

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. at the home of Diane and Steve Nelson, 2 Deborah Lane, Farmington by President Gail Grzegorzczak. Board members in attendance were Gail, Diane Nelson, Linda Nuzzo, Gary Petersen, Deborah Smith, Bob Sudell, Bonnie Sudell and Mike Trocchi (via phone). Also attending were Ed Bader, Lee Griffin, Jason Griffing, Kathy Petersen and Don Smith.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 8, 2014 Board Meeting were approved.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Lee reported that approximately \$4,700 more had been collected in taxes and two liens had been released. He and Brenda are working to ensure that their records match.

The new Memorial Reserve account has \$730.65 in it; approximately \$200 earmarked for the weathervane and the balance from pavilion reservations and 50/50 raffles.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Budget Update: Ed reported that the interest accruing on delinquent taxes was growing. As of last June 30th \$12,000 in interest had accrued. Ed will contact Brenda to clarify the policy regarding interest for those who are on payment plans. He will also ask Brenda for a list of liens for our next meeting. There was some discussion related to the recent AARP article regarding selling liens. We need to contact the Town of East Haddam to find out what they are doing with their liens.

Based on current figures, Ed is projecting \$21,099 in unspent funds this year.

Lake Quality: Although the Town budget has not yet been approved, \$7,800 is in the proposed budget for Lake Hayward.

Memorial Fund: Deborah reminded Board Members that we had talked about eliminating the Memorial Fund at previous Board meetings. It was agreed that we would not accept money on a "pass through" basis – that is, we do not want to be a conduit for donations to other organizations in memory of someone. Gail will ask Janet Soboleski if she is willing to continue her role of accepting and acknowledging donations. There was a motion and second to accept the POALH Memorial Donation Policy as presented. There were minor revisions and the amended motion passed. The Memorial Fund Committee will disband after completing the revisions. A motion was made, seconded and passed to put Memorial Fund donations into unallocated general fund reserves. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate deposits for reserving the pavilion (if the person reserving the pavilion does not want the deposit returned) to the Hospitality Fund. It was suggested that beginning in 2015, pavilion reservations be accepted after May 1st, to ensure events scheduled by Social, Recreation and other committees be in place before offering the pavilion to members.

Garden Club: Kathy Petersen said that she would contact Garden Club members and write up something for the Spring packet. She said that landscaping around the pavilion was the project for this summer.

Water Company Liaison: Deborah Smith will be introduced at the June Meeting as the new liaison. She will encourage Association members to take personal responsibility for issues that they have with the water company, and contact them directly.

Communications/Web Site Update: Mike Trocchi reported that he will get together with Moira regarding the newsletter. It was noted that Moira Boone has been paid through June and we should compensate Mike for his work since he accepted his new role. There was mention of having contracts for all paid positions.

Parking and Security: Bob presented a document, revising our rules, and compiling them into one document. They were accepted and will be included in our Spring packet.

Properties: Gary gave Board members keys to the Second Beach bulletin board. Gail will go through the keys that Dave Glazier returned, to see if he had a key to the Third Beach bulletin board.

Comcast: Gail reported that monitoring our security system will be \$92/month, including dynamic access to wi-fi at the pavilion. Discussion was tabled until our next meeting. Gary and Bob will get together to review the security system and read the manuals. They will also look at the keys from Dave Glazier to see which ones are for the system. Lee volunteered to be the point person for the security system.

Lawn Mowing Contract: Gary provided a summary of the bids, which had been opened April 5th at the pavilion. The contract will be awarded to the low bidder, Bilodeau Lawn Care. Gary checked his references and his insurance coverages were adequate. Steve Nelson will write up the contract for Bilodeau.

Beach Raking: Gary received a quote of \$550 for the three beaches to be machine raked. The equipment will dig down six (6) inches, collect the small debris, and fluff the sand. We will contract to have the beaches raked before Memorial Day and evaluate the effectiveness.

Beach Rakers: Due to insurance requirements and child labor laws, our beach rakers should be at least sixteen (16) years of age. It was decided to grandfather the existing rakers, but advertise in our newsletter that new beach rakers must be sixteen.

North End: John Allegra has started work on the "drop off" area. Neil has purchased the new dock.

First Beach Parking Lot/Tennis Courts: Gary has been in contact with the water company and they will have all equipment and materials off the parking lot by May 1st. They will repair any damage done to the parking lot, as well as repair the roads where new lines have been installed.

Gary is getting estimates for tennis court repairs.

Water Testing System: Gail reported that the system will be ordered this week and ready to begin testing for Memorial Day. The money will come out of the Public Safety budget.

Master Calendar Maintenance: Diane Nelson will be the calendar “gatekeeper,” and Mike will put events on the website calendar. The calendar should be in our newsletters. Dates for the two spring work parties will be included in the spring packet.

Recreation/Social: The calendar of events is ready to go into the Spring packet. Highlights include two Junior Chef dates, one Adult Chef/Cocktail Hour date, a Men’s Night, three bands, two karaoke nights, and sand castle building during the Annual Meeting. Diane and Linda are still looking for someone to do kiddie bingo every Wednesday night.

AED Purchase Request: A motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate \$1,400 from the Public Safety Budget for the purchase of an AED, to be mounted at the First Beach pavilion. Bob and Gary will proceed, using Jeff Bender’s suggestion.

Suction Dredging: A motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed with the permitting process for a pilot program for suction dredging at Second Beach at a cost not-to-exceed \$2,500.

The balance of the agenda was tabled.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, May 31, 2014 at Lee Griffin and Jason Griffing’s house, 83 Wildwood, at 9 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Sudell
Recording Secretary