

**POINT O'WOODS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
June 28, 2016 6:30-9:00 PM, Old Lyme Library**

**Minutes**

**Type of Meeting:** Regular

**Secretary:** Jean M. Smith

**Attendees:** Carl Filios, Pete Roberge, Beth Kelly, Bud Phelps, Faith Weiss, Mike Aron, Roy Johnson, Wayne Buchanan, Jennifer Reyes, Fred Callahan

Carl Filios called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Mr. Filios welcomed Mike Aron to the Board of Governors for a 3-year term. He will serve as the Roads Commissioner.

**Citizen Speak:**

Ed Cecarelli, 42 Ridgewood Rd., requested a short extension of the hammer law to complete tiling the floors in his cottage.

Lorraine Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd, commented that golf cart violations have been observed such as racing, chasing and skateboard towing. She expressed the need for Security to emphasize and enforce the ordinances. Mrs. Gibson passed on a message to the Board from a neighbor regarding the noisy early morning trash pick-up, asking if anything could be done to schedule the pick-up later in the day.

Lou Patria, 51 Seaview Rd., commented on several items: 1) Can something be done about garbage cans that are left at the street permanently, 2) Could the Board reconsider allowing golf carts to park in the beach lot with only the golf cart sticker, 3) He felt that requiring property owners to have a survey when trees are near the road and in need of removal is harsh, 4) He believes that for golf carts, home-owners insurance is not sufficient, a rider on their automobile policy is appropriate.

Richard Burlingham, 16 Walnut Rd, concurred with Mrs. Gibson's comment regarding more security attention to golf cart problems. He also commented that he heard construction activity after the no-hammer date. He suggested considering a dumpster be place at Anderson Field for the yard waste the grounds crew collects.

**Approve Agenda:** Items were added to the agenda: 1) Hammer Law Extension at 42 Ridgewood Rd 2) Golf carts, 3) golf cart parking, 4) Garbage cans left on the street, 5) Parking at Anderson Field, 6) Pavilion request, 7) Vandalism, and 8) BOG Communication. Fred Callahan motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Wayne Buchanan seconded and the motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Fred Callahan moved to accept the minutes as of the 5/24/16 BOG meeting, Bud Phelps seconded and the motion passed. Beth Kelly moved to accept the minutes as of the 6/4/16 BOG organization meeting, Pete Roberge seconded and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roy Johnson distributed the financial summary report through May. All areas except Roads are expected to end the fiscal year within budget. Roads Commission is just slightly over. Mr. Johnson projected that with the current cash in account and unspent capital we'll end the fiscal year with about \$627,000 in the bank. Progress continues to be made on reducing tax delinquencies with 5 outstanding amounting to \$2,500. Beth Kelly moved to accept the treasurer's report, Bud Phelps seconded and the motioned passed.

**REVIEW OF OPEN BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Communication:** Faith Weiss asked what needed to be done next, if anything about the Fishing Ordinance. Board agreed that her committee could decide to try again or let it rest. The existing ordinance is not enforceable.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Seasonal Readiness:**

Wayne Buchanan read Chapter 5, section 5.2 from the charter regarding the BOG rights to authorize expenditure during emergencies. Roy Johnson confirmed that if it is a capital item, the capital budget appropriation can be used. Wayne Buchanan will look into our readiness for emergencies and our disaster plan clarity.

Beth Kelly reported that the daily Recreation Club has gotten off to a slow start with 7-8 club members. She expects it to increase after the July 4 holiday. There will be 5 concerts this year. She reiterated that these were not food or picnic events and no coolers or glass containers allowed on the beach.

**Boats on the Beach Storage:** Lou Patria, by request of Jennifer Reyes, presented an alternative to the previously discussed paddleboard storage rack. He demonstrated a model of what could be built for \$250 with pressure treated wood. Board members emphasized the need for a low profile and secured anchoring. Fred Callahan motioned to authorize the construction of one unit, Mike Aron seconded and the motion carried.

**BOG Annual Conflict of Interest Forms:** Forms were distributed to Board members for this annual requirement.

**Security Cameras:** Fred Callahan described the process of installing the replacement cameras at the entrance to Point O'Woods. Some initial issues have been resolved and they have already proven useful but he is working with the vendor on one final item.

**Tree at 30 Seaview Rd:** A new tree has been planted less than a foot from the road. As it grows, its root structure will damage the road. Mike Aron will contact the property owner to request moving the tree before it gets established.

