

## POALH June Meeting Meeting Minutes June 26, 2022

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, Hema DeSilva, Dave Edgington, Jason Griffing, Corinne Halliday, Kathy Sabo, & Phil Sabo  
Board Members Absent: Evelyn Passan, Angela Buccheri,  
Association members in attendance: Peggy Krempecki – Treasurer and over 40 association members thereby constituting a quorum.  
General Public in Attendance: Ed Bader - Tax Collector

**Minutes:** *A motion was made, seconded, and passed to waive the reading of the August 15, 2021, association meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the August 15, 2021, association meeting minutes.*

### Financial Reports

- **Tax Collector:** Ed Bader thanked everyone for making their tax payments last year and that 100% of taxes were collected.
- **Treasurer:** Cindy Biancamano introduced our new treasurer - Peggy Krempecki. Peggy indicated that the year end report dated 6/16/22 was in the newsletter. Please contact her with any questions. She thanks Jason Griffing for all the training he provided to her.

### Reports of the Board of Governors

- **President:** Cindy Biancamano reported that there is a new online merchandise store. Cindy Biancamano requested volunteers to help out around the lake, especially with the children's carnival. Members were asked to email any board member to volunteer.
- **Secretary-Clerk:** Kathy Sabo also asked for volunteers to help out in her position as secretary.

### Committee Reports

- **Budget:** Cindy Biancamano reported that a budget committee is in place and working on a budget to be presented on and voted at the August meeting.
- **ByLaws:** Lisa Hober reported that a communication was sent out to the membership and if there are any questions to please contact her.
- **Dam:** Tim Pelton reported that there is now a two year timeline for the membership to consider to repair the dam. Proposed design needs to be approved by DEEP with a completion date of June 2024. DEEP requires a permit and an engineered design to do the dam repairs. The cost of the design plan is \$22,500. The cost of permitting is \$6,500. The dam committee will be looking for the association to allocate \$30,000 at the August meeting to launch the dam repair project. The design plan will take 90 to 120 days. It takes DEEP 12 months to approve the repair construction permit. DEEP also requires an endangered species survey regarding this repair project. In June of 2023 we will reach out to contractors to project costs to do the dam project so the association can discuss it at the June association meeting and take action at the August 2023 association meeting to fund the dam repair project. After the DEEP approves the project the committee will go to the East Haddam Inland Wetlands in January of 2024 to approve the project even though we are not required to. Hopefully in March/April of 2024 shovels will be in the ground to repair the dam. At this time, the committee does not think the lake will need to be lowered. Part of the design of the dam is a headwall at the front of each spillway on the north and south sides. Those headwalls and culverts underneath the road are owned by the Town of East Haddam. The headwalls also need to be repaired. A member of the dam committee is meeting with the town to discuss their role in repairing these items. Association members had the following questions & comments: members would like to volunteer for the dam committee (Tim will reach out to them or they can submit their info to the POALH secretary); requested a bulleted statement of report of what would be included in the repairs and/or improvements (Tim will have the engineer create that document); regarding endangered species did anything show up in the database (Tim answered that Lake Hayward is in an endangered species zone); clarify the two phases (Tim reported that each spillway will be done one at a time but consecutively back to back); if the town is repairing the headwalls will they have to go through the same DEEP process and will that delay our repairs (Tim will research this after we see what the town says to our inquiries); are we under orders from the DEEP to make repairs (Tim said not that he was aware of but the dam was built in 1868 and the only record of any maintenance or repair was in 2012 when the DEEP recommended we take down trees and bushes on the dam which was completed); when will the association request state bond funds (Tim replied we are waiting to see election results in November to see who we have to deal with); are the east shore

residents going to contribute to the fund of repairing the dam (Tim reported that all households on the east shore received a newsletter requesting donations); what is the association's liability in this project if we do dam repairs having to do with the culvert as well as the hazardous area down below it (Tim advised the member to seek that answer from an attorney); have we done an RFP and are there more than two contractors (Tim reported an invitation to bid was put out last winter to three contractors and two responded. Their numbers were around 130k. They will need to resubmit material numbers after looking at the engineered plans); ask the east shore residents to pay 20% of the dam repairs (Cindy Biancamano asked for ideas on how to accomplish this) a suggestion of inviting the east shore residents to a town meeting might work.

- **Events:** Cindy Biancamano reported that there is a food truck coming today. All events can be found in the newsletter and on the calendar.
  - **Geese:** Cindy Biancamano requested volunteers to help Evelyn Passan chase the geese off of the beaches. There are fake dogs and swans that will be put up on second and third beaches to help deter the geese. We need a volunteer to put them up. The committee would like to be allowed to enter property along the lakefront to look for nests. Our attorney indicated a waiver would need to be signed by the property owner. A show of hands indicated that the association members along the lakefront would be willing to sign a waiver to allow this. A member who has her dog chase the geese on second beach was asked to have her dog leave the beach. She would like some clarification on that.
  - **Lake Quality:** Corinne Halliday indicated the annual treatment for invasive weeds is happening this Monday. We have a restrictive permit when treating the lake saying we cannot treat north of Hillside Road. Corinne is trying to get that lifted to address the weed problem on the north end. The restriction is there due to some insect species they are trying to protect. The East Shore Gazette is on our website. The committee is continuing to do deep water sampling May 1 through October testing for nutrients in the water that help to feed algae growth. Water clarity and temperature is also tested. All this data goes to a luminologist to be analyzed. The water clarity is really good so far this year. Corinne thanked the association for financing the committee's efforts as well as her team of volunteers from both sides of the lake. Corinne indicated that we have a very complicated watershed. She emphasized that we should be looking to alternatives for green lawns instead of fertilizing and maintaining our septic systems. Corinne reported that we have received the following grants/monies: \$16,000 grant from DEEP for bio detention basin; \$1,000 grant from CT Federation of Lakes to help pay for stream testing; monies from the Town of East Haddam (which varies every year - \$11,000 potential) for our lake related lake quality expenses; \$15,000 from the Town of East Haddam for the dam to be added to the \$15,000 that is already there waiting for the project to be done. Association members had the following questions and/or comments: get your septic systems done sooner rather than later because Chatham Health is complicating to work with; is the committee looking into home testing for eColi (Cindy Biancamano indicated that the home testing does not give the details we need so we are still using the labs); what percentage of funding reimbursement from Town of East Haddam for lake quality is part of the overall budget (Corinne indicated in any given year it is a set amount. For 2023-24 budget the max is \$11,000 and Lake Quality usually has a big enough budget where we would get 50% back of the lake quality budget from the town); is this money we receive from the town part of a line item in the operating budget or is it a special vote item (Corinne indicated it is in their overall budget); is there criteria or record keeping from the town to track septs (Corinne stated there is nothing mandatory or required); a beaver has been spotted on the lake and how will that affect lake quality (Assoc members reported a beaver has been at the lake for 15 years and occasionally builds a dam near the causeway which the town cleans out); will plant life on north end of lake be impacted by the water treatment (Corinne indicated we cannot treat north of Hillside Rd per our permit); there are electric motors on the lake that can do 60 mph (Corinne indicated an ordinance was passed with a speed limit of 6mph. Take a pic of the boat with the serial number and call DEEP).
- Bio Detention Basin** - Ed Bader reported requests for bids were sent out to four contractors and only received one back. Allegra Enterprises will be completing this project which will be started later this week. It is all within the budget that was approved by the membership in the amount of \$34,500. It will be completed by the end of July as required by part of the funding that we received from the State of CT in the amount of \$16,500. Association members had the following questions and/or comments: asked about a plan for maintenance after the basin is constructed (Ed indicated that Allegra Enterprises will create a maintenance plan that will need to be funded in the future); will equipment impact tennis courts and parking (Ed replied no); concern that there is a stand of Japanese knotweed in that area behind tennis courts (Ed indicated he will put it on the maintenance list).
- **Merchandise:** Christine Strachan reported that the new online store is owned by the association and there is no profit to the individual organizers. There are a variety of items there in different sizes and colors. There is a small profit built into the items so that the store is self-sustaining as there is a fee to use the site. Please email [merchandise@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:merchandise@lakehaywardct.com) if you have any issues or questions. There will be a logo contest for future logos that will be used on merchandise. Please post pics of you using/wearing your gear to our email as well. If you take a photo around the lake that you think would look great on a product, send it to the committee.

- **Nominating:** Lisa Hober reported that there are four positions up for reelection, two of which will be vacant as the incumbents are coming back for the other two positions. Please consider serving as a board member.
- **Playground:** Tina Beckett reported that the committee is looking into repairing and improving the playground at second beach. An inspection was completed regarding the playground which will be reviewed and gone through line by line to pursue repairing items before replacing them.
- **Properties:** Phil Sabo thanked his properties posse. He reported that he secured a 2 year contract with All Waste for our rubbish removal which just went up a little bit. Garbage pickup will start with a year round Monday pickup in September. In the future, Phil is looking to get the weekly summer garbage pickup down to one pickup a week. A two year portable toilet contract with Jansky was secured which includes cleaning the outside of the units as well as the insides. A five year landscaping contract was secured with American Pride which did not go up in price at all. Improvements completed were a new knee wall fence at first beach, cleaning of the ball field by renting and filling a dumpster, and installed a gate at the ball field. Phil reminded people to take care of their garbage at the beach, fill in the holes and take home all chairs and toys at the end of the day. Association members had the following questions and/or comments: possibility of the ball field usage for storage of boat trailers (Phil indicated that the board has decided to not allow that); let members know about garbage pickup changes individually (Phil will ask Chris of All Waste to include a flier to let people know of the changes)
- **Water Testing:** Cindy Biancamano reported that the water testing so far this year has been great.

#### **New Business**

- **Stop Sign:** An association member indicated that there is a stop sign on Lakeshore where Ridgewood comes down to Lake Shore. He would like to have that stop sign moved up a little as people go through the stop sign. Phil Sabo will check into this with the town.
- **Meeting Minutes:** An association member asked to have the subcommittees publish their meeting minutes online. (Kathy Sabo reported that she did not know if the subcommittees take minutes. Lisa Hober, who has served on a couple of committees, suggested that people reach out to the committee heads with questions or concerns as there is no lack of disclosure)
- **Dead Raccoon:** An association member reported that there have been a few dead raccoons in the water lately and to please report it to DEEP. Another association member reported that he had called DEEP and they instructed him to just dispose of it.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 pm.