

**POALH Board of Governors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2023**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Cindy Biancamano with Google Meet.

Board Members Present Virtually: Cindy Biancamano, Laurie Dworak, Dave Edgington, Evelyn Passan, Kathy Sabo, and Phil Sabo

Board Members Absent: Lynn Crisci, Hema DeSilva

Association Members in attendance virtually: Lisa Hober - Treasurer

**Minutes:** *Dave Edgington made a motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the February 20, 2023, board meeting. Laurie Dworak seconded. A vote was held. All board members present agreed (6).*

**Public Comment:** None.

**President's Report:** None

**Financial Reports:**

- **Tax Collector:** Lynn Crisci sent a written report that stated the following: There remains one account outstanding and the notice for collection has been delivered by the attorney. Work to convert paper records continues. Two years were delivered (2020 & 2019) however QDS needed one more data point (posted date). The plan is to still have information to QDS by the end of March so we will be able to run reports and share information electronically ahead of April and the start of the 2023 tax year.
- **Treasurer:** Lisa Hober indicated that Liberty Bank was having problems and glitches with an update that they performed on their bill payment and electronic system so she was unable to generate reports for this month. Once the issue with Liberty Bank has been rectified she will generate the reports and put them on the shared drive. There is a notice of a registered letter she received from the post office. Cindy Biancamano will stop by the post office to pick it up.

**Committee Reports:**

- **By-Laws:** Nothing to report. Bylaws will be reviewed next year.
- **Budget Committee:** Laurie Dworak will chair the budget committee again this year and will begin to formulate the committee.
- **Dam Committee:** Cindy Biancamano reported that Karl Acemovic is still working on the details of the final design for the dam to be submitted to the DEEP. A meeting was held with the board and the dam committee to go over progress. The dam committee is moving forward with tasks they were charged with at the last association meeting and will educate the association this year on their findings. Cindy reported that someone from the east side asked about making a donation to the dam fund.
- **Events:** Cindy Biancamano reported that the events calendar is pretty full. There are some new people that will be helping us out. Cindy stated that next year if there is no one to take over events then no events will be planned.
- **Geese:** Evelyn Passan reported that she has 50 waivers. She met with Lynn Crisci to see where the geese were nesting last year which was on Forest Way between 44 and 42. Evelyn continues to meet with Nutmeg Farms to discuss geese control. It is believed that there are 5 residents (geese) here at the lake. Evelyn and Nutmeg Farms are still waiting to select a date for the nest hunt. An email blast will be sent out when that date is selected. Nutmeg Farms will do a presentation at the pavilion for both sides of the lake after the June association meeting at 12 noon which Evelyn will put on the calendar.
- **Lake Quality:** Cindy Biancamano reported that Corinne Halliday has submitted a report for the Spring Packet stating that Solitude will give a discount this year and possibly do an extra treatment. Kathy Sabo reported the date for the water treatment this year has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th and has been put on the calendar.
- **Nominating:** Lisa Hober will be chairing the nominating committee this year.
- **Properties:** Phil Sabo reported there is a paddle boat and canoe that has been stored at second beach over the winter. Since no one has claimed them from last season Phil has asked that an email blast be sent out indicating they are free for anyone who would like them. It was suggested that these items be auctioned off which Phil has no problem with if someone else wanted to head that up. No one wanted to take that on. If no one comes to take the two vessels then they will be disposed of. Phil also brought up the fact that at the present time we are without a sound system as the one we had was not working properly and disposed of. It was discussed whose umbrella this item falls under - technology or communications perhaps. Phil indicated that if it is someone's job to do it then let's get it done. Dave Edgington did not think it was anyone's job and said that he himself purchased that system and feels that whoever looks at it and gets the job done is fine. Dave also felt money should come out of capital expenditures or the communications budget. Phil is more than willing to take on this project. He has an association member who is versed on this subject and has volunteered to help out in guiding us on getting the correct system. The current sound system was thrown out but we still have the mics. The plan is to use wired mics with mic stands moving forward. Phil will move forward with obtaining the sound system.
- **Technology:** Nothing to report
- **Water Testing:** Cindy Biancamano reiterated that Lisa Long will continue to do the water testing this year.
- **Other:** Nothing.

**Old Business**

- **Property Encroachment:** Cindy Biancamano feels that this issue will end up in court. Our surveyor did meet with the other surveyor and they cannot come to an agreement regarding the boundaries. Our surveyor will take another look in redoing our survey which will not cost us anything. The surveys are off about 15 feet. If no agreement is reached a judge will have to make the decision. The right of way was mentioned by the other surveyor in terms of eminent domain. Cindy Biancamano indicated that eminent domain cannot be used in a municipality which we are.
- **Newsletter:** Cindy Biancamano received a note from Jeff Conway regarding newsletter delivery. He cannot find enough children at this time but wants to wait until the June 30 association meeting to ask for volunteers for newsletter delivery. Phil Sabo indicated that the board has already discussed this topic and decided as a board that unfortunately the newsletter delivery has come to an end and feels that the decision should now stand and it is a waste of time to discuss it again. The rest of the board felt that the decision should stay as "no." The person in charge of formulating the newsletter sends it to the printer and puts some hard copies in the kiosk. We are still in search of someone to do the weekly newsletter which is a stipend position.
- **Spring Packet:** Cindy Biancamano indicated what committee reports still need to be submitted to Mike Trocci. The deadline for the Spring Packet is by this Friday so Mike can have it to us for review by this weekend. Trash Pickup was discussed for input in the Spring Packet. Phil indicated that dates for the start of the twice a week pickup are on the calendar. Cindy Biancamano left it up to Phil as to whether or not it needs to be in the Spring Packet and he indicated it does not need to be put in the Spring Packet as people need to start using the calendar. Cindy Biancamano asked Kathy Sabo to send Mike the board contact list for inclusion into the Spring Packet. The reflective address marker form was discussed for inclusion. Cindy Biancamano will talk to the fire department to see if this is still available. The Spring Packet will be sent out April 15th. The spring packet will be sent electronically (email blast) and only printed out for those who request it.
- **Newsblast/Communications:** Cindy Biancamano is doing the email blasts. Laurie Dworak will delete Jason Griffings email. Cindy Biancamano is doing Communications. Phil asked if Cindy would put the information about the vessels on second beach being free for anyone to come and get if they wanted to in an email blast.

#### **New Business**

- **Keys/Locks:** Phil Sabo will be changing the locks on the pavilion to combination locks. Evelyn Passan is trying to retrieve a set of keys from Nicole Howell. Lynn Crisci and Laurie Dworak need a set of keys which Phil will get to them. Evelyn Passan asked about the key to the video camera closet. It still has not been found. Dave Edgington indicated that that lock can be easily drilled out.

*Dave Edgington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Sabo seconded. A vote was held. All board members present agreed (6). The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.*

Next board meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm at 72 Ridgewood Rd., East Haddam, CT and via a Google Meet.