

**POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Special Meeting
January 26, 2010
6:00 PM
Conference Call
Open Phone at 5 West Joffre Road
South Lyme, CT
Minutes**

Type of Meeting: Regular – Association business
Secretary: Mary Ann Ruud
Attendees: Susan Bookman, Fred Callahan, Kathy McKeough, Bud Phelps, Mark Peterson, Harry Ritson, and David Tousignant
Absent: Beth Kelly, Ken Russell

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McKeough at 6:02 PM.

Citizen Speak: Scott Levant, of 24 Sargent Road, expressed his desire to become more active in the community.

Decisions:

Stephen Sibley, of Revista Blasting, the geologist that is associated with the company doing the blasting in POW during the sewer project, was present at the meeting to address questions from the Board. The Board asked if blasting was to continue through the summer season would it be safe. They were assured by Mr. Sibley that it would be and they are accustomed to working in populated busy environments and that safety is of the utmost importance to them. It was further explained that the scale of blasting was on a considerably smaller scale than what had been done up to this point. Mr. Sibley gave his contact information for questions, 860-798-1209. He recommended the community to continue the work through the summer.

Kayaks:

The Board discussed at length a resolution for the kayak owners and a storage solution. The kayaks will be stored on mooring lines. They will be checked regularly for stickers and those without stickers will be removed. They will be returned once a fine had been paid. The Board reached a consensus to raise the fee from \$20 to \$40, with the mindset that only those that are serious kayakers' will be willing to pay the higher fee. The stickers will be sold by the lot attendant. The number of permits will be limited to 35, 2 of which will be reserved for renters, to limit the space they occupy on the beach.

Harry Ritson motioned that kayaks, sunfish and dingies be subject to a permit that will be limited to 35 in number for a \$40 fee, \$10 for weekly permits which two spots will be reserved. Daily use with no sticker is permitted but the vessel must be removed before dusk. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, the motion passed unanimously.

Hammer Law

David Tousignant motioned to: Allow a temporary, limited, exemption in the Hammer Law for the 2010 season for purposes of enabling cottage owners to hook into the new water lines/sewer system. The exemption would cover ONLY work in and around a cottage that is directly related to – and necessary for - hooking into the sewer lines and water system. This exemption would NOT cover remodeling/improvements that are related to (but not a necessary part of) hooking in the new system. For example, bathroom or kitchen remodeling, adding a bathroom, etc., would not be covered by this exemption. Also, any connection work must be done from Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm. Any blasting required for a cottage owner to hook into the new system must be approved, in advance, by the WPCA or its representatives. The building and construction (Hammer Law) ordinance remains in full effect. Susan Bookman seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the motion at length. The WCPA has requested the Board support a motion to suspend the hammer law to hook residents' homes into the sewer system. It will allow more time for the system to be tested at full of capacity for a longer period. The Board discussed what type of work would this apply and said that the Board could make exceptions to ordinance on emergency basis as in the past. It was agreed this should be reviewed by the POW Attorney, Mr. McGarry. So voted, the motion passed unanimously subject to Mr. McGarry's approval.

Discussion/Information

The Board discussed the 2010 budget process to insure that all potential items are included for discussion at the March meeting. It is the goal of the Board to have capital expenditures be carefully planned out for the next two years.

David Tousignant motioned to adjourn the meeting. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud