

# Lake Hayward

## 2023 Spring Packet



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## Volunteers sought for positions and events

Hello, I hope you had a good winter. We here at the lake aren't complaining! The tulips and daffodils are popping up and the sunlight lasts longer each day.

Your board has met monthly through the offseason to keep things running smoothly.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Consider joining the board. We will have four possible openings.

Consider being the events coordinator for 2024 season. Without this

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

spot filled there won't be anything going on at the pavilion each week. This doesn't mean that you have to do everything. Just coordinate. This is a very integral part of your association. The previous chairpersons will always be available for you.

Contact me at [president@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:president@lakehaywardct.com).

Reminder: boat racks... Max 2 boats per household. No boats on till

For a full season list of events, go to the POALH online calendar at [www.lakehaywardct.com/events](http://www.lakehaywardct.com/events)

after March 15. All boats must be off by Nov. 15.

I look forward to sunny days on the beach and seeing all of your smiling faces soon.

Kind regards,  
Cindy Biancamano

## Geese problems require aggressive solutions

Did you know that sexually mature geese return to the nest where they hatched and can lay 10-15 eggs per nest? Did you know that geese will walk up to one mile from their nests with their babies to the water? Last year we missed two nests. This year we hope to be even more aggressive. Because we have had a mild winter, over the last month, we have seen up to 200 geese fly in.

We believe they are four different flocks. We don't see them currently so, hopefully, they've found another lake to hang out on. There are currently five geese hanging out at Second Beach. We are watching to see when they pair up and begin building a nest. This typically happens mid-March to early April. An email blast will be sent asking for volunteers to assist in locating nests. So, by the time you receive your Spring Packet, a date to walk properties and search for nests will already have taken place. Thank you to all who signed waivers.

Last summer we set up motion-activated trail cameras on our three beaches to determine time frames of when the geese arrive. Knowing where and when the geese are congregating allows us to notify Nutmeg

### GEESE COMMITTEE

Farms of time frames to come and harass the geese. Unfortunately, we are only able to set them up in certain places and their range is limited. If you see the geese on our beaches, please stop and take a moment to chase them.

### LONG-TERM REDUCTION

Again, we need the assistance of our entire lake community. Long-term reduction requires implementation of several different strategies:

(1) Food: Do NOT feed. 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. We have had success keeping them off the grass by the pavilion by installing an inexpensive fence. Contact me for more info.

(3) Harassment: Starting August



thru the fall, harass them with your kayaks and boats. Remote control boats are very effective and fun. Dogs are also very effective at harassment but it needs to be consistent.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact me at [evelynp@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:evelynp@lakehaywardct.com).

Following the June 25 Association Meeting, Lynette from Nutmeg Farm will be present to answer any questions. We invite all Lake Hayward property owners to attend (estimated time noon).

Thank you,

- Evelyn Passan

[evelynp@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:evelynp@lakehaywardct.com)

## Inform your neighbors about your STR activity

Hello and welcome to a new season here at our lake. I wanted to take a few moments to talk about short-term rentals. It has been a growing concern that has been brought to the attention of the Board of Governors several times over the last year.

We have a close community and most of us know our neighbors. The Board would like to make a recom-

### SHORT-TERM RENTALS

mendation that if you decide to rent your cottage for short terms, that you keep your neighbors apprised of your contact information should anything unfortunate occur. We would also like to recommend that you provide a copy of the POALH Rules and Regulations as well as the POALH Bylaws

accessible for your renters to reference - perhaps putting the documents with the POALH parking tags would be a good place?

Let's all work together to keep this community the enjoyable place that it is. Thank you for your time and your consideration to your neighbors.

- Laurie Dworak

## Collaborative efforts continue on lake quality

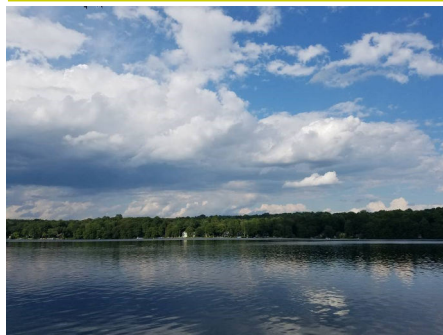
As most of you know, this committee is a collaborative effort by residents on both sides of our lake and we cannot thank them enough for the volunteer hours they give to our efforts. Our yearly treatment for invasive aquatic weeds will continue this year and is scheduled to take place on June 27, 2023.

This is noted on our POALH calendar and reminders will go out via email blasts and the usual signage placed around the lake. Do not use lake water for drinking, cooking, or watering livestock during the days immediately following the treatment. Specific dates for resuming swimming and these other activities will be communicated to you through email and signage around the lake.

As you may have noticed, our treatment last year by Solitude was not very successful. They have promised to make up for that this year by both reducing the costs of this year's treatment and committing to coming back after Labor Day for any follow up treatment needed at no cost to us. As this is being written, we are still waiting on the status of our permit to treat from the state. We have asked that they allow us to treat up to the boat launch. We will keep you informed as to its status.

The bio-detention basin behind the tennis courts has been completed and

### LAKE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE



POALH has received the grant funds from DEEP in the amount of \$16,500. It was a successful collaborative effort by many individuals and we can't thank them all enough. Hopefully its just the first of more projects to come in an attempt to curb runoff into the lake. This in turn will stop nutrients from getting in and feeding any potential algae blooms.

In the meantime, we as individual homeowners must do our part. Please have your septic systems inspected, cleaned, and if necessary repaired. Do not fertilize your lawns and clean up responsibly after pets and other animals you may be housing on your properties. Redirect downspouts into your landscaping and off your driveways. Do not remove trees that are not imposing any danger and allow your grass to grow a little taller to help curb runoff. The drought last summer

and the resulting crystal clear water we enjoyed showed us that we need to manage the nutrient runoff into our lake better.

As we do every year, a member of your LQIC along with representatives from the other two lakes in town presented a request for funds to the Board of Selectman for the 23-24 budgeting process. We have asked for funds to help reimburse expenses related to water quality issues. Lake Hayward has also asked for an additional \$15,000 under capital improvement requests to help offset our dam repair costs. We have already been awarded a total of \$30,000 over the past two years for that repair.

We have scheduled an educational event for July 30, 2023 at 11:00am at the Pavilion. A nonprofit organization called The Turtle's Back will be our guests. They are dedicated to the rehabilitation and conservation of Connecticut's native turtles. Educating the public about these amazing but vulnerable animals is a huge part of their mission also. All our lake dwelling animals such as mussels, turtles, and fish play a part in ensuring the health of our lake. Please join us that day!

- Corinne Halliday

## Dam repair update: Design plan reviewed

At the August 2022 Annual POALH meeting, the membership authorized retaining the services of civil engineer Karl Acimovic to prepare engineered plans outlining the scope of repairs recommended for the Lake Hayward dam. The membership also approved submission of a construction permit application to both CT DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers.

On March 4, 2023 representatives of the Board, Finance Committee, Dam Committee, and the tax collector met to have a presentation by Karl Acimovic regarding his preliminary dam repair design plan.

The design entails replacing the floor and wall of each spillway and to construct a concrete wall along the northern portion of the dam to prevent water from undermining the dam. The spillways will be done one at a time with a coffer dam built of sandbags closing off each spillway during construction. The purpose of the coffer dams is two-fold. First to maintain the level of the lake at its normal level and

to provide a dry area to make the repairs.

An engaging discussion took place at the meetings with the consensus being that the preliminary design as proposed has merit.

Karl shared an interesting fact involving the Town. While several of those attending were aware that the four vertical stonework headwalls next to Haywardville Road were owned by the Town, it appears that two feet of the western spillway and one foot of the eastern spillway are also on Town property.

### NEXT STEPS

\* Karl Acimovic will prepare detailed engineered design drawings for review by the dam committee.

\* Karl is also working on a statement regarding the impact the proposed project will have on fish and species around the lake. This document requires review and signoff by CT DEEP prior to the submission of the construction permit application process.

\* A subcommittee of the dam committee will be formed this summer once the final engineered plans are in place to start preliminary discussions with the Town Department of Public Works Department (DPW) regarding several elements of the project:

\* Inform DPW of the portion of the proposed spillways owned by the Town.

\* Discuss with DPW their involvement in the engineered plan design and review.

\* Discuss the Town funding their prorated share of the cost of the dam spillways.

\* The DPW needs to repoint the mortar in sections on each of the four headwalls.

\* Install catch basins on each side of Haywardville Road to capture and control rain runoff west of the dam. Currently that runoff is undermining the headwalls.

- Tim Pelton

Dam Committee Chairman

## Properties committee has projects on docket

Welcome back to another fun-filled season! It has been a quiet winter. We have a few projects in the works for the spring. First up is the power washing and staining of the pavilion. There will be more sand put on the beaches. If you have concerns that need to be addressed please feel free to reach out to me. I will do my best to work on them as time and money allows. If you have concerns about the roads please call the Town of East Haddam. If you see water on the roads during a dry spell it is most likely due to a water line break. In this instance please reach out directly to CT Water Company.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me keep up with the POALH

### PROPERTIES

properties last summer. We saw the beach rakers doing a great job taking care of the beaches. We also need your help in keeping our beaches clean by picking up trash and more importantly the 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 LaCucaracha, 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. This spring I am

looking for someone to use the association's line painter to paint lines on the basketball court. You can email me if you would like to join the crew. I would love to see some new faces and welcome back all my old Properties Posse workers. Are you in? #GroupHug

- Phil Sabo

Properties Manager

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calendar at  
[www.lakehaywardct.com/](http://www.lakehaywardct.com/)

## Tax collector: What to know about payments

I took on the role of tax collector on January 1, 2023. I moved into my year-round cottage at the lake in 2021, and I've been spending my free time transforming my house into a home for myself and my two dogs. I love living here, and I look forward to working with all of you on behalf of our community.

The 2022 tax year will be closing soon. The July 1, 2023, Association property bills will be mailed to the recorded property owners on or about June 28, 2022. All Association tax payments must be received by August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022, or prior to be considered on time. 'Received' date is the post mark date on the envelope from a U.S. Post Office. Postage meter dates are not acceptable.

Many of us use e-banking to pay our bills, including taxes. You must make certain that payment is received at the POALH post box on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered timely.

Now is the time to make sure your mailing address is correct. If you have



bill last year, contact the Town of East Haddam Assessor's Office. POALH takes their records from the Town. If your address is correct on the Town's records, you'll receive your POALH tax bill without delay.

Many new owners ask, "Do I really owe taxes to both the Town of East Haddam and Lake Hayward?" The answer is 'yes'. The taxes collected by Lake Hayward are used for the benefit of those within POALH, and include everything from garbage pick-up to beach maintenance. This payment to POALH is not an assessment; we are not a homeowners association. We are a Lake District, and because of this, taxes paid to the POALH may be

had any changes in your mailing address, or if you had a problem in receiving your tax

claimed against your federal tax return, just like any other property tax.

If you don't receive your tax bill by the first week in July, or if you purchased property within three months of July 1, 2023, please contact me, Lynn Crisci, 203-605-4277, or you may email me at [taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com), to make sure we have your information.

Your tax bill will come with a self-addressed envelope. We do ask that you use that envelope to return payment, along with a copy of your actual bill. All payments should be mailed to:

### Tax Collector

Property Owners' Association of Lake Hayward

Post Office Box 230

Colchester, CT 06415

Again, I'm happy to have this opportunity to help, and ready to answer any of your questions.

- Lynn Crisci

[taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:taxcollector@lakehaywardct.com)

## How does testing work on the three beaches?

POALH utilizes State of Connecticut guidelines for monitoring swimming water and closure protocols. Water testing of swimming areas at 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> beach is performed weekly from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Samples are collected at a depth of 3 feet and transported to a lab in Manchester for testing of e. coli levels. A single sample with a concentration of e. coli organisms greater than 235 per 100 ml is in excess of that which is normally considered acceptable for swimming. In the event a sample returns over this threshold, POALH will post No Swimming signs at that location and a repeat sample will be obtained the following day.

### WATER TESTING

If this repeat sample comes back under the threshold, the beach area will be reopened to swimming and the signs removed. In the event the 2<sup>nd</sup> sample comes back above the threshold again, the swimming area will remain closed until the following weekly test date.

Large populations of waterfowl on a watershed can be a contributing factor to elevated bacterial levels in the swimming area. While POALH utilizes numerous strategies to make the beaches unwelcoming to these flocks, it has been difficult to keep them and their waste produced off the swimming shores.



WATER TEST

# Secretary: Register to vote on vital issues

Members of the POALH should be registered with the secretary to be able to vote at association 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. Please email your completed registration to secre-

## SECRETARY

tary@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.

A revision to the bylaws (Article VI - Section 10) that was adopted at the August 2022 association meeting states "The last date to register in person, email or hand

deliver the form to the Secretary-Clerk is one week (7 days) prior to the meeting or referendum."

Please register to vote before the association meetings take place as you will not be able to register the day of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.

**- Kathy Sabo  
Secretary POALH**

# Beach representative reports

## First Beach

We cannot wait for summer. We are going to have so much fun at first 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 picking up the goose poop. This endeavor requires the whole community to chip in and help to be successful. 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.

When using the pavilion or walking by the grassy area near first beach please be careful not to knock down the small fencing around the grassy area. This helps to keep the geese off the grass. If you see it damaged or knocked down, please fix it if you can or contact Evelyn Passan, our goose patrol person.

Boat racks are 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/paddle boards 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 First Beach feel free to email us.

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**

## Second Beach

As the cold weather is leaving us soon we all look forward to a great summer at the lake.

As we all wait for those warm beach days. It's great to see many

new faces at 2nd beach and all our old friends too.

I can't wait to see you all.

**- David Edgington  
2nd Beach Representative**



# LAKE HAYWARD PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION SHEET

This information is used for official Association mailings and emergency notifications only.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Email option: secretary@lakehaywardct.com

Mail : POALH P.O. Box 230 Colchester CT 06415

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Only: YES NO (if yes please include Lot #) \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR ROUND SEASONAL (circle one)

Additional Property Address? \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Only: YES NO (if yes please include Lot #) \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR ROUND SEASONAL (circle one)

Deeded Property Owner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Off Lake /Winter Address/ADDRESS: WHERE YOU WANT YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL SENT**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) IF in the past 18 months you have: escrowed taxes, purchased property or moved: You must provide us with updated mailing information. Your bank/mortgage company does not provide the Town of East Haddam your new mail address. Your POALH tax bill(s) are printed based on mail address on file with the Town of East Haddam. Check with the Town of East Haddam Assessor's Office (860-873-5026) to confirm correct information. It is the owner's responsibility to update mail addresses on file.

(2) Information about the Association, including the business of the Association, is provided through a weekly newsletter (June-August), and is posted on the Association website (lakehaywardct.com). The newsletter is sent to the primary email address provided above.

If you prefer to receive the newsletter in paper form, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to Lake Hayward!

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Vacant	Events		events@lakehaywardct.com
Cohen, Gary	Newsletter		newsletter@lakehaywardct.com
All Waste	Garbage Collection	800-873-9005	
CT Water	Water Company	800-286-5700	
East Haddam Police		860-873-1226	
Res State Trooper		860-537-7500	



## East Haddam Swing Bridge update

The 63-hour bridge closures will begin Sunday, June 4, 2023 and will occur every week (except the holiday weeks of July 4, September 4 and October 9) through the beginning of November. Closures will be from 8 p.m. on Sundays through 11 a.m. on Wednesdays.



It is suggested that businesses and residents create their alter-

nate travel plans now and practice them prior to closures. Follow [East Haddam Swing Bridge Project](#) on Facebook or Twitter for updates.

Access information and sign up for email and text alerts at <https://easthaddamswingbridgeproject.com>.

## Treasurer's role is to record 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 makes up the total available funds which also includes funds budgeted and received from the Town of East Haddam for our Lake Associations. All reports are posted on the POALH website [www.lakehaywardct.com](http://www.lakehaywardct.com) after board review and approval. Throughout the year, the Treasurer also provides the board with

### TREASURER'S REPORT

detailed comparison of all the revenue and expense 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.

- **Lisa Hober**  
**Treasurer**

[treasurer@lakehaywardct.com](mailto:treasurer@lakehaywardct.com)

## Nominating committee seeks volunteers

This year the volunteers on the Nominating Committee will be seeking and inviting members to consider volunteering on the Board of Governors. This is a great way to contribute to our municipality as we go forward with recreational events, normal operational functions as well as upcoming capital projects. Look for email blasts and newslet-



ters for information to express your interest for one of the following positions:

- First Beach Representative – 2 years**
- Second Beach Representative – 2 years**
- Third Beach Representative – 2 years**
- Representative at Large – 3 years**

**POALH Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**August 21, 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, Evelyn Passan, Kathy Sabo & Phil Sabo

Board Members Absent: Angela Buccheri

Association members in attendance: Peggy Krempecki – 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 reminded members to check the schedule for Lake Hayward Days events. Members were reminded to raise their hands to speak and state their name and address.

**Minutes:** *A motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the reading of the June 26, 2022, association meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the June 26, 2022, association meeting minutes.*

**Motion:** *Laurie Dworak made a motion to amend the agenda to have the Dam Committee present before the budget committee presents. Mary Laporte seconded the motion. No Discussion. There were none opposed and no abstentions. Motion carries.*

### **Financial Reports**

- **Treasurer:** Peggy Krempecki reported that the 2021-22 year had a small balance remaining. The 2022-23 fiscal year is starting out well with a majority of the tax receipts coming in and the \$8,000 reimbursement from the Town of East Haddam. If anyone has any questions on financials, please email the treasurer.
- **Tax Collector:** Ed Bader reported that there was 100% collection of taxes last year. This year we have collected 96% so far. Ed thanks all those who have paid their taxes.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Dam:** Tim Pelton laid out an action plan and timeline for the association to consider moving forward on. For DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineers to begin their review and permitting process for any dam repairs, they need to see a completed set of engineered construction drawings from a professional engineer outlining the scope of repairs to be made. Later at this meeting the membership will be asked to approve investing \$29,500 to initiate the dam repair project. This amount covers the engineered drawings and the Deep/Army Corp permit applications. The timeline to prepare the engineered drawing is 90 days which brings the project design phase to near the end of 2022. DEEP and the Army Corp estimates it will take them 10-12 months to review, analyze, and potentially approve the project. Short answer- not much happens in 2023. It is likely that the 2023 POALH annual meeting will occur without a dam repair construction permit approval in place. The contractors have taken the realistic position that without DEEP/Army Corp approval and funding in place, they will not put the project on their 2023 schedule. Hopefully the permits for the repair project will be approved at the end of 2023. In the summer of 2024, three contractors will be asked to re-bid and provide price quotations including labor, cost of materials and timeframe to complete the dam repair work per the engineered drawings with the work to be done in the spring of 2025. Why the spring of 2025? For a contractor to build the project into his schedule there needs to be assurance that the funding is in place. In the event the association should elect, for whatever reason, not to fund the project at the August POALH 2024 annual meeting, the contractor would be unable to replace the dam project with another project on short notice. An advantage to this extended project timeframe is that it affords the budget committee more time to set aside dam repair funding in the capital funding account. An interesting observation by another dam committee member, with the current drought both dam spillways are dry but there is leakage running under the western spillway into the two western culverts. There is another player in the dam repair mix. The town of East Haddam. There are four vertical stonework walls adjacent to culverts on either side of Haywardville road. They are owned by the Town, and all are in need of repointing. Additionally, there is rain water runoff coming off Haywardville Road eroding both of the northern vertical headwalls of both the east and west spillways. That water needs to be diverted using road curbing, catch basins, or grading. A member of the dam committee has had a preliminary discussion with the public works department and their recommendation is that they will explore

undertaking their work once the repairs to the dam have been made. Lastly, I have reached out to the fire department to explore the installation of a dry fire hydrant as part of the dam repair project. A dry hydrant is a pipe extended into the lake from the dam by which the FD can draw water out of the lake for fire suppression purposes. That concept is on hold until the dam repairs project gains more traction.

**Questions/Answers:** **Q** - It was questioned on whether the dam is actually a dam or more of a spillway and whether the lake level will go lower than it already is. **A** - The State of Ct identifies the barrier at the end of the lake as a dam with an assigned dam number. The lake will probably not go lower than it is right now but the challenge is a big storm when there is torrent of water forcing through the spillways & culvert. This is a maintenance project. **Q** - Do we own the dam? **A** - The association owns the dam to the best of our knowledge and could be easily confirmed. **Q** - What is the risk to us being liable if there is damage from water going down stream. **A** - The dam is not near imminent failure. This is a proactive maintenance issue. **Q** - How does the Town of East Haddam become involved in our time frame to the dam repair. **A** - Right now the town's answer is when the dam repairs are done, call us. It will probably be in 2024. **Q** - Once we get the ok from the army corp of engineers is there a time limit to that - does it expire. **A** - Not to the best of our knowledge. **Q** - Is there anything being done about the DEEP environmental impact study that was mentioned at the last meeting. **A** - We submit the permit to DEEP and then they roll out whatever their protocols are. **Q** - When was the dam built and when was the last repair done. Also, history on the vegetation around the dam. **A** - The dam was built around 1862. Repairs on the dam are sketchy as there are not a lot of records of it in Hartford. Vegetation was removed on the earthen part of the dam and in front of the dam per the dam inspection report. The vegetation has now grown back and may need to be dealt with as part of this project. **Q** - Money from the town. **A** - The Town of East Haddam has set aside money to be used towards the dam repair project in the amount of \$30,000 so far. There are also grants that can be pursued once we get the green light for the project. We are too small to get on the CT Bond Commissions radar. **Q** - What is the anticipated cost for the repairs. **A** - It is a challenge to quantify it right now. When the contractors initially looked at the project their unofficial quote was 125k and each one stipulated independently that the number will go up as soon as we have the detailed plans. As time goes on the cost of materials will likely increase. The dam committee will work with the budget committee to focus on a projection of what it might cost. **Q** - Does the Association ever do a special assessment to cover the cost of a project this size. **A** - We need to really know more before that question can be answered. **Q** - When the plan is approved how long is it good for **A** - The long time line will allow us to work with the budget committee to isolate a little bit of money every year so when we get to the capital budget in 2024 for payment in 2025 there will be a big chunk of money there. **Q** - Why do we need plans and DEEP approval for repairs. How big a deal is this. Is this project necessary? Why does DEEP need to approve this if we own the property? **A** - State law says that DEEP has to approve the permit. **Q** - DEEP has control of every structure to protect those who have water rights around it and to protect people down stream from flooding. Every property owner has the responsibility to maintain their structures. The spillways that channel the water need repairs. The spillways are part of the dam. The spillways are failing. The work needs to be done. **Q** - If the spillway goes, will the lake go lower than it is now. **A** - It is an appropriate analogy to say that the dam is the cork in the bottle. **Q** - Another thought is if our insurance requires us to get another inspection and it fails that we may not be able to be insured **Q** - How much water is in the spillway between the original earth dam and the current one. Is that old earth dam part of this project **A** - No that is not part of the project. **Q** - How are we going to pay for the repairs **A** - We have some money coming from the Town of East Haddam. We will pursue state grants. The association owns the dam so members of the association will be assessed. The residents on the East Side are being solicited to give money as well.

## Financial Reports (Cont)

- **Budget: Presentation of 2023-2024 Budget:** Laurie Dworak, budget committee chairperson, reported the committee met nine times in June & July meeting with committee chairs and individuals responsible for specific line items in the budget. The objective was to evaluate the requested budget amounts and additionally considered capital items for recommendation. The association did receive \$11,000 from the Town of East Haddam toward lake quality. The capital project discussed was mostly funding the dam repair project.
  - **Motion:** *Laurie Dworak made a motion to approve the 2023-24 POALH operating budget of \$223,100 as presented by the budget committee and approved by the board of governors. Lisa Hober seconded the motion.*
  - **Discussion** - None
  - **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to approve the operating budget of 2023-2024 in the amount of \$223,100. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion to approve the budget carries.*

Laurie Dworak further discussed funding the dam repair drawings and permitting by DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. Funding this will let us know what truly needs to be done and what the costs will be. When we get all of the permitting back and information from DEEP then we can go to our construction people to give us a number. Three years ago the association voted to put \$10,000 in a reserve fund for the dam repair. There is also \$30,000 from the Town of East Haddam toward the dam repair. All the east shore funds total close to \$8,000 that has been put aside to save for this project. This year we doubled the charge for capital reserves that was put into the operating budget. By the time this comes to fruition the hopes are there will be no special assessment and that we will be able to cover the funds for this project.

- **Motion:** *Laurie Dworak made a motion to fund the POALH dam repair drawings as well as permitting by DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers proposed by the Lake Hayward Dam Repair Committee for \$29,500. Lynn Crisci seconded the motion.*
- **Discussion** - Len Gagne asked if the drawings are only for the spillways or is there anything included in the drawings concerning the headwalls and the dredging of the dam. Tim Pelton replied it would include everything but dredging. Len further asked why we should pay for plans for the town. Tim replied we need to show the town what needs to be done. The town has already given us \$30,000 towards the repair. Paula DeSilva asked people to go to our elected officials to ask for more money. Laurie Dworak stated we will know more once we get the plans so they are necessary. Mike L. asked to have a sample letter to send to elected officials. Carrie Eckert asked for money totals on what the budget committee has set aside for this project. Laurie Dworak stated that right now all of the capital reserves are not allocated towards the dam. Capital reserves is our savings account. Over the last four years the association has been putting money in there for unforeseen issues for repairs of all of our properties. Over the last couple of years there has been a concerted effort to fund the dam repairs from our capital reserves and not a special assessment. If something comes up though that needs to be repaired or done it will be taken care of. Right now there is \$10,000 in an allocated fund for the dam. The east shore has given \$11,760 towards the dam. The Town of East Haddam, which will be a reimbursement, has given us \$30,000. The \$29,500 motion that is on the floor right now will be allocated towards the dam specifically for prints and approvals. There will be no other action until it comes back to the membership for construction repairs.
- **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to fund the POALH dam repair drawings as well as permitting by DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers proposed by the Lake Hayward Dam Repair Committee for \$29,500. There were 8 opposed and no abstentions. The motion carries.*

### Reports of the Board of Governors

- **President:** Cindy Biancamano reminded members to pick up their parking passes from Carolyn Kress. Cindy called upon members to volunteer for the following: treasurer, events coordinator, technology. Night at the Races will be held on Thursday.

### Committee Reports (continued)

- **Nominating:** Lisa Hober, nominating committee chair, presented a ballot of two incumbents, Evelyn Passan - 1st beach rep; Dave Edgington - 2nd beach rep and two new runners, Lynn Crisci - 3rd beach rep; Laurie Dworak - rep at large. Lisa asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.
  - **Motion:** *Lisa Hober made a motion to elect these four candidates for their associated terms. Corinne Halliday seconded.*
  - **Discussion:** Bill Taylor asked the nominees to stand and speak a little about themselves. Each candidate introduced themselves.
  - **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to elect these four candidates for their associated terms. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion carries.*
- **Events:** Evelyn Passan stated Lake Hayward Days start on Monday. Volunteers are still needed for carnival games. Event changes will be listed on the official POALH Facebook page. A new events chair is needed for next year. There will be a food truck & Savage Brothers Band on September 4th which is being hosted by Linda Abel. Phil Sabo had a fantastic summer with Kiddie Bingo. Diane Nelson asked for volunteers for beach games and carnival. The carnival games will be \$5 per child. Dave Edgington is running the kitchen for Lake Hayward Days. They will be cooking from 12-5 pm.
- **Lake Quality:** Corinne Halliday reported that our Watershed Management Plan has gotten verbal approval. We are waiting on the written approval. The plan came in under budget. It was estimated to cost \$15,000 and it came in around \$10,000. The plan was instrumental in getting the \$16,500 grant to help pay for the bio

detention basin. This year we received money for the dam from the Town of East Haddam in the amount of \$15,000. Our yearly expense stipend from the Town of East Haddam went up from \$8,000 to \$11,000. There will be a boat on the lake on August 24th to do a post weed treatment survey to tell us how the treatment did this year. The bio detention basin has been completed and is not for recreational purposes. Thank you to Ed Bader and John Allegra for completing this project.

- **Geese:** Evelyn Passan reported there are 60 geese hanging out. About thirty of them are residents of the lake nesting here. The other 30 are flying in from somewhere else. Ropes and swans are not working. Dogs help a little. Evelyn feels the only thing that will work will be a mesh fence all around. Evelyn asks members to harass the geese. Remote control speed boats are good for getting them to fly away. In the spring there will be an Easter goose egg hunt where we walk properties and try to find the nests. Nutmeg Farms only has permission to go on association property. If you are a member with lakefront property there is a waiver Evelyn would like you to sign to give permission to go on your property to look for nests next Spring. Evelyn is coordinating an informational meeting in Sept or Oct from Nutmeg Farms. Through discussion members asked/stated: What is done with the eggs? The eggs from the nests are replaced with wooden eggs and each egg is then registered with the DEEP. The eggs do not hatch when an adult is not sitting on them; Bill Taylor suggested that putting up a line across the beach with consistency helps.
- **By-Laws:** Lisa Hober, bylaw committee chair, reported that the committee reviewed the bylaws and submitted a draft of revisions that the board approved. The draft was mailed out before May 1, 2022 to the membership, posted in the kiosks, posted on the website and put in the newsletter.
  - **Motion:** *Lisa Hober made a motion to accept and vote on the proposed bylaw changes. Lynn Crisci seconded.*
  - **Discussion:** None
  - **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to accept and vote on the proposed bylaw changes. There were two opposed and no abstentions. The motion carries.*
- **Properties:** Phil Sabo reported garbage pickup will start to take place year round on Mondays beginning in September. A notice from the garbage company will be given to each homeowner to notify them of this change. The second pickup in the summer will be on Fridays. The portable toilet cleaning company is doing a great job. The docks were locked this summer to deter people from unhooking them and then floating away. This seems to be working. The bio detention basin has gone in but there are a couple of things that need to be addressed with this project completion. Phil is proposing to put up a fence on two sides of the basketball court. One side by the bio detention basin so balls and people do not fall into the basin. And along the front of the court so balls do not roll into the parking lot. It is a safety issue. The fence will be 10 feet high just like the tennis courts, only two sided with a gate on the front side. Phil received two quotes for the fence in the amounts of \$5,300 and \$12,000. To go all the way around the court with a fence it would be \$19,000. Phil further reported that the association has already allocated \$7,000 in capital reserves to resurface the basketball court. Phil would like to resurface the basketball court then put the fence up. The \$7,000 that is allocated will not cover the cost of the resurfacing. He has received four quotes for resurfacing in the amounts of \$10,500, \$14,000, \$18,500 and \$24,000. Phil is looking for another \$10,000 to be allocated from capital reserves to get this project done. When the bio detention basin went in, the association allocated around \$34,000 to fund that project. The State of CT will be giving us \$16,500 towards that project. That money will go into capital reserves. Phil asked for a motion to allocate \$10,000 from capital reserves to complete this project.
  - **Motion:** *Larry Lusardi made a motion to allocate \$10,000 from capital reserves for the basketball court project. John Gilmore seconded.*
  - **Discussion:** Dan Andrews asked about putting a gate on a two sided fence and if the funding is to put in the fence and the resurfacing of the basketball court. Phil indicated that a gate enables easier entrance for maintenance and access. The funding is for both. The fence will be 10 feet just like the tennis courts. The resurfacing of the court will be the same footprint that is there now with a fence on two sides. The total project should come in around \$15,800. The extra \$1,200 gives a little wiggle room. If it is not spent it goes back into capital reserve. Phil is looking for \$17,000. \$7,000 is already allocated. He just needs another \$10,000.
  - **Vote:** *A vote was held on the motion to allocate \$10,000 from capital reserves for the basketball court project. There were two opposed and no abstentions. The motion carries.*
- **Merchandise:** Kathy Lafland reported that the LH merchandise has switched to an online store. They are holding a logo contest which will be voted on by the membership. They will have things in the store for

Christmas. If you would like something created please let them know and they will try to create it. The store makes just enough money to support the website.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- **Thank Outgoing Board Members:** Cindy Biancamano thanked Jason Griffing and Corinne Halliday for serving on the board.
- **Board Dinner:** *Lisa Hober made a motion to have the association pay to send the board out to dinner with their significant others. Jeff Conway seconded. There were none opposed and no abstentions. The motion carries.*

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.