

MINUTES
Point O' Woods Beach Association
Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 2008—6:30 P.M.
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kathy McKeough.

Members Present: Susan Bookman, Fred Callahan, Beth Kelly, Kathy McKeough, Mark Peterson, Harry Ritson, Mary Ann Ruud, Joseph Sopczneski, David Tousignant, William Lacourciere, WPCA Chairperson, Kathy Aldridge WPCA Vice Chairperson, Attorney McGarry and Attorney Norbert Church was also present.
Absent: Mark Stankowitz

FOI Presentation: State FOI representative, Thomas A. Hennick presented general Freedom of Information policies and answered the board and community members' questions.

Fred Callahan joined the meeting at 7:40.

Agenda: The WCPA report was moved prior to Citizen Speak, and a follow-up with Gary Sharp was added to Unfinished Business. Mark Peterson moved to accept the amended agenda. David Tousignant seconded the motion, so voted, vote was unanimous.

WPCA: Bill Lacourciere reported that the sewer project had started and would be in POW in the 1st or 2nd week in December. Paganelli's office will be in a strip mall on Route 156 in Old Lyme. Doug Hill, the project manager, cell phone number will be posted and available. Rob Pryblo will allow his engineers to consult with residents' questions about hooking up their homes etc. unless it becomes more frequent than expected and then something else would have to be worked out. Trees have been removed from Anderson Park and loose stone was laid. The Town of Old Lyme may or may not enforce a rule that states that sewer lines can not be within 75 feet of water wells which would cause as a problem for some residents. The group rate hook-up with Paganelli remains open. Kathy McKeough has delegated signatory authority, pertaining to the sewer project, to the WCPA chairperson and the treasurer for proper oversight and to ensure the timely payment of invoices. Kathy McKeough will receive copies of everything that is signed. The WPCA will be providing the Board financial reports with invoices posted against the contract to demonstrate the project is within its budget.

Citizen Speak: Mary Lennon, 4 Ridgewood Road, reported that her property on 4 Ridgewood Road had been sold and suggested something should be sent to the new owner once the master address list is updated.

Ron Berry, 67 Connecticut Road, requested a copy of a complaint that had been made against him, the names of the complainants and the nature of the complaint. Mr. Berry was informed by Kathy McKeough that the matter hadn't been fully investigated to determine the validity of the complaint and she would meet with Mary Berry the next day to fulfill his request of information and a full investigation would be done.

Eleanor Bonafonte, 5 Hough Road, stated the bulletin board needed to be cleaned of outdated material.

WPCA Appointment: The Board discussed the availability of members for the opening on the WPCA Board. Fred Callahan nominated David Tousignant for the WPCA Board position. Beth Kelly seconded the nomination. So voted, Mark Peterson abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Grammatical changes had been submitted prior to the meeting and additional changes were submitted at the meeting. Harry Ritson moved to approve the amended September 19, 2008 minutes. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Decisions: Boat Basin: Harry Ritson, reported two boats have to be removed from the basin that are oversized that are not on the grand-fathered list. The slip occupants are being given the opportunity to replace the boats with boats that meet the guidelines. Three grandfathered boats owners have not returned the signed affidavit agreeing to the terms. A letter stating that they have thirty days to return the affidavit or risk losing their slip. Harry Ritson motioned that the grandfathered boat's inability to return the signed affidavit within thirty days was a grounds of slip removal. Beth Kelly seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Recreation: Beth Kelly reported that the Women's Club would purchase three benches. Refurbishing the old benches to match new benches will cost \$327 each with Jeff having to install the new slats. The material is recycled plastic with reinforced steel. Susan Bookman motioned to authorize the purchase the materials to refurbish three

benches for \$327 each. Mark Peterson seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous. A new bench for the playground was presented made from redwood, a 100 year warranty on the frame and a cost of \$660 each. Two would be purchased for the playground area and two for the basketball court. Fred Callahan motioned to authorize the purchase of four benches \$3064.54 including shipping for the playground and basketball court. Mark Peterson seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Board Meeting: All regular meetings will be limited to four hours. Written reports will be provided with the agenda, The intent being to inform the public better and limit the length of the meetings. Correspondence will be summarized with the agenda too. All reports will be posted with the agenda. The Board meetings will deal with business that requires the Boards action and decisions. Winter meetings will take place to get projects done. A special meeting will be called the first week in December to discuss Long Range Planning.

A discussion concerning roads and when and if the repairs could be completed when Paganelli was in POW as well as funding for these projects took place. David Tousignant, Joseph Sopczneski, Harry Ritson and Fred Callahan joined a Road Committee to prioritize the proposed road projects and will meet October 25th at Bowl-A-Rama at 10:30 AM.

There will be a regular meeting in November, a special Long Range Planning meeting in December, a March meeting, one budget meeting in April and one May meeting.

Reports: Treasurer's Report: Mark Peterson distributed the September 30, 2008 Financial Statements for the first quarter report, a pre-audit 07-08 annual report and a 7/08-6/09 budget showing monthly distributions. POW money has been moved to best protect the assets as per the Treasurer's report.

Commissioners Reports: No questions or comments.

Correspondence/Communication Update: Janice Chadburn wrote that she was delighted with the receipt of the newsletter but she was disappointed that no update had been given regarding Stanhope Beach. Kathy McKeough reported back to Ms. Chadburn that Board members would be meeting with their representatives that we hoped for an amicable resolution.

New Business: Unfinished Business: An email from the new President of Oakridge had been received stating they hoped they could return to being good neighbors and had asked for a meeting to discuss the Stanhope beach situation. A permanent agreement between POW and Oakridge is the desired result.

Kathy McKeough reported that ethics and common practices in the governance of boards has become critical to protect against liability and would like to have a workshop on the subject. Kathy McKeough met with Attorney McGarry to be brought up to speed on affairs and to review the WPCA signatory authority documents.

The Board agreed that Gary Sharp could resubmit DEP permit requests with the parking lot fill being removed to expedite and guarantee the approval process. Harry Ritson is submitting a permit for dredging foreseeing the lengthy process involved in obtaining the permit.

Citizen Speak: None

Beth Kelly motioned to adjourn; **Susan Bookman** seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud
Secretary