

POALH Board of Governors  
Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Sudell at 6:10 p.m. at the home of Bob and Bonnie Sudell, 113 Lake Shore Drive, East Haddam. Board members in attendance at roll call were Diane Nelson, Deborah Smith, Bob Sudell, Bonnie Sudell and Mike Trocchi. Board members arriving after roll call were President Gail Grzegorzczak and Gary Petersen. Also attending were Lee Griffin, Jason Griffing, Kathy Petersen, Don Smith and Felicia Tencza.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 31, 2014 Board Meeting were accepted as read. The Board will consider how to approve Annual Meeting Minutes in a more timely manner. Unless prohibited by our Bylaws, the Board suggests that they approve the minutes, rather than waiting until the June Meeting to do so.

Financial Reports:

Tax Collections/Taxing Policy: tabled

Treasurer: Lee Griffin's report as of June 20, 2014 was accepted as presented.

Budget Planning 2015-16 Worksheets: Ed Bader was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email reporting that the newly formed 2015-16 Budget Committee would be scheduling a meeting the following week to begin the budget process. Information requests will be going out the committee chairs, officers and others who have budget responsibility to get started on their plans. This will also include requests for a three year maintenance plan and requests for capital expenditures for 2015-16 and other longer term capital expenditures.

The Budget Committee will be developing a questionnaire to be completed by each individual who receives an annual salary. The Board has charged the Budget Committee with making recommendations regarding compensation for the salaried employees and presenting them to the Board.

The Budget Committee will also be reviewing the existing reserves and making recommendations regarding reserve practices.

Tax Collections/Taxing Policy (tabled earlier): The taxing policy developed by Brenda Armstrong, our Tax Collector will be reviewed by Gail, then read at the June Meeting and included in an upcoming newsletter.

Lake Quality Improvement Committee (LQIC): Felicia Tencza reported that \$5,000 was requested from the Town in the 2013-2014 budget. One lake did not use all money from this year's budget and that unspent money, \$2,474, was reallocated to Lake Hayward. The Budget Referendum for East Haddam passed June 19, 2014, resulting in \$9,528 being approved for our lake for 2014-15.

Felicia provided a handout describing the suction dredging project that the LQIC is recommending. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support the pilot project. A motion was also made, seconded and passed to earmark available funds from this year's budget and reallocate to weed treatment.

Bob Sudell, our Town liaison, wants to work with the LQIC, as drainage issues and lake water quality are connected. The Town received a grant and did a survey of the inflows

to the lake. With this information, he wants to develop a plan to educate homeowners as to what they can do to prevent drainage issues on their property and promote a cleaner lake.

The possibility of matching grants was discussed. The Board of Finance must approve matching grants and it was suggested that we identify possible grant sources, then lobby the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

#### Correspondence Received and General Correspondence:

Fran Fantozzi email: Fran sent an email regarding blighted properties. The Board is aware of the problem and will seek a long term solution. We will research what we can do and what the Town can do. We understand that the Town does not have a blight ordinance, so our first option is to offer to help people.

Third Beach communication regarding goose poop: Both Gary Petersen and Gail Grzegorzak responded to this homeowner. Gary cleaned up the goose poop, and has provided the beach rakers with goose poop scoops. A thank you note was received from the homeowner.

Gmail account/ responding to email: The Board was reminded that we do have an official gmail account, [lakehaywardct@gmail.com](mailto:lakehaywardct@gmail.com). Members who check the site and respond to emails were asked to bcc the rest of the Board.

Facebook: The topic of creating an official POALH Facebook page for Board communications was tabled.

#### Reports of the Board of Governors and Committees:

Town Liaison: Bob reported that he has been in contact with local police and hopes to have a representative at the June meeting. He emphasized that we must encourage members who “see something” to “say something.” We can hire a constable for specific events; Bob will look into the cost.

The subject of unauthorized vehicles parking at our beaches was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to contract with a towing company to tow vehicles not displaying current parking stickers. Troop K should be contacted if someone is parked in a handicapped spot, regardless of displaying a current sticker. We also have the authority to have persons arrested who are on the beaches after midnight.

#### Risk Management:

Insurance Audit: Bob is addressing this issue.

Claims: One claim has been transferred to Donald Hibbert of 151 Lake Shore Drive.

Properties: Gary Petersen reported that new trash cans were at the beaches. Liners will be kept in the bottom to the cans, with additional liners in the Properties’ room of the pavilion. All-Waste Control told Gary that trash and recyclables can be mixed in the cans.

The new memorial kiosk at First Beach has been installed. The memorial plates will be added during the June meeting.

The Third Beach parking lot has been cleared. Asphalt will be built up at the entrance to solve the erosion problem.

Surveying of the requested Association properties has not yet been completed.

Acquiring shipping containers to be placed at the ball field for swim lines and other Properties' items was tabled. We already have approval from the Town to do this. Beach rakers have been given buckets and shovels to pick up the goose poop and deposit it in the trash cans.

Split rail fence has been purchased for the dam area and the north end.

A load of stone was put on Pilgrim Way for those who utilize this right of way. This stone is not meant to address any drainage issues but to make it easier to drive on the right of way.

Brush and fencing on the south side of the pavilion was removed.

Despite heavy equipment on the First Beach parking lot during the latest paving project, the lot appears to be in good condition.

The tennis court lines will be pressure washed next month.

Many of the lights in the parking lot and tennis courts have burned out. Gary has it in his capital plan to replace them all with LED's. The option of adding some motion detection lights, particularly at First Beach, was discussed.

There was a concern raised that some members had a rash from the goose poop. Gary has addressed this concern with the beach rakers.

As the boat racks are full, we are looking into additional docks for all three beaches.

#### Security:

Remote access to security video and tapes is complete.

A phone will be installed at the pavilion for emergencies at a cost of \$20 per month.

The Board will research the ramifications of internet access at the pavilion via the public hotspot, which was an unintended benefit of remote security access.

Communications: Mike Trocchi has asked for newsletter submissions by Sunday.

Our financial information will be posted on the web and updated on a monthly basis.

Social/Rec: Diane reported that we have a great new Red Cross swim instructor and she is looking forward to his input, as he has suggested other classes in addition to the basic swim classes. She directed us to the forms section of the website for further information.

June Meeting Logistics: Board members are asked to be at the pavilion by 8:30 Sunday morning to set up.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 9 a.m. at Gary and Kathy Petersen's, 76 Wildwood.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie F. Sudell  
Recording Secretary