

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2023

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Cindy Biancamano at 72 Ridgewood Rd., East Haddam, CT & Google Meet.
Board Members Present in Person & Virtually: Cindy Biancamano, Lynn Crisci, Hema DeSilva, Laurie Dworak, Dave Edgington, Evelyn Passan, Kathy Sabo, and Phil Sabo
Association Members in attendance in Person: Lisa Hober - Treasurer

Minutes: *Dave Edgington made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023, board meeting. Phil Sabo seconded. A vote was held. All board members present agreed (8).*

Public Comment: None.

President's Report: Cindy Biancamano reported that there was a complaint about an association member painting their lawn worrying about the chemicals that can go into the lake. The board decided this was not something that requires board involvement. Cindy asked board members to forward any messages they would like included in an upcoming email blast. The surveyors involved in the property dispute have not yet been able to meet. Cindy and Lynn Crisci met with Ed Bader to go over everything regarding the tax collector position and to receive all documentation that Ed had in his possession.

Financial Reports:

- **Tax Collector:** Lynn Crisci reported that to date \$210,646.66 has been collected with \$661.60 still outstanding. This is from just one property which has been turned over to our attorney for collection. There are no other outstanding liens except for this one. Moving forward all records will be kept electronically through QDS so that reports can be run, instead of doing them manually. This is a service we already pay for so it makes sense to utilize it.
- **Treasurer:** Lisa Hober indicated that all bills are current. She is working on getting into one of the file cabinets in the pavilion that we do not have a key for.

Committee Reports:

- **By-Laws:** Nothing to report.
- **Budget Committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Dam Committee:** Tim Pelton has set up a meeting to take place on March 4, 2023 for the board and the dam committee to meet in person and via zoom to go over everything. The board discussed the importance of having very specific figures to present to the association at the meetings this year.
- **Events:** The board is still looking for an events chairperson. Don Biancamano has booked four bands for the 2023 Summer.. Kathy Sabo is formulating the events calendar for this summer of 2023 and will look for volunteers to run the events through the Spring Packet. If volunteers can not be found to run an event then the event will be canceled. The beach games, carnival and food have been scheduled for the Saturday before the August association meeting. Some events have been finalized while others are in the works. Funds left in the events budget for the current year were discussed as there is a big amount of money listed on the treasurer's report as being available. Lisa Hober will double check what was spent on events thus far to make sure the figure is accurate before we proceed with spending those leftover funds.
- **Geese:** Evelyn Passan reported there is lots of goose poop at second beach. There have been 2 pairs of geese at second beach. Trail cameras were taken down in the fall. There will be a nest hunting party after the geese start pairing up. It is still good to use remote control boats to scare them.
- **Lake Quality:** The committee has received the Solitude contract but asked Solitude to revise it looking for a better price because we were unhappy with the treatment last season. The committee has also applied to the Town of East Haddam to receive \$15,000 from them.
- **Nominating:** Lisa Hober is asking everyone whose term is up (Hema DeSilva, Kathy Sabo & Cindy B.) to start thinking about if they want to run again.
- **Properties:** Phil Sabo reported all is good. He has to make an addendum to the landscaping contract to include the bio-detention basin which will probably add about \$1,000. Board members asked Phil to look into the right of way from Wildwood to Longwood, specifically the railroad ties and rebar at the end and check the bench at dog beach for repairs or replacement.
- **Technology:** Laurie Dworak is working on changing the email addresses
- **Water Testing:** Cindy Biancamano reported that Lisa Long will continue to do the testing in Summer of 2023 doing each beach once a week.
- **Other:** Nothing.

Old Business

- **Property Encroachment:** Talked about in the president's report.
- **Newsletter:** Cindy Biancamano reported that she has been in touch with Jeff Conway and only four children have signed up to be newsletter deliverers when we usually have eight. The board felt that it would be ok if members of the association who

wanted a hard copy of the newsletter to pick them up at the kiosks. Cindy will talk with Jeff about this further. Kathy Sabo reported that two association members she approached to put together the newsletter declined but one said she would be available to do it next year. The newsletter this summer may end up being very simple.

New Business

- **Spring Packet:** Cindy Biancamano reported that Mike Trocci will be doing the spring packet. It should go out the second week of April. Cindy will check with Mike on a deadline for receiving articles and his formatting requirements.

Phil Sabo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Crisci seconded. A vote was held. All board members present agreed (8).
The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next board meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm at 72 Ridgewood Rd., East Haddam, CT and via a Google Meet.