

**POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
October 27, 2015 6:30-9:00 PM
Old Lyme Library**

Draft Minutes

Type of Meeting: Regular

Secretary: Jean M. Smith

Attendees: Carl Filios, Wayne Buchanan, Pete Roberge, Beth Kelly, Fred Callahan, Bud Phelps, Roy Johnson, Mike D'Aquila

Carl Filios called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Citizen Speak:

Sally Scully, 15 Shore Acres Rd, commented on the beach cleaning in the fall, asking the board to consider removing the seaweed during the off-season. Fred Callahan commented that we have contracted for weekend cleanup through October 1. She also requested that the board reconsider the possibility of kayak racks. Lorraine Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd suggested taking a look at the kayak racks at the yacht club by Crescent Beach. Ms. Scully also asked the board to establish guidelines for what watercraft should/should not be inside the swim lines. There seems to be different interpretations of DEEP and Coast Guard regulations. The board will address this and clarify by next summer season.

Lorraine Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd, suggested that re-cycle trash be picked up weekly instead of the current bi-weekly schedule during summer season. This is an agenda item for this meeting and will be discussed.

Bill Griffin, 7 Champion Rd, asked the board to consider reinforcing the 'slow no wake' area 100 ft. beyond the end of the jetty (steel bulkhead) to be clear of the swim area. Pete Roberge suggested that we install a buoy in the channel designating 'slow no wake' and he will contact the harbormaster about this.

Approve Agenda: Mike D'Aquila motioned to approve the agenda, Pete Roberge seconded, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Bud Phelps offered a correction to the address of a tree removal. Change "76 Hillcrest Rd" to "32 Seaview Rd". Beth Kelly moved to accept the minutes as amended, Bud Phelps seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Roy Johnson distributed the September 2015 financial reports. The report showed that we had a good summer season financially with Security and Recreation budget under-spent. There are 31 unpaid tax bills at this time, which is more than in previous years. Mr. Johnson has a process to communicate with the delinquent taxpayers. Cash balance in account is about \$692,000. We received a bill for excessive use of 290,000 gallons of water. The bill was over \$2,000 when the same 3 month period is usually \$60-\$80. Grounds crew is looking into possible causes of vandalism, leakage, etc.

Due to an accident with the truck, the auto insurance policy increased significantly. The premium will come down when the summer grounds assistant is no longer covered on the policy. The 2014-15 audit is underway. Bud Phelps moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Pete Roberge seconded, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF OPEN BUSINESS

Tree removal policy – Mike D'Aquila distributed the revised policy statement. Beth Kelly moved to accept the recommended policy, Bud Phelps seconded, the motion carried. It will be published in the newsletter and on the website.

Tree removal status – Mike D'Aquila reported that the 3 trees addressed last month were removed. Tree removal expense has increased and the cost may need to come from the contingency budget this year. Need to budget more for tree removal next year.

Anderson Park cleanup – Bud Phelps reported that the park cleanup is completed.

Parking lot study – Mike D'Aquila presented a quote from Sullivan Paving for the removal of the top layer of dirt and stone and replacing it with compacted material. Since this will cost over \$5,000 it will need to go out to bid. This will be a capital expense. Bud Phelps motioned to go out for a bid on the parking lot cleanup Wayne Buchanan seconded, motion carried. Mr. D'Aquila took the action item for the bid process.

Johnson Gate Removal Appeal: Carl Filios reported that the appeal was considered and the Board's original decision stands. He will send a letter indicating this to the Johnsons and request removal of the gate by 12/1/15 or be subject to fines published.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Newsletter: Jean Smith distributed a draft of the newsletter, requested that Commissioners send comments to her by November 1 on content and format. Similar to last year, a holiday post card will be sent to property owners address of record in our database indicating that the newsletter can be seen on the website and anybody who wants a paper copy mailed should contact the office through email or phone.

Winter Security: Fred Callahan reported that the 3 kayaks that were left on the beach after the 10/15/15 deadline, were removed and are stored at the maintenance shed. They are subject to fines. It is believed 2 belong to Dave Fortier, Hillcrest Rd and the other (sticker #19 is unknown). Fred Callahan will contact Fortiers. Jean Smith will work with Jennifer Reyes to identify who owns #19.

Fred Callahan reported that duck hunters and fishermen are illegally parking at the west end of Champion Rd. "No Parking" signs will be installed and barricades have been put up to deter this activity. Wayne Buchanan requested we discuss, at the next meeting, the dates when the winter barricades are installed.

Single Cycle Trash 2016 – Wayne introduced this topic and there was much discussion about the frequency of trash and re-cycle pick-ups and the need for more frequent re-cycle pick-up. Wayne Buchanan will draft a letter to the town endorsing weekly re-cycling for discussion at the November meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee – Wayne Buchanan stated that he would be convening the committee during the winter to address long term planning. Committee established in 2014 included Beth Kelly, Roy Johnson, Jennifer Reyes, and Jean Smith. He would like to request input from the community in the newsletter.

Correspondence:

Block Party Benefit Status Update: Carl Filios read a letter from Mark Stankiewicz stating that the benefit raised \$1,450. \$1,000 will be donated to Lyme Youth Services Bureau, and \$450 retained to fund the 2016 event. Mr. Stankiewicz suggested that the board donate to the cause similarly to the Women’s Club. The Board agreed to include a donation in the 2016 budget.

Commissioner Reports:

Mike D’Aquila submitted a report detailing the tree removals and plan to get 10-12 drains cleaned this fall. It was determined that the drain under the underpass had been clogged by cement that came from the cement truck cleaning as they left Point O’Woods. This was cleared out and Mr. Sicuranza also put a drain on his property to reduce the run-off. These 2 actions are expected to significantly reduce future flooding in the area. Curbs will be installed this month in the areas previously identified as needing them.

Executive Session: Bud Phelps made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a civil summons against the Association in the case of Amato v. POW, et al., pursuant to General Statute Section 52-557n(a)(1)(A). Mike D’Aquila seconded. Entered executive session at 8:27 PM. Returned from executive session at 9:48 PM, no votes taken.

At 9:52 PM Mike D’Aquila motioned to adjourn, PBP seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jean M. Smith