

POINT O'WOODS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
July 22, 2011 7:00-10:00PM  
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library  
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Minutes

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting  
Secretary: Mary Ann Ruud  
Treasurer: Mario Ciampi  
Board Attendees: Fred Callahan, Bill Griffin, Greg McKenna, Kathy McKeough, Bud Phelps, Harry Ritson, Ken Russell, David Tousignant and  
Absent: Beth Kelly

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McKeough at 7:02 PM.

**Agenda:** Harry Ritson motion to approve the agenda. David Tousignant seconded the motion. A boat basin incident was added to commissioners' reports, Selectmen meeting updates were added to commissioners' reports, management calendar and fences were added to discussion. So voted as amended, motion carried.

**Citizen Speak:**

Christy Osgood, 11 Connecticut Road, requested the Board reconsider a golf cart suspension that was issued. She explained incidents and those that had been involved had sent letters in support of the household being granted golf cart privileges again, she distributed these letters to the Board.

Fern Beaudry, 76 Hillcrest Rd., requested the minutes reflect his use of the work fence and not wall at the previous meeting. It was reported that would be corrected. Harry Ritson reported that walls and fences would be brought up for consideration at the following meeting. Mr. Beaudry requested a copy of the proposal. It was reported a final draft could be provided but that it was considered draft form until the meeting and the Board makes its revisions.

Laurie Beaudry, 76 Hillcrest Rd., reported they came to their house to a new 3-4 " wall and created land that previously did not exist. This has blocked the view from the road. She reflected what if everyone built these walls on the POW small lots it would detract from the community. Ms. McKeough reported that a survey would be done to determine if any walls had been built on POW property.

Fern Beaudry, 76 Hillcrest Rd, inquired whether an engineer had been out. It was reported they had not.

**Secretary's Report:** David Tousignant motioned to approve the June 24, 2011 minutes. Bud Phelps seconded the motion. Content corrections were made. So voted as amended, the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mario Ciampi reported the distributed statements showed year end but they are not closed until the audit is completed. The balance sheet was reviewed. Liens will be placed on 6-7 properties for failure to pay taxes. It was reported one home that is for sale would require the lien be placed quickly before the sale. Harry Ritson motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Mario Ciampi. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried.

## **Decisions:**

**WPCA Appointment:** Fred Callahan motioned to reappoint Dick Hrinik as an alternate to the WPCA. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried.

**Construction Ordinance Exceptions:** Bill Griffin motioned to ratify exceptions requested and approved for emergency and safety issues. Fred Callahan seconded the motion. The Board reaffirmed their votes, Greg McKenna reported had had voted to yes on 56 Seaview, 76 Connecticut: Fred Callahan, Bill Griffin, Greg McKenna, Ken Russell, David Tousignant voted in favor for their request, and 24 Ridgewood's request: Fred Callahan, Ken Russell, David Tousignant and Kathy McKeough voted in favor of their request. A full list of the ratifications is available upon request.

## **Discussion:**

**Golf Carts:** The Board discussed golf carts at length. The handicap golf cart parking spot on the beach is being utilized by more than one cart, a sign will be erected indicating this. The Board discussed solutions to what is viewed as an escalating problem that security can not completely control because they can not be in all places at all times. The Board's consensus was to create a committee to develop solutions to the problem to be presented at a future Board meeting. The committee will include: Bill Griffin, David Tousignant, Harry Ritson and Lorraine Gibson. Suggests the arose out of the discussion were; when they register check to ensure they have a speed governor, grandfather in gas golf carts but only permit electric golf carts in the future, have security include golf cart incidents as part of the daily report, raise the registration fee to pay for the law enforcement and reinforce to security that they must enforce the laws and guidelines.

Ken Russell motioned to uphold the revocation of golf cart privileges for golf cart permit #111. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried. The Board reported a request to request the privileges be re-instated may be done in writing and may be done at any future meeting. The Board discussed whether a member of the Board may direct security to issue a ticket if they witnessed a violation of an ordinance, Jeff Longerdan will be consulted as to whether security must witness it or a Board member can witness it and direct the person to be ticketed.

**Andersen Park:** Dave Tousignant reported the grass in Anderson Park need cleaned up because the top soil used sank and stones were now on the top. The Board discussed how the area could be used. The Board concluded a fall project for Jeff could be to power rake the field, seed and fertilize the field so that is ready to be used the spring of 2012. The Board will hold a walk of Anderson Park.

**Point O'Woods Character:** Greg McKenna presented a survey that could be supplied to the community to gain the perspective of the community in regards the preserving the character and what aspects are important to preserve. The Board agreed a survey was needed to determine which direction the community would like to go. The Board went through the survey editing each question and deciding the pertinent questions to be asked. Mr. McKenna will send out a revised survey to the Board for review.

## **Reports:**

**Commissioners Reports:** available on the web site.

Fred Callahan reported an incident had taken place in POW, an internal investigation and an investigation was conducted by Secure-America. The guard enforced the fireworks ordinance. The guard

has since moved to another guarded community or area. The Board concluded the fireworks ordinance was nearly unenforceable due to the number of residents using them.

Harry Ritson requested walls and fences be added to the next meeting agenda.

**Boat Basin incident:** Fred Callahan reported two individuals will be ticketed for reckless boating and were arrested for DUI for driving their vehicle and their jet-skies.

Kathy Mckeough reported on the Town of Old Lyme First Selectman meeting she attended, two committees were formed. A snow plow committee and a committee to work on a more equitable tax distribution to the beach communities. The Town appears to be paying more attention to the beach communities.

Harry Ritson requested the Board please review the Management Calendar and submit any changes to him.

Fred Callahan reported some cigarette butts had been found so a different grater will be used to correct that.

David Tousignant reported the beautification effort on the top of Hillcrest and SeaView will include taking a tree down, leveling it and planting rose-Ragusas and a few large boulders. Mr. Tousignant reported the Sargent right of way would be done in two sections with the top being paved. The Board agreed, the top portion will cost less than \$5000.

**Citizen Speak:** None.

**Adjournment:** Harry Ritson motioned to adjourn. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud