

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Gail Grzegorzak at the home of Lee Griffin and Jason Griffing at 83 Wildwood, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Gail Grzegorzak, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Deborah Smith, Bob Sudell and Bonnie Sudell. Also attending were Ed Bader, Budget Chair, Don Smith, Pavilion Reservations and Lee Griffin, Treasurer.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 13, 2014 Board Meeting were accepted as amended.

Financial:

Status of 2014 Review: Lee reported that it is almost complete.

Status of cash reconciliation schedule: Earmarked reserves will be added. The monthly reconciliation will be posted when approved. Approval will take place at the same time that minutes are approved.

Tax Collector Receipts: \$161,400 has been collected to date.

Financial Report: Lee presented the financial report. The Board agreed to waive finance charges for one homeowner whose POALH bill was sent to the previous owner. \$60,000 in POALH taxes remain unpaid. The Board will recommend to Brenda Armstrong to send invoices in May to those still owing taxes. Ed Bader will check with the Town of East Haddam to see if our delinquency list matches theirs. Towns issue "tax demand letters" and we will explore that option. We will also contact an attorney to see what it would cost to sell the property liens; homeowners would have six (6) months to pay or lose the property. We also discussed the possibility of denying privileges, such as parking permits and pavilion rental to those who have not paid their taxes.

Boat Removal and Fines: Bob will ask Reliable if they would impound the boats that are left on Association property after the October 31st deadline. The Board will change our Rules and Regulations to require POALH Registration Stickers on all boats on Association property. Bob will write a policy to detail the process for removal of boats that are not in compliance. It was suggested that Beach Reps put stickers on boats that do not have Registration Stickers on them, advising members that they are in violation. If they do not get a sticker in a reasonable time, the boat will be removed and the member will be fined.

The Board decided not to fine those whose boats were still on Association property this year. Names and addresses of those boats will be posted on our website. Gail will write a letter to those members, reminding them that they were in violation, that members gave of their time to remove the boats, that records have been kept, and that if it happens again the boats will be impounded.

Security Upgrade Proposal: The Board tabled the proposal. It was felt that, although image quality is an issue, we can't improve much on what we already have.

Tennis Courts: A motion was passed to keep the tennis courts unlocked during the season and secured after the nets are taken down.

Payroll Withholding: Ed will get the number of hours worked for Gail to give to the lawyer who is looking into withholding issues. Gail will ask the lawyer to suggest another expert for advice on wording for letters to members who have docks on Association property. She will also contact Brian Kelly for his recommendation. A copy of the latest property survey will be given to the Biancamano's.

Social/Recreation Job Descriptions: Gail will forward to the Board for review.

Bylaws: The date for the first meeting was set. The goal is to present the changes in June so that they may be voted on in August.

LQIC: Set up for the dredging has begun. They plan to be done by the end of December. We will ask for a proposal for dredging within the swim area for the docks.

Properties: There were three successful work parties this fall: one to bring in the swim lines; one to bring in the rafts; and the final to remove the boats, and take down the flags, volleyball nets and tennis nets.

John Allegra has reclaimed sand from both First and Second Beach.

To build a wall by the pavilion will require a permit. Steve Nelson is working on it. The request is on the Town docket for December.

After January 1st Properties will start looking at additional docks, starting with Third Beach.

Mark Bilodeau cleaned the tops of the storm drains. Bob will call the Town to be sure that they clean out our storm drains.

Water Liaison: Deborah Smith will reach out to the Water Company contacts.

Risk Management: The case for the Bennetts has been closed.

Security/Hang Tags: Bonnie provided a sketch of the proposed tag. She will have more information for the next meeting.

It was agreed that we would give Allegra Farms contractor passes for cars.

Communications: An on-line newsletter is planned for January. We will look at cleaning up and reorganizing the website at a later meeting. It was agreed that classified ads would run for one week only.

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Bob and Bonnie Sudell, 164 South Road, Farmington.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary