

POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
October 28, 2011
6:00-9:00 PM
The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme 2 Ferry Road
Old Lyme, Connecticut 06371

Minutes

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

Kathy McKeough called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Agenda: David Tousignant motioned to approve the agenda. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. A personnel issue was added to the executive session. Other items added were: boat basin fees, zodiac, cameras and the invasive species phragmites. So voted, the agenda passed as amended.

Citizen Speak:

Jeff Cassaroto, 35 Connecticut Road, reported he had picked up his daughter from school to attend this meeting so as to defend herself.

Athena Cassaroto, as a guest of the Board, reported no statement had been taken from her and was there to report her side of the incident. Ms. Cassaroto reported she was the driver, that Nemo had fallen out and she immediately stopped to tend to him. She reported that the witnesses were not telling the truth.

Kathy McKeough inquired whether Mr. Cassaroto had had a talk about golf cart safety after the accident. Mr. Cassaroto reported he had.

Fred Pinto, 26 Connecticut Rd., inquired about the golf cart guidelines up for consideration that would require a \$500,000 liability coverage and the need for such a requirement. It was reported the Board wished to mirror the automobile requirements.

Lorriane Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd., expressed hope that something would be done soon about the home that had burned down on Connecticut Rd. It was reported that the owner had new plans to build and would take action on the home once a permit was issued but that likely would not take place until spring. A letter must come from the town to get the owner to secure the property.

Jack Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd, reported they still had not cleaned the back of the house. Ken Russell would have to push the town of Old Lyme to take action on that.

Secretary's Report: Harry Ritson motioned to approve the September 23, 2011 minutes. David Tousignant seconded the motion. Editorial changes were made. So voted, the minutes were approved as amended. David Tousignant motioned to approve the September 27, 2011 minutes. Bill Griffin seconded the motion. Editorial changes were made. So voted, the minutes were approved as

amended. Harry Ritson motioned to approve the October 9, 2011 minutes. Greg McKenna seconded the motion. So voted, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Ciampi distributed a financial stamen for the period of July through September. The Board inquired about how certain items were presented. The Board discussed expenses from hurricane Irene, a FEMA claim is being submitted to recoup some of those expenses. A large tree on Connecticut Rd was discussed, which a bid will be obtained to have it removed. The insurance company will be connected earlier in the fiscal year to determine if there any significant rate increases so they can be included in the Annual Call budget.

Cassaroto Golf Cart Violations, Vote: The Board discussed the Cassaroto golf cart tickets and whether an overloading ticket should be issued and whether to uphold the ticket for under age driving. David Tousignant motioned to not enforce a ticket for overloading. Beth Kelly seconded the motion. The Board discussed whether overloading had been adequately defined. So voted, Bud Phelps, Beth Kelly, Greg McKenna, Bill Griffin, Harry Ritson and David Tousignant voted for the motion. Fred Callahan abstained. Ken Russell voted no. Kathy McKeough did not vote. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the ticket issued for underage driving, the Cassaroto's did not supply a copy of the other passengers license. Ken Russell motioned that we issue a violation for under age driving. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. The Board discussed the matter. So voted, Fred Callahan, Bud Phelps, Greg McKenna, Bill Griffin, Ken Russell and David Tousignant voted for the motion. Beth Kelly abstained from the vote. Kathy McKeough did not vote. The motion carried. Ken Russell motioned if Tim Nealon produces a license within 30 days then the ticket issued to the Cassaroto's will be rescinded. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, motion carried unanimously.

Old Lyme ZBA Letter Response: Kathy McKeough reported the Old Lyme ZBA did not respond to letter sent from POW so a letter was sent requesting a response. The ZBA response was the only notice they were required to give was a newspaper notice. At the next Old Lyme ZBA meeting POW Mr. Longerdon will be asked represent POW if and when the abutters issue is brought before the ZBA.

Tim Griswold will inspect POW roads to determine whether the roads are adequate for buses.

Vice President and Commissioner Assignments, Vote: Fred Callahan motioned to elect Bill Griffin Vice President. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried. Kathy McKeough assigned Harry Ritson to the Boat basin.

Golf Cart Guideline proposal: Bill Griffin presented the Board with the Golf Cart Committee's proposal for Improving the Use of Golf Carts in POW. These recommendations are based on the feedback that was requested in the Wave and recommendations of the Golf Cart Committee. Mr. Ritson reported that the \$500,000 coverage was based on the recommendation of the insurance agents. The Board discussed requiring the coverage to be that of motor vehicle of \$250,000. The Board will investigate the cost of such and addition to a policy. The Board continued to go through the recommendations of the committee. Bill Griffin will adjust the recommendations; send a revised edition to the Board for review which will be voted on at the next meeting. These will be presented to the community at the Annual Meeting for a possible vote.

Security Discussion: The Board discussed security in POW including its effectiveness, the need for resident stickers, the challenge of having three security firms in three years, residents' defiance in complying with the ordinances and security's attempt to enforce them. The Board concluded that a

mature security force is needed, a car resident sticker would expedite traffic at the entrance, security patrols are needed in the inner area of POW and the Old Lyme police will be called more frequently. Ken Russell will take on firework recommendations as a winter project.

Defibrillator Use: Kathy McKeough provided Fred Callahan with literature about defibrillators to investigate and requested he report back to Board with recommendations.

Project Updates: Dave Tousignant reported the projects were moving along. Harry Ritson reported he had not heard anything about the dredging project. It was reported the bails of hay blocking the boat basin ramp could be removed to bring boats in and out of the water.

Long Range Planning: The Long Range Planning survey sent has had 37 responses and more are expected. It was reported Bill Gagne is interested in serving on this committee.

Reports:

Commissioners Reports: None. The next meeting will take place the 3rd Friday of November.

Security/Beach: Fred Callahan reported a security camera can be purchased for \$450, rather than the \$4,500 as approved. A zodiac can be purchased for \$1000. Mr. Callahan would like to send a letter to contractors stating that driving in POW is a privilege which can be revoked if they do not obey the driving laws in the community.

Maintenance List: Bud Phelps reported on the progress of the maintenance list. The Board discussed how to get rid of bamboo by the tennis courts, they decided to try to cover it with fill and continually mow the area.

Correspondence/Communication Update: to be read at meeting, if applicable

New Business: Unfinished Business

Phragmites: Jack Gibson reported the marshes in the area had phragmites and are considered an invasive species by the DEP. The DEP may be able to provide grants to help with the removal of the species. The Board supported Ms. McKeough following up on this matter.

Town Committees: It was reported the town of Old Lyme is creating two committees, a snow plowing committee and a tax reallocation committee. Kathy McKeough is on the tax reallocation committee.

WPCA: The Board discussed the requirement of two Board members serving on the WPCA Board and taking to vote at the Annual Meeting on eliminating the requirement while keeping the president of the POW Board ex-officio . The WPCA role is now administrative rather than planning. Fred Callahan motioned we put to vote at the Annual meeting to be five members. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So vote, the motion carried.

Citizen Speak:

Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Rd., reported the street light was still on all day long. David Tousignant reported he had called three times on the matter and they had yet to take action.

Jeff Cassaroto, 35 Connecticut Road, reported he went to the August meeting, he got a notice to supply the license. He wanted to know why he should have to supply the license. He expressed his displeasure of the process. Mr. Cassaroto supplied Mr. Russell a copy of the license outside the meeting, thus rescinding the ticket.

Alice Dowd, 46 Ridgewood Rd., suggested the guard shack at the parking lot be used better.

Executive Session, Potential Litigation: Harry Ritson motioned to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation. Ken Russell seconded the motion. So voted, motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:44 PM; they exited at 9:00 PM.

Ken Russell motioned to file suit on properties for none payment of fines. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, David Tousignant, Bud Phelps, Bill Griffin, Ken Russell, Harry Ritson voted in favor of the motion. Fred Callahan voted no. Beth Kelly and Greg McKenna abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Boat Fees: Harry Ritson inquired whether the Board supported lowering the fees for kayaks because its expenses had been met. The Board did not support lowering the fees, and left the responsibility with the Boat Commissioner. The Board discussed this and whether to transfer this responsibility to the Beach Commissioner.

Adjournment: Bill Griffin motioned to adjourn. Beth Kelly seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud