

**POINT O'WOODS  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
August 26, 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, Beth Kelly, Greg McKenna, Kathy McKeough, Bud Phelps, Harry Ritson, David Tousignant and  
Absent: Ken Russell  
**Guest:** Rob Pryblo, Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Agenda: Beth Kelly motioned to approve the agenda, David Tousignant seconded the motion. A ticket appeal was, security issue and newsletter update was added to the agenda. So voted, the motion carried as amended.

**Citizen Speak:**

Jeff Cassaroto, 35 Connecticut Road, requested the Board repeal two tickets issued to his family member, one for an overloaded cart and one for an unlicensed driver operating a golf cart. He provided a detailed account of the incident, reading three letters. One from Mr. Cassaroto's daughter providing a detailed account of the incident, the major detail being she was the driver of the cart and a licensed driver. A letter from the parent of a 12 year old child, whom was hurt during the incident, was read which reported the incident. A letter from Matthew Peters was read attesting to the daughter being the driver and also explained the incident. Notes from Sonya Cassaroto were read. All the letters reported the daughter was the driver; the chairs in the road were from the walking parents and were placed down when they were checking of the status of the child's condition. Copies of the letters were submitted to the Board. Mr. Cassaroto formally requested the three eye witness reports provided to security. Kathy McKeough reported he would receive them. Ms. McKeough requested that Mr. Cassaroto please submit a copy of the other person's license that was riding in the golf cart. Mr. Cassaroto said the he would attempt to retrieve a copy of the individual's license. Mr. Cassaroto also inquired about the definition of an overloaded cart.

Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Rd., inquired whether small motorcycles are legal on the roads of POW. It was reported that there was not an ordinance restricting the use of these scooters.

Susan Bookman, 12 Oak Rd, reported the security had done a great job overall but especially on the beach.

Lorriane Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd., agreed security had done a great job but not a night. She reported that they do not get out of the booth. It was decided a summer recap would be hold at the September or October.

Paula Barakos 47 Sea View Rd., agreed with Lorriane that night security is lacking and that dogs were on the boardwalk at an outdoor concert, as were bikes.

**Secretary's Report:** Beth Kelly motioned to approve the July 22, 2011 minutes. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried.

Rob Pryblo, the POW Engineer, reported on the parking lot and dredging projects. The dredging project permits have been received and work is permitted between October 15<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Packets will be sent to six contractors to request bids. Quotes are being requested on the original amount for removal for a lump sum and then a price per cubic foot beyond that amount. The parking lot project permits will be formally released soon and are looking to do this project in October, quotes will be acquired for this project.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mario Ciampi reviewed the financial statement through July 31<sup>st</sup>, reporting it appeared they appeared to be on track to stay within budget. The Board discussed how the commissioners' budgets are shown and how they would be in the future, concluding a few more seasonal budget expenses may be reflected as other seasonal items are reflected. Mr. Ciampi will report on the cash flow, provide the status of the budgets on outstanding capital projects and provide an updated Grounds budget to reflect seasonal employment at the September meeting.

### **Decisions:**

**Golf Carts:** Bill Griffin reported on the suggestions of the Golf Cart Committee. The suggestions were a more rigorous registration process that would require proof of insurance, front & back lights, speed governors, higher fees and required signature on form agreeing to follow rules. Establish a parking section at the parking lot, while re-enforcing the existing handicap spot. Another suggestion was to phase out gas carts and require electric for any future registered carts. Also a curfew was suggested for 10:00. The Board discussed whether renters should be permitted to have golf carts, Mary Berry will be consulted on the matter. Mr. Griffin will ask for feedback from the community in the Wave. It was determined the curfew and the golf carts are a separate issue, and will be dealt as such. Harry Ritson will write about this in the September newsletter.

**Fences:** The Board discussed fences centered around a report Harry Ritson distributed to the Board, which included a set of guidelines that had been created when the original ordinance was created. There have been no records of where fences existed and in some cases fences simply have gone unnoticed when they were erected. It was decided based on a set of maps developed during the sewer project that show nearly all the fences, walls and shrubs that are in place throughout POW will give Ken Russell guidance if a new fence is put in place in the future and develop a process to grant exceptions based on the original guidelines. Ken Russell and David Tousignant will get together to determine who has built walls on POW property.

**Long Range Planning:** Greg McKenna provided the Board with a draft of a survey regarding the character of POW, which edits were made. The Board discussed the best method to distribute the survey, which will be mailed with the September newsletter and available on the website, with a response date of November 1, 2011. A sample summary of what an Architectural Review Board would entail for the community was reviewed, and the Board was asked to review this and to provide feedback to Mr. McKenna prior to the next meeting.

**Golf Carts:** The Cassaroto household requested the Board to repeal two tickets issued to the household for golf cart violations, one for overloading the cart and the other ticket for under-age/ unlicensed driver. Kathy McKeough will request from the Cassaroto household a copy of the driver's license of the individual that occupied the cart with two other people. Bill Griffin motioned to table

both requests until such time to see whether the resident produces a driver's license or not. David Tousignant seconded the motion. The Board concluded this will be decided at a future date. So voted, Fred Callahan voted no, Bill Griffin, Beth Kelly, Greg McKenna, Bud Phelps, Harry Ritson, David Tousignant voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Fred Callahan received a request from a resident to rescind a fine imposed on a son that yelled at security. The Board discussed the incident. Fred Callahan motioned to uphold the fine. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried. It was decided the Board will discuss security at the September or October meeting.

Boat: Fred Callahan reported a resident has a Zodiac for sale and POW will need a boat because Jeff no longer has a boat. This was tabled for the September meeting, if it becomes urgent an emergency meeting will be called.

Newsletter: Harry Ritson requested newsletter submissions be in by September 15, 2011.

### **Reports:**

**Commissioners Reports:** Available upon request

### **Correspondence/Communication Update:**

Citizen Speak:

Peter Barakos 47 Sea View Rd., requests that security be supplied a to-so list. He supports an 11:00 PM curfew. He reported that parents are allowing their underage children drive the golf carts; that POW is an amazing place but that it is going down. He advised a lawyer approve anything the Board propose to make certain it was legal.

Sue Bookman, 12 Oak Rd., request the Board consider everyone when making decisions about golf carts and that not everyone be punished for the few. She suggested the rules be enforced. Any rules to preserve POW character should be simple and build from there as needed. She suggested an education push regarding why we have rules and what they are, to enforce the rules and publishing the names of those with violations because embarrassment goes a long way.

Lorriane Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd., inquired about the status of the burnt house on Connecticut Rd. Kathy McKeough reported she had to follow up with it but that the town had been there and said they would condemn the home.

Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Rd., inquired where sandbags could be obtained. It was reported they were at the Town of Old Lyme Garage.

Sue Bookman, 12 Oak Rd., inquired about how they will know if they are evacuated. It was reported it would be announced from trucks and sirens would be sounded.

Adjournment: David Tousignant motioned to adjourn. Bud Phelps seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud