

MINUTES
Point O' Woods Beach Association
Regular Board Meeting
November 22, 2008—6:30 P.M.
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Kathy McKeough.

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

Agenda: The agenda and the commissioners reports were not posted in the required time prior to the meeting and therefore no votes could be taken at this meeting. Kathy McKeough apologized to the community for this mishap. All votes that would be normally taken at this meeting will take place at the December 5, 2008 meeting with no discussion. The December 5, 2008 meeting will take place the First Congregational Church on 5 Ferry Street, Old Lyme.

Kathy McKeough reported the need to enter into executive session to discuss Stanhope Beach, an unresolved legal matter, with Attorney McGarry. Mark Peterson moved to enter executive session. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous. Attorney McGarry was invited to the executive session. Harry Ritson moved to come out of executive session. Mark Stankowitz seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous. Executive session ended at 7:05 PM.

Citizen Speak: Kathy Aldridge requested that the board please look into whether she is required to keep the drain installed by Connecticut Water on her property. She could find no easement that would have allowed for it and it has created ongoing drainage problems on her property. David Tousignant will be going to the Aldridge property to look at the drain.

WPCA: Kathy Aldridge reported Paganelli's will be in the beach area by early December. WCPA board members have gone to Old Lyme Board meeting that have discussed the properties that do not have 25 feet between their wells and the grinder pumps. The financial reports will be delayed for one month. Rob Pryblo provided Doug's cell phone number, 860-558-8669.

Changes to the agenda were requested: Fred Callahan requested a Federation of Beaches report be added. Kathy McKeough requested a discussion of Attorney Mattern be added. Mark Peterson moved to add the above mentioned items to the agenda. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Secretary's Report: Mark Peterson moved to approve the October 17, 2008 minutes. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Roads: David Tousignant distributed minutes from the Road's Committee meeting. The committee reviewed and discussed Rob Pryblo's Road and Drainage Improvements Study of eight area drainage projects that could be completed while the sewer project is being done. Three of the eight will be resolved when the roads are repaved. Three of the projects need immediate action, which are 2, 6b and 7a on Rob Pryblo's report. After a lengthy discussion the board concluded that 2, 6b 7a, 5 and 8 would have engineered solutions completed. A quote would then be obtained from Paganelli and lastly obtain an outside engineer to review the plans and quote for fairness. Rob Pryblo will take the engineered plans to Paganelli for a quote. This will be voted on the December 5th meeting with no discussion.

It was requested that commissioner reports be part of the minutes, which the board agreed.

Winter Work Plan: Susan Bookman will read the ordinances, make any recommendations and drafts, which she will be in contact via email and submit her final recommendations at the March meeting. Kathy

McKeough suggested the Board members read and familiarize themselves with the charter and ordinances and to provide any input to Sue Bookman.

David Tousignant will continue to work on the drainage plan over the winter. The determination as to what action to take on the golf cart guidelines that had been developed will be worked on between the ordinance commissioner and the security commissioner and determine as to whether they should be put to the community as ordinances or guidelines.

Mark Stankowitz will discuss with Mark Peterson whether there is any room in the budget to put insulation in the maintenance shed. Jeff will obtain three quotes to determine the potential project cost.

Harry Ritson will be getting proposals to the DEP for the dredging and the floating dock.

Joseph Sopczneski will obtain quotes for the hand rail on Seaview, being mindful of the desire that the building materials be uniform and cost of the materials.

Fred Callahan will assess the cost of removing the showers from the beach and have foot washers installed at the entrances to the beaches. He will also investigate having the sand moved down from the berm by having it graded.

Ordinance: Susan Bookman reported that three residents had failed to pump their septic from 2007 and she had not heard from them despite repeated attempts to reach them. The board's consensus was to send a certified letter to the three property owners stating they have until January 1, 2009 to pump their septic tanks after which fines would be imposed as allowed in the ordinances.

Service Recognition: The Board agreed that Norman Emerson should be recognized for his years of service to POW and a plaque would be presented to him at the Annual Meeting.

Jim Mattern, the former Attorney for POW for more than twenty years, died. The Board's consensus was that a donation should be sent to the requested charity. This will be voted on at the December 5th meeting.

Reports:

Commissioners Reports:

Correspondence Reports: Carolyn Sirkin has withdrawn her complaint to the Freedom of Information Commission.

Rita and Marty Hale wrote of letter of commendation of Jeff's fine work at POW.

Boat Basin: Harry Ritson reported that ¼ of the deposits had come in for the boat basin. Forty-six people were on the waiting list. Harry Ritson has agreed to participate in an Army Corp of Engineers survey concerning the dredging of inlets and the like.

Federation of Beaches: Fred Callahan reported at a Town of Old Lyme board meeting has determined that the town will be mailing out letters detailing the appeals process to change the year around status of resident's property in early March. Owners will be limited to 18 months after those letters are sent to submit the appeal, thus potentially closing off POW residents from this process if the sewer project is not completed. Kathy McKeough will look into this further and speak to Attorney McGarry.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Peterson distributed the October 30, 2008 Financial Statements with a Summary Balance sheet, and the audit 07-08 annual report. The audit is in compliance with all applicable laws and is available at the Old Lyme Town Clerk's office. It will be noticed "The Day" newspaper. It has been sent to all the appropriate state agencies.

Citizen Speak: Mary Berry, 67 Connecticut Road, stated that the community had for years requested the Board take action on the drainage issues in the community and that the board should take advantage of this opportunity to correct these problems by blending it with the sewer project. Ms. Berry also asked someone to look at the right of way from Hillcrest to Huff, a pipe has surfaced in the path. Mark Peterson said the pipe was no longer in use and could be removed after the sewer project.

Richard Burlingham, 16 Walnut, said the board to please look at a pipe coming onto the road from 35 Massachusetts Road. In the past the run off comes from the road and creates a ice slick in the winter. A discussion as to whether residents should be permitted to have their run off on the street and what would happen if it was diverted.

Charlie Cipolla, 50 Connecticut Road, agreed with Mary concerning the right of way. In regards to the earlier discussed drainage work, Mr. Cipolla felt the board should get three quotes from outside contractors with would include permit cost to demonstrate to the community that completing the drainage work is most cost effective while the sewer project is in progress. The railings for Seaview could be matched with some of the new materials and could do it for much less than the stainless steel.

Mark Stankowitz motioned to adjourn; **Harry Ritson** seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud
Secretary