

***** MINUTES*****
Point O' Woods Beach Association
Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2008—6:30 P.M.
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Vice President Mark Peterson.

Members Present: Fred Callahan, Bill Lacy, Kathy McKeough, Mark Peterson, Harry Ritson, Mark Stankiewicz, Beth Kelly, David Tousignant
Absent: Laura Nalesnik, Mary Ann Ruud

Mark Peterson explained Laura Nalesnik's absence and went over the funeral arrangements for her father. Mark Peterson explained Mary Ann Ruud's absence and asked for cooperation and understanding while conducting the meeting. The microphone appeared to be not working for the tape recorder.

Mark Peterson reviewed the agenda. Bill Lacy requested that Security be moved higher on the agenda because he would have to leave early and wanted to present his report fully. Motion was made by Mark Stankiewicz, seconded by Harry Ritson to move Security to the first item on the agenda. Vote was taken without opposition.

Citizen Speak: **Dick Sagan**, of Connecticut Road, rose to advise all about a Town Hall Meeting scheduled for 5/19/2008 to authorize an additional \$195,000 to complete Town Hall renovations and authorize a study of the possibility of remaining in or leaving District 18 School District and urged all to attend. In response to a question Dick related that it was a local tax payers group and not the Federation of Beaches that has notified all beach property owners of the matter. There were no further citizens to speak.

Women's Club: Tammy Ward was not present.

Secretary's Report: **Mark Peterson** requested a motion to table approving the minutes due to inaccuracies in the April 25, 2008 minutes and could not get comments to Mary Ann. Motion to table was made by Harry Ritson with a second by Mark Stankiewicz. Minutes from 4/25/2008 will be reviewed/approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Correspondence: Mark Peterson reported that Laura has received several calls thanking her for recent letter to the community. Annual Call on schedule to be mailed prior to 5/28 deadline. Mark Peterson reported that Oakridge Forest had confirmed in writing what Laura had reported last meeting on Oakridge Forest's decision not to restrict POW access to Stanhope Beach. This will give POW time to conduct our own property title search. They will have a security guard on duty to enforce their beach rules four hours a day. It was noted that all POW governors members should have received a copy of the E.L. sewer agreement as well as Laura's letter to Bill with some of our concerns and comments. No response has been received as of this date.

Security: **Bill Lacy** reported that ACE security will begin their season watches on weekends beginning 5/25 and full time for the period 6/21-9/1 and that the parking lot attendants would also follow the same schedule. He also reported that he had received an additional quote from a third security company that looked good but that he decided to continue with ACE because the season was upon us and there was no time to get a company up to speed. Parking lot stickers were sent by UPS ground this past week, Thursday (5/15) and will be available for distribution Memorial Day weekend. The registration forms will be put together for this purpose incorporating five license plates. **Kathy McKeough** is generating the registration form which will be available Memorial Day weekend at the guard shack, at the WCPA meeting on Friday 5/23/08 as well as at the Annual Meeting on 6/7/08.

Bill Lacy brought up the subject of golf carts going out of POW and on to highways up to stores. After considerable discussion it was felt that it might be in the best interest of the Association to have security stop golf carts from going out from the underpass or at least issue a warning to those who wish to venture out. It was suggested that we have our lawyer investigate having all golf carts owners sign a waiver of liability to POW covering not only going onto highway but speeding, underage driving, driving with out headlights etc.. as this was becoming a serious problem with 50+ carts on our streets.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Peterson distributed the Treasurers report for April as well as the final budget report for 2008-2009.

Beach: Fred Callahan reported on Beach cleaning activities. The beach was 80% cleaned which should be finished next week. Everything seems to be working well with the new contractor (Jeff Keish concurred). Fred urged the BoG's to inspect

for themselves. Contract needs to be signed. Fred will follow up with Laura Nalesnik. Mark Peterson asked Fred where contractor is storing his equipment. Fred replied at his facility on RT 156 not in the POW. Raft and lines will be going in hopefully by Memorial Day weather and work loads permitting. The new recycling collection will be in place within three weeks. Bill Lacy will obtain receptacles. In the meantime Jeff will get something in place temporarily.

Boat Basin: **Harry Ritson** reported that every boat owner has or will have been given information on our rules and regulations – including information on regulations on not tying up directly to poles etc.. Also many reported on the repairs to the concert pillars under the boardwalk which should be completed shortly by Charlie Cepolla is helping Harry with these repairs.

Harry said that he has received a number of calls on the proposed ordinance changes to boat measuring, grandfathering etc since the publication of the Presidents letter. Harry also questioned the need to go to meeting to change the ordinance feeling that ordinance already empowered us to take the steps required. Mark Peterson pointed out that he believed Attorney McGarry had a different opinion which is why we are going to vote at the Annual Meeting. Discussion continued on what happens if new ordinances were rejected. We felt that Harry needs to be the spokesman for the changes purposed.

Grounds: **Mark Stankiewicz** reported on preparations to fill in the parking lot potholes. Mark Peterson suggested that **Mark Stankiewicz** hold up until he reviewed the latest letters from the DEP which Laura received today for clarification on what had been approved.

There was a lengthy discussion on what kind of railings would be put in place on the Seaview right away, stainless steel or pressure treated. While the cost of stainless steel or other metal railing will be higher most governors felt that the metal (stainless steel) would be preferred because they would be safer and last longer. **Mark Stankiewicz** was to look into this with the possibility a combined of pressure treated poles with stainless steel rails.

Ordinance: **Kathy McKeough** reported that she will have registration forms (PC Stickers) ready for Memorial Day weekend distribution at the guard shack, at the WCPA meeting as well as the Annual Meeting. Form will have room for five license plates numbers. **Kathy McKeough** reviewed the Board of Governor's standing on the fence ordinance, and she recommended leaving it as is. The fence ordinance will remain as it is.

Kathy McKeough said she continues to follow up on those who have not pumped there septic systems and expected compliance to pick up once people are refused their stickers. **Kathy McKeough** thought that we should have our rules and regulations posted on our web site.

Also discussed was a method to consolidate information regarding those who are in violation of our rules etc. to more easily facilitate the use of information. Currently there are three separate sources.

Recreation: **Beth Kelly** was reported that the recreational programs will run 6/23-8/15 with fees largely the same as last year's, though with modified "full season rates." Anderson Park has been surveyed and arrangements have been made for spraying ticks and bugs. The basketball court will be refinished this year if approved at the Annual Meeting.

Concerning the handicap ramp or sidewalk there are advantages to calling it a sidewalk with handicap access because of code requirements. The problem with DEP approvals is that they have application for two different plans. Beth will work with Gary Sharpe to determine a resolution quickly so that we can get this done this year.

Beth Kelly reminded the Governors that Annual Dinner was rescheduled for 5/31/08 and that she needed responses on attendance.

Roads: **Mark Peterson** introduced **Dave Tousignant** again, welcomed him and asked **Mark Stankiewicz** to get together with Dave to introduce him to his responsibilities.

Federation Report: **Fred Callahan** reported that things are still "getting organized" and did not know why they did not communicate the various issues. He is going to serve as Director.

WPCA: **Kathy McKeough** reported that there is an upcoming meeting on 5/23. Pre-construction and Benefit Assessment and also reported on status of the project. **Harry Ritson** asked question on differences of opinion between lawyers and asked if it is still persisted. **Kathy McKeough and Mark Peterson** confirmed that it did. **Mark Peterson** indicated that Attorney McGarry had tried communicating with Attorney Church with little or no response and that when Attorney Mattern resigned we asked that Attorney McGarry be included in discussions/negotiations etc without any affirmative action from the WPCA. **Kathy McKeough** thought it would be a good to put the lawyers in a room and tell them to resolve the issues. Mark Peterson said to have Attorney Church name the time and place.

Long Range Planning: No report. **Mark Peterson** suggests reforming committee after 6/7/08, elections needs volunteers.

New Business: Discussion on donation to MMH with a consensus for \$100.00 donation.

Unfinished Business: It was repeated that Bill Thompson has had his tank pumped however Kathy McKeough said she has not received confirmation of this.

Mark Peterson called for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by **Mark Stankiewicz** and seconded by Beth Kelly to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud
Secretary