

Minutes
POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
10/16/09 – 7:00-10:00PM
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Type of Meeting: Regular – Association business
Secretary: Mary Ann Ruud
Attendees: Susan Bookman, Fred Callahan (joined meeting at 8:55 PM),
Kathy McKeough, Mark Peterson, Harry Ritson and David Tousignant
Guests: Rob Pryblo, RFP Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Citizen Speak: Lorraine Gibson, 45 Connecticut Road, inquired whether the sewer project had gone over budget, as rumored. Rob Pryblo reported that the \$500,000 contingency had not been exceeded and that the project was on budget.

Nancy Peterson, 19 Sargent Road, inquired whether the project would be completed by April. Rob Pryblo reported the system could allow for use at the end of March. It does not mean the whole project will be completed and some residents' homes will not be finished. Nancy Peterson asked whether this would open the homes to year around use. Kathy McKeough indicated that the residents would have to petition the town for year around use. Ct Water is discussing leaving the water on until December 30th starting in 2010, but that is yet to be finalized. R-10 zoning is under consideration by the town of changing the season from March 30th through December 30th.

Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Road, inquired whether there was anything that stopped residents from having the sewer and water lines installed below the freeze line when hooking into the new system. Rob Pryblo reported that that type of installation would require internal plumbing modifications and therefore town permits, but that the town would likely issue those permits for that purpose.

Harry Ritson motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Mark Peterson seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Rita Sulick of 21 Sargent Rd, submitted a letter to be read at citizen speak. Ms. Sulick requested the hammer law be suspended for the summer of 2010 Monday through Friday until 3:00PM for the purposes of hooking up to the sewer and water lines.

Parking Lot Drainage: Rob Pryblo, of RFP Engineering, reported that Dave Tousignant and he had met with the CT DEP representative, Michael Grzywinski to discuss the goals and concerns of the DEP concerning the POW parking lot and the area around the lot. The DEP would allow the parking lot be filled with natural fill provided the necessary approval from the local shellfish and harbor management commissions be obtained, proper applications are submitted, no tidal wetlands are filled and all existing tidal wetlands are allowed to continue to be inundated during high tide periods. Soil scientist will be needed to determine the actual location of the tidal wetlands. The Board and Mr. Pryblo discussed what the parking lot would look like when it is completed and various options open to the project. The Board will call a special meeting to vote on the proposal submitted by Mr. Pryblo on whether to move forward with this project. This meeting will be announced.

Secretary's Report: Mark Peterson motioned to approve September 18, 2009 minutes. David Tousignant seconded the motion. Mark Peterson was added to the attendance and to a vote that was not noted. So voted as amended, motion passed unanimously.

Board Appointment: Nominating Committee presented the nominees of Ken Russell, of 20 Ridgewood, and Bud Phelps, of 16 Sargent Road. Both the nominees voiced their interest in serving on the Board and their qualifications to do so.

Susan Bookman motioned to nominate Ken Russell to the vacant unexpired term ending 2010. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. So voted. Susan Bookman, Kathy McKeough, Mark Peterson, Harry Ritson and David Tousignant voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Peterson motioned to nominate Bud Phelps to the vacant unexpired term ending 2012. David Tousignant seconded the motion. Susan Bookman, Kathy McKeough, Mark Peterson, Harry Ritson and David Tousignant voted in favor of the nomination. The motion carried unanimously. Ken Russell and Bud Phelps joined the Board at the table.

Decisions:

Women's Club Requests: The Women's Club have requested to share the cost of the tent for the craft fair and dance with the Board. The cost is not known but will be presented at the following meeting. The Board's consensus is to support this request, pending further information. The Women's Club also asked the Board to consider whether they would support a clam bake/dance on the beach for the community. The Board discussed this and agreed it was something they would consider but would need further details and would need final Board approval. If it were approved, it would only be approved because it is a community event.

Discussion:

Kayak Progress: Harry Ritson continues to explore a storage solution for the kayaks on the beach. He is in the process of creating a kayak registration, similar to that issued at the boat basin, which the owner would be agreeing to certain terms and rules. Those without numbers would likely be removed from the beach and held until a fine was paid and registration obtained. A draft of the rules is being developed.

Newsletter/Survey: Kathy McKeough distributed a draft of the newsletter and Anderson Park survey to the Board for their review. It will likely be mailed the following week. The Board made suggestions and changes.

Commissioners' Calendars: Kathy McKeough requested the commissioners to submit a calendar of yearly events for their respective positions to develop a tickler calendar to allow for smoother transitions in the turn over of commissioners positions. Examples of the calendar were distributed and asked for their submissions for the next meeting.

Board Structure: The Board discussed the commissions and duties for 2009/2010 year. Susan Bookman is no longer the Ordinance Commissioner and is now the Long Range Planning Commissioner. Harry Ritson will remain the Boat Basin Commissioner. David Tousignant will remain the Roads Commissioner. Ken Russell was named Ordinance Commissioner. Bud Phelps was named Grounds Commissioner. Ken Russell also agreed to help Sue Bookman with the Long Range Planning Committee. Fred Callahan joined the meeting at 8:55. Fred Callahan will remain both the Beach and Security Commissioner as requested. Beth Kelly will remain was the recreation commissioner.

Collection of Fees: The Board discussed the current collection process of fines, which depends on restricting the issuing of stickers in the spring. It was requested that someone take on the responsibility of determining a better method. Fred Callahan, Susan Bookman and Ken Russell will be meeting to develop a list of solutions to present to the Board. The meeting will be announced at a later date.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Mark Peterson distributed financial statements for the month of September, 2009. He briefly explained the reports and the reason revenue was down.

Correspondence/Communication Update: Kathy McKeough reported a correspondence from Tom DiVivo to Paganelli claiming his golf cart was damaged on the raised structures and was requesting compensation from Paganelli. The Board discussed this and decided that the roads are well marked

and the community advised repeatedly of the ongoing construction and that no compensation would be awarded by the Board.

New Business: The hammer law will be discussed at the November meeting and whether a suspension, for the purposes of hooking up to the sewer, should be considered. Some in the community have voiced support of some sort of amendment to the ordinance for the 2010 season for the above mentioned purpose. It will be put in the newsletter.

David Tousignant reported a resident requested the trash cans on the beach be removed during the winter because they are over flowing with trash. Jeff suggested putting them on Champion and on the other end of the beach. David Tousignant reported that the lights on the tennis court have been left on and requested the box be locked for the winter. An electrician will be hired to complete this.

Fred Callahan reported the Federation of Beaches will put a bid out, by the hour, for security for all the beach communities. It would require uniform ordinances. No decisions would be made without the consent of the Board. The next Federation of Beaches meeting will be November 6, 2009.

Citizen Speak: none

Adjournment: David Tousignant motioned to adjourn. Mark Peterson seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Ruud