

POALH Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Bob Sudell at the home of Scott and Gail Miers, 34 Glimmer Glen, East Haddam. Board members in attendance were Cari Eckert, Gail Miers, Jason Griffing, Gary Petersen, Deborah Smith, Bob Sudell and Bonnie Sudell. Also attending were Ed Bader, Tax Collector, Lee Griffin, Treasurer, Don Smith, Calendar/Pavilion Rental/Social Chair/Prospective Board Member and Bill Taylor, Prospective Board Member.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 24, 2015 Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. After discussion, the motion passed.

Tax Collector: Ed reported that of the 21 delinquent accounts submitted for collection, 19 had paid and two (2) went to tax auction. Approximately \$11,000 was received as a result of auction.

29 accounts received tax collection demand notices for not paying last year's taxes or paying late without including interest charges. 13 paid and liens were placed on the other 16 June 30th. If not paid by August 3rd, these 16 will go to collections.

Ed had employed a procedure called "jeopardy billing" for the original delinquent accounts, billing in advance for the upcoming year to ensure payment. Our lawyer believes that we should not refund overpayments for those that went to tax auction. Regarding six (6) others whose taxes are paid by a mortgage company, Ed will let them know that they must request a refund in writing and to whom the refund should go. Ed is working with Jason to get the correct addresses for the 12-15 that went to incorrect addresses due to the homeowner not changing their address with the Town.

Budget Committee: Members of the Budget Committee were Kim Jonah, Roland DePratti, Dave Edgington, Ed Bader and Lee Griffin, with input from Jason Griffing. They met three (3) times with committee chairs and others responsible for line items to develop the budget presented by Ed. The Budget Committee recommended the reserve allocations noted, including \$65,000 that LQIC has in reserves now. The Board tabled approval to later in the meeting.

Glimmer Glen Committee Report: Committee members Gail, Bill Taylor and Jason are setting up a meeting with the Town to discuss the Town's taking over Glimmer Glen as a Town road. Ours is one of 37 roads in East Haddam that are not Town roads but whose residents are asking for the Town to take over. They have been in contact with Mark Walter and his assistant Linda.

Gary Petersen remarked that he met with a homeowner on Glimmer Glen who wanted the curb on his property that was put in 15-20 years ago cut down and gravel put in his driveway. Gary determined that this was a homeowner issue, aggravated by the condition of his driveway.

Pilgrim Way Committee Report: Committee members Cari, Adam Thompson and Don Smith met with Fred Odell and Vicki Russo to discuss the issues and what has been done to date. There appear to be four (4) properties on Lake Shore Drive and two (2) on Ridgewood that are directly impacted by the problems, and who have taken steps themselves to try to alleviate the problems. Cari gave the Board a detailed history of the problems and proposed next steps (see attached).

Voter Registration Committee Report: Jo-Anne Gallant and Diane Camacho joined Gail and Bonnie on the committee. Our attorney gave input as to interpretation of our Charter, and an article explaining voting rights will be in the August 1st newsletter. 119 Members have registered to date.

FOI Complaint: The complainant withdrew his complaint. The Board will develop an FOI policy to publish on our web site.

New Email System: Gail has a quote from Dynamic Alliance. Don will see if he can get another quote. There were a number of questions raised as to the scope of Dynamic Alliance's proposal; Gail will contact them for answers.

Little Beach Dock Agreement Update: Bob has not written an agreement for the homeowner to sign yet. He is waiting to see what the insurance limits from our carrier will be.

No Smoking Rule: A motion was made and seconded to ban all forms of smoking, including e-cigarettes, on all Association property. There was heated discussion regarding enforcement issues and the rights of smokers. The motion passed with six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed.

Dogs on Beach: tabled

Newsletter End Date: It was agreed that the last newsletter would be August 29, 2015.

Town Hall Dates for 2016: Our first Town Hall will be Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 10-12 at the Pavilion. The second Town Hall will be July 30, 2016 at the Pavilion – time TBD.

Nominees: Don Smith, Bill Taylor and Adam Thompson are the new Board nominees so far. Brief bios of each will appear in the August 1st newsletter.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss compensation.

A motion was made to award the Tax Collector a bonus for this year, due to the effort put forth dealing with compliance issues, setting up a new tax collection system, working with the Town to identify properties not taxed, oversight and mentoring. The

motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made and seconded to award the Tax Collector \$6,000 this year. After discussion, the motion was amended to be \$5,000. The amendment was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to compensate the Tax Collector \$5,000 for 2015-2016 and \$5,500 for 2016-2017.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to compensate the Treasurer \$7,500 for 2015-2016 with a 10% increase for 2016-2017.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to compensate the Communications Manager (formerly Webmaster) \$2,000 for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

It was agreed that the payment schedule be 50% by July 31st, 25% by December 31st and 25% by April 30th.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2016-2017 budget as amended.

Deborah Smith wished the Board well as she steps down after the August Annual Meeting.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie F. Sudell
Recording Secretary