**Jetty Access:** Carl Filios raised the topic of what, if anything, the Board could do to keep people off the jetty. After discussion of barriers and signs, the Board's sentiment was that the existing sign was sufficient. Carl Filios stated that he had been notified that a drone was being operated over the beach. Some Board members who had seen it confirmed it. Faith Weiss explained that legislatures and regulatory agencies are working on how to address the operating of drones in public spaces. No actions at this time other than suggest it's not a good thing to do.

**42 Ridgewood Rd Hammer Law Extension:** The homeowner had reported he had about 2 hours of work left to cover the subfloor. Faith Weiss moved that Mr. Cecarelli be granted an extension until noon 6/19/16 with the work being done inside his house. Fred Callahan seconded and the motion carried.

**Golf Carts:** In response to property owners concern expressed about golf cart violations (overloading, underage drivers, reckless driving, etc.) and enforcement of ordinances, the Board discussed the on-going issues. Fred Callahan recommended that problems should be reported with the number of the golf cart. He said every report is followed up with the owner. It was confirmed the driver must be carrying their driver's license. Fred Callahan reported that Security would have extended hours for the July 4 weekend. Golf carts must follow all motor vehicle ordinances. Among these, reckless driving carries a \$250 fine, overloading is \$100 no registration or license is \$100.

**Stickers for Golf Carts:** Fred Callahan moved that golf cart registration stickers will now be granted parking privileges at the beach lot. Faith Weiss seconded, the motion carried.

**Garbage Cans Left on the Street:** Faith Weiss recommended that we post a notice that people ask a neighbor to bring their can in if they expect to be away.

**Pavilion Use Request:** The office received a request from Greg Massicote for use of the pavilion 8/24/16 and rain date 8/25/16 for a Point O'Woods Community History social event. Since there is no recreation, Women's Club, Point O'Woods events or other reservations the request is granted.

**Vandalism:** Bud Phelps reported that there has been an increase in vandalism, which has added a burden to the Grounds & Maintenance workload as well as added expense to The Association since replacing signs can cost up to \$1500 per event. It was mentioned that some of these acts fall under Old Lyme ordinances. Wayne Buchanan read from the charter that vandalism to association property and destruction of signs is Acts of Nuisance. The current fine is \$75. The sentiment of the Board is to be more vigilant about these violations and publish a reminder that it is costly and the fines will be applied. Other options were discussed including, calling Old Lyme Police when city ordinances are violated, requiring violators to pay the cost of repairs and replacement or engage them in working on the repair project. Faith Weiss recommended we create more recognition of the issues and fines be a start this year.

**Parking at Anderson Field:** A request to park a recreational vehicle in the Field was addressed. The Board re-asserted the policy that there is no parking there, the request was denied.

**BOG Communication:** Pete Roberge reported that several years ago, the Board president cautioned the Board about heavy email chatter among and between Board members. He asked that it be kept to a minimum and recommended members use the phone or put the item on the agenda so the whole Board can participate in the discussion. Beth Kelly commented that when multiple Board members are involved in email chatter, the discussions could be misconstrued as having a meeting, which raises FOI sensitivity.

**Commissioner Reports:** Bud Phelps reported that the WPCA re-elected Ken Russell and Rich Ramondetta so the Board remains the same. A problem persists with the sewage between Point O'Woods and East Lyme. It is being researched to see if the difference in chemicals used is a cause.

**Citizen Speak:**

Marilyn Stitham, 49 Ridgewood Rd, commented that if ordinances were enforced, word would get out and problems may diminish. She mentioned that any articles for the WAVE won't be published until end of July.

Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Rd, wants to be notified of new owners so she can get them welcome booklets.

Lorraine Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd, suggested that for messages that can't wait a month for WAVE publication, a hand out at the gate might suffice.

Richard Burlingham, 16 Walnut Rd, there is always a barrel in the road on Hillcrest Rd.

Lou Patria, 51 Seaview Rd, asked about the Board's about the kayak rack he previously proposed. Bud Phelps recommended we build the paddleboard rack and see how it goes and reconsider it next year.

**Executive Session:** Wayne Buchanan moved that the BOG enter executive session at 8:43 PM, Beth Kelly seconded, motion carried. The BOG entered executive session, returning at 8:52 PM with no votes taken.

**Adjournment:** At 8:57 PM Wayne Buchanan motioned to adjourn, Bud Phelps seconded and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jean M. Smith