes to oppose the budget. There were no abstentions. The motion to approve the budget carries.

Dave Giroux further asked the association to approve a summary of the budget committee's findings. It was felt that a vote on this was not required at this time.

Reports of the Board of Governors:

President: Cindy Biancamano reminded association members to sign up for ladies' night. The Town of East Haddam is purchasing the property that abuts the association for open space. Cindy encouraged all members to go out and vote in September on this matter.

Secretary-Clerk: Kathy Sabo reminded all association members to turn in their voting paddles at the end of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Nominating: Fred Alden, committee chair, presented the nominees for consideration for a vote for the board of governors which were Kathy Sabo, Cindy Biancamano, Hema DeSilva, and Phil Sabo. Cindy Biancamano asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Motion: Sara Bares, Cragmere Rd., made a motion to elect the slate of candidates to the board of governors as presented. Linda Abel, Lookout Dr., seconded.

Discussion: None

- **Vote:** A vote was held on the motion to elect the slate of candidates to the board of governors as presented. There were no votes to oppose the current slate of candidates. There were no abstentions. The motion to elect the current slate of candidates to the board carries.

Events

Angela Buccheri indicated that they are always looking for volunteers. Bands are booked months ahead of time, usually in the fall so if you have ideas for a band for next summer please reach out to Angela by the end of September. The events committee will no longer be posting events on the public Lake Hayward Facebook page but will be posting on the official Property Owners' Association Facebook page instead. Lake Hayward carnival and beach days have been canceled. After consulting with the Chatham Health District and given the fact that our target audience is children who cannot yet be vaccinated the board felt it was prudent to cancel because of the close interaction of the events and consumption of food. Instead on that day there will be an ice cream truck that will visit all three beaches and the association will purchase ice cream for any children that are on the beach that day. There will also be a movie shown that evening on first beach at 8:00 p.m. Events may look into setting up a cornhole tournament. Angela expressed her gratitude for all members who have taken the time to volunteer to run an event or help out in anyway. A huge thank you went out to Colleen Sokolowski as she is stepping down from running our children's craft nights after two decades. Angela is looking for someone to take over her job. There is a volunteer sheet for anyone who would like to sign up to help out.

Geese

Evelyn Passan reported that looking for nests in the spring will continue. She asked that if you see a nest on your property being built, please let her know, but please do not touch it. Please continue to harass the geese. Evelyn thanked all those who have helped to pick up the poop on the beaches. Tools are at each beach for poop removal.

Lake & Water Quality

Corinne Halliday indicated she circulated a report about what we as association members can do to help our watershed and the nutrient and phosphorus loading issues. It relays information about a question and answer period that took place with the limnologist. It will be in a future newsletter. A lot of the focus this year has been on algae. We have had a lot this season and at times it has been concentrated in blue-green algae scum which is potentially dangerous to humans and animals. No one should swim when this is visible. The algae blooms have seemed to float around but if we did have one stay in front of one of our beaches Chatham Health would be called in to help do a visible inspection and direct us as to the best course of action to take. The lake quality committee will continue to do the deep water sampling along with the very important stream sampling. We expect to have a fairly good idea as to the watershed's contribution to our nutrient overload in our lake by next spring. Corinne asked all residents to redirect drainage from gutters, have septic systems inspected and pumped, and plant vegetative buffers to slow down runoff. There were two beach closures this year so far due to high E. coli readings. The most likely contributor to that would be waterfowl waste and runoff from the roads and septic after a rain event. Corinne thanked the committee members for all their hard work. Adam Thompson, Lakeshore Dr., suggested the use of barley bales or barley extract to help control the algae. Corinne will look into that. Jeff Bender, Forest Way, wanted

clarification on green particles floating in the water suspecting it is algae. Corinne could not confirm if those particles are actually algae throughout the lake or if they are dangerous. She has been told that when there is the blue-green scum that is when it is toxic. Carolyn Eckert, Ridgewood Rd Ext, asked if the date of the weed treatment could be moved to earlier in June due to the weeds developing sooner in the year. Corinne will inquire about this.

Properties

Gary Petersen reported that he is retiring after 8 years. The summer has been filled with keeping the beaches clean. The street signs have been finished. A tree was taken down by the basketball court. Coming up in the next few months will be a tree removal on the reserve beach and the right of way there. 2nd beach is missing its rake. Please return it if you borrowed it. Gary Petersen thanked all those members who have helped him out over the last eight years.

Old Business

Bio Detention Basin Project

Ed Bader reported that the association was able to get a \$16,500 grant from DEEP. This money needs to be used by August of 2022. Our engineer has indicated that we can do the construction at the end of May. The association is being asked to fund \$34,100 for the bio detention basin of which we will get back \$16,500 from the DEEP grant. This will help to mitigate runoff from the farms and keep the lake clean.

Motion: Dave Giroux, Glimmer Glen, made a motion to approve funding of \$34,100 from the association's unallocated reserves to complete the bio detention basin project in 2022. Larry Lusardi, Lake Shore Dr., seconded

Discussion: None

Vote: A vote was held on the motion to move forward with the bio detention basin. There were 97 votes in favor. There were 5 votes opposed. There were no abstentions. The motion carries.

Dam

Tim Pelton, dam committee chair, provided a recap on all of the discussions that have gone on about the dam. Option 1 – Do the project in one fell swoop but will require a special assessment to fund the entire project. Option 2 – Break the project up into two phases. Pros of that approach are there is enough money in capital reserves to start the project in 2022 then you would need a special assessment in 2023 to move forward. Option 3 – Just do the design and permitting process. It is the least expensive but will move the project downstream and it is likely construction and material costs will go up. Option 4 – Get a second opinion from a DEEP-approved engineer.

Motion: Adam Thompson, Lakeshore Dr., made a motion to amend dam reconstruction – presentation & capital expenditure/funding/construction vote. I move to amend the motion to strike down options 1, 2, and newly introduced option 4 and substitute option 3 to say: Option Three – Attain repair bids (not less than 3) with reference to the 2019 inspection report – Lake Hayward Dam. Said bids to be available to the POALH membership at the June 2022 meeting or before if the Board of Governors deems earlier action is warranted. Carolyn Eckert, Ridgewood Rd. Ext. seconded.

Discussion: The motion was reread by Adam Thompson.

David Spencer, Ridgewood Rd., felt that if we second and vote on this motion we will not be able to discuss or vote on options 1, 2, or 4, or even 3. This seems premature as all options have not yet been vetted and discussed.

Leisha Spencer, Ridgewood Rd, asked Adam to explain why he is making this motion.

Adam Thompson does not believe that this project has not been looked at on all sides by moving forward with replacing the dam and not considering other options.

Larry Lusardi, Lake Shore Dr., asks how long will the permit be available – when will it expire?

Paula DeSilva, Glimmer Glenn, inquired about the maintenance of the dam in the past and the maintenance in the future prior to starting this project.

Keith Marvin, Ridgewood Rd, indicated he walked the dam area and feels that it is good to have a proposal other than replacing the dam. He would like to see what a repair project would look like in conjunction with the report from the engineer.

Carolyn Eckert, Ridgewood Rd Ext, thought it was important to note that in the 2019 dam report it says that the general condition is considered fair to satisfactory. Satisfactory means no significant deficiencies are recognized. Only minor maintenance is required, and only minor flaws are noted. Fair indicates there are no critical deficiencies with the dam that will require engineer analysis with the following exception – hydraulic analysis. The conclusion is that our dam is not ready to fail and is found that it can pass the 100 and 200 storms.

Moira Boone, Lookout Dr., inquired about a counter motion as she felt the other options should still be on the table.

Diane Camacho, Wildwood Dr., asked if we have looked into other funding options either through the state, federal or grant money.

Tim Pelton, Dam Chairperson, indicated that grant money from the state under the infrastructure umbrella would not be granted to such a small project as ours. We will receive \$15,000 from the Town of East Haddam.

Sara Bares, Cragmere Rd, requests that everyone vote down this motion as she feels it is a motion to not allow us to vote or make a choice on any of the other options.

Adam Thompson replied that he feels his motion is the building block to a project to explore all avenues before making the choice to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on one single project.

Beth Bashir, Sunset Rd., also objects to this motion feeling it is not the democratic process.

Ed Bader noted that the association is a municipal tax district required to follow the rules that are set out in the general statutes. He feels that this motion set before the association which is circumventing what has already been noticed is not legal.

Leisha Spencer, Ridgewood Rd., asked in response to what Cari Eckert read, what pushes us to move forward at this point with the recommendation of option 2.

Tim Pelton, dam chair, stated the dam is not in imminent danger to fail tomorrow. The challenge comes when there is a major flood event or hurricane.

Lisa Hober, Wildwood Rd., stated this motion was not Adam Thompson's idea alone as a group of association members met to go over all the options. She pointed out that if we vote for a special assessment that figure will not be calculated for three months. We will not leave the meeting knowing how much it will cost each association member. It is a blank check. If Adam's option is voted down, then the other options come to life.

Fred Alden, Lake Hayward Town Rd., asked how much it would cost to repair the dam. We have received estimates on how much it would cost to replace it but nothing on how much it would cost to fix it.

Keith Marvin, Ridgewood Rd, noted that the options presented by the dam committee never gave us an option to just repair it.

Wendy Morin, Lake Shore Dr., asked if there would be a cap on the assessment. Also, can we apply again for a grant if we go with option 2.

Nancy Apfel, Lookout Dr., noted that climate change is upon us. Storms are getting worse, and the rains are getting heavier. The water is already going over and under the spillway during heavy rain. It may not hold with the next big rain.

Chuck Dupont, Ridgewood Rd., noted that Adam's motion is not ruling out the other options on the table for the dam, it is just postponing it until June of 2022 until we have more information on what it costs and what the assessment is going to be.

Dave Edgington, Wildwood Rd, wanted to make it clear that a lot of thought went into this process but understands that if everyone is unhappy with all the options then we need to be given the chance to vote down the options.

Adam Thompson replied that the reason that he did not want the options to be voted on is that he would like to maintain the \$30,000 to look into repairs to the dam. He wants to change the process to a possibility of a repair while maintaining that \$30,000 so we have working capital to find out if there is a correct answer that is not replacing the dam.

Dave Giroux, Glimmer Glenn, asked what the difference is between Adam's proposal and option 3.

Adam replied that the difference is option 3 looks for an engineer report to replace the dam and does not look at any options to repair the dam.

Tim Pelton, dam chair, responded that option 3 is to fund the design and permitting process to reconstruct the dam.

Lisa Hober, Wildwood Rd., stated that this vote has been referenced as a referendum. She stated that a referendum would have been a private mailing to each association member with a specific plan and a cost associated with it. Association members did not get this, so it is not a referendum. If a referendum was in play absentee ballots would be accepted. Adam reread the motion before the vote.

Vote: A vote was held on the motion put forward by Adam Thompson in regard to the dam project. There were 61 votes in favor. There were 59 votes opposed. There were no abstentions. The motion carries.

Motion: Sarah Bares, Cragmere Rd., made a motion for a request for a paper ballot. Beth Bashir, Sunset Rd., seconded.

Discussion: John Sobolowski, Wildwood Rd., commented that a vote has already been taken and in order to overturn that vote another motion has to be made to recount the vote. It was stated that the motion has already been made.

Keith Marvin, Ridgewood Rd., commented that the first motion was already passed, and it was not a slam against the board. It is just giving us an opportunity to take the money that we set aside and use it to tell us how much it is going to take to fix the dam. Instead of fighting against each other let's move forward to look at other options.

Lynn Macri, Lookout Dr, asked if we could just discuss the current motion. Ron Dylewski, Hillside Rd., thinks whether the vote was close or not believes that we should move on and

accept the results of the vote count on the original motion. Lisa Hober, Wildwood Rd., would like to make a point of order and be shown where in Robert's Rules where the motion to recount was made in time because she believes it was already carried by the board. She would like to know if Robert's Rules dictates that motion can be done before it carries or after it carries.

Vote: A vote was held on the motion to request a paper ballot. There were 4 in favor. All others were opposed. There were no abstentions. The motion does not carry.

New Business

Thank You

Cindy Biancamano thanked Moira Boone for handling the merchandising and Lake Hayward store; Gary Petersen for his time taking care of properties; Dave Giroux and his crew on the budget committee; Fred Alden and his crew on the nominating committee.

Pickleball

Cindy Biancamano indicated that we now have pickleball courts. Chris Popolizio indicated to come down and join in the pickleball fun on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.

Board Dinner

Linda Abel, Lookout Drive, made a motion to have the association pay to send the board out to dinner with their spouses. Lisa Hober seconded. A vote was held and all in attendance agreed, no one opposed and no abstentions. The motion carries.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.