

**POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
November 17, 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, Faith Weiss, Jennifer Reyes

Carl Filios called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Citizen Speak:

Spike Ostiguy, 30 Hillcrest Rd, addressed the board about an interaction he had with a board member about the Hammer Law. He felt the board member had been discourteous, made accusations and when they found out that they had approached him instead of the neighbor who was power washing the house, did not offer an apology. He pointed out that a more professional approach, introducing yourself would be a more appropriate BOG member demeanor.

Approve Agenda: Fred Callahan requested the addition of an agenda item on Signs and Kayaks. Bud Phelps motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Mike D'Aquila seconded and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Bud Phelps moved to accept the minutes of the 10/27/15 BOG meeting, Wayne Buchanan seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Roy Johnson distributed the October 2015 financial reports. We've entered the period of slow financial activity, spending about \$20,000 this month. There are 29 unpaid tax bills at this time, which is more than in previous years. Mr. Johnson will be sending letters to these delinquent taxpayers.

Cash balance in account is about \$685,000. The board felt that we would recover from Storm Sandy impact when we had \$750,000 in the bank. That would position us to handle future similar events. CT Water has not yet resolved the excessive water bill received a few months ago, but we paid our average monthly payment to avoid delinquency.

The insurance premium has come down as anticipated. Pete Roberge moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Bud Phelps seconded, the motion carried.

REVIEW OF OPEN BUSINESS

Parking lot study – Mike D'Aquila reported that he had contacted several contractors for bids to improve the parking lot but has difficulty getting a quick response. He will continue efforts to get bids.

Winter Road Barricade Schedule: Wayne Buchanan stated that he thought the barricade to the parking lot entrance on Hough Rd. went up pretty early this year. Fred Callahan reported that the barricade is intended to direct traffic past the house of Rick Frascarelli, a winter watchman and year round resident. Mr. Buchanan thought we should establish a schedule for closure of the entrance since people still visit the beach in October. The board agreed to November 1 as the date for the barricades to go up.

Annual Newsletter: Jean Smith reported that the 2nd draft of the newsletter was emailed to board members 11/17/15 and requested they review and comment so it can be finalized and posted on the website 12/1/15. Mary Lennon and Beth Kelly agreed to do a final quality check of the edition.

2016 Recycle/Trash Schedule: Based on discussion, Wayne Buchanan and Fred Callahan felt we need to keep aligned with the efforts of the Town of Old Lyme and Federation of beaches on this issue. A concern about the appropriate use of trash barrels and recycle barrels as well as the pick-up schedule is a problem. Next season, the board will provide property owners and realtors with the schedule and instructions.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter Work: Carl Filios led a discussion of winter work items.

Bud Phelps will be working on improving the bank along Hough Rd. next to the tennis court. It is dangerous to mow and there is a water run-off issue.

Beth Kelly will be working on transitioning all the recreation commission's paperwork for filing in the office. She will also work with Jean Smith on a New Board Members orientation package.

Mike D'Aquila will be working on the parking lot study, identifying road sealing needs, and cleaning all the drains.

Pete Roberge will focus on repairs to the fence around the boat basin.

Signs: Fred Callahan reported that a larger sign at the gate would be installed for the winter stating that The Association area has video surveillance. He also reported that "Dead End, No Turnaround" signs will be posted on the west end of Champion Rd and on Hillcrest Rd. at the junction of Hough Rd.

Kayaks: Fred Callahan reported that the 3 kayaks left on the beach are still at the maintenance garage, taking up critical space, and need to be picked up by the owners. One owner has committed to coming to get theirs. Fred will call the Fortiers to ask them to remove their 2 by 12/1.

Fred Callahan made a motion that going forward, if vessels (kayaks, canoes, etc.) are left on the beach after October 15, the published fines will apply and they will be removed from the beach by maintenance staff. The owners must take possession of them by November 1 or they will lose their privilege to leave them on the beach the following season. Mike D'Aquila seconded and the motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Commissioner Reports:

Carl Filios reported that he has discussed the regulations related to paddle boards in the swim area with Eleanor Mariani of CT DEEP. Currently there is no enforceable regulation and she is working with the Coast Guard on the issue.

Mr. Filios reported that the past 2 years of financial records have been scanned and the original stored in plastic containers in the shed at the maintenance garage with new locks and keys with the Secretary, Treasurer, Maintenance, President and Vice President. He stated that we need to get all records centralized by next year.

Mike D'Aquila submitted reported that the tree removals at 5 West Joffre and 32 Seaview were complete and bills for owners' reimbursing Point O'Woods were sent out 11/16/15. Reviewing possible needs for resealing roads. The anticipated curb work was not completed and Al Bond pointed out that the planned work might cause a new water problem so further investigation needed and may potentially need an additional drain installed.

Bud Phelps reported that the leaf box for the truck had been re-built, the leaf vacuum is back in service and leaf removal on Association property has begun.

Executive Session: Wayne Buchanan 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 8:11 PM. Returned from executive session at 8:27 PM, no votes taken.

At 8:31 PM Beth Kelly motioned to adjourn, Mike D'Aquila seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jean M. Smith