

**POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
July 27, 2012
6:30 -9:00
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Old Lyme, CT 06371**

Minutes

Type of Meeting: Regular – Association business
Secretary: Mary Ann Ruud
Board Attendees: Fred Callahan, Sandy Downs, Bill Griffin, Kathy McKeough, Bud Phelps, Peter Roberge, Ken Russell
Absent: Beth Kelly Greg McKenna and Mario Ciampi
Guest: POW attorney Jeff Longregan

Kathy McKeough called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. She reported the need to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Executive Session: Ken Russell motioned to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation. Bud Phelps seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 6:32 PM. Ken Russell motioned to exit executive session. Sandy Downs seconded the motion. So voted the motion carried. Executive session ended at 6:55PM. No votes were taken in executive session.

Consult with Attorney: The Board asked the POW attorney, Jeff Longregan, about golf carts traveling on non-POW Roads. It was determined a sign will be posted at the underpass that says “leaving POW property, “ this way people are aware they are on CT State roads where golf carts are not permitted.

Citizen Speak: Paula Barakos, 47 Seaview Rd., reported she had heard the security guards were not being paid on time and suggested that may be the reason the guards are not as attentive as they should. Fred Callahan will follow up with the security company. Ms. Barakos reported there were many dogs and cocktails on the beach. She also reported that the road had been widened and as a result has lost road side parking.

Lorraine Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd., reported increased incidents of eating and drinking on the beach. Fred Callahan reported that security is walking the beach and trying to catch them. Ms. Gibson reported they are hiding it and burying coolers. It was decided security should walk the beach every 15-20 minutes.

Barbara Kelly, 20 Massachusetts Rd., thanked everyone for getting the gate back up. She reported there was dog waste on the beach and yards. She also inquired whether she could install two vents to ventilate air through her home. She was informed it was not emergency work and therefore could not be done until the fall.

Peter Barakos, 47 Seaview Rd., inquired why speed bumps are not installed throughout POW. It was reported that someone was hurt and a car damaged and were sued as a result. It also makes plowing in winter very difficult. He also inquired why not create a volunteer group to walk the beach to enforce the beach rules. It was reported the Board did not want to take that role and they too are there to enjoy the beach. He volunteered is own time, Fred Callahan reported this would not be well received.

Marilyn Stitham, 49 Ridgewood Rd., reported the Wave submissions are needed by this weekend.

Approve Agenda: Ken Russell motioned to approve the agenda. Peter Roberge seconded the motion. Swim lines, fireworks and security/enforcement were added to the agenda. So voted, the amended agenda passed.

Secretary's Report: Bud Phelps motioned to approve the June 22, 2012 minutes. Ken Russell seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Ciampi emailed the financial report. If there are questions they should be directed to him. The Board discussed what the payroll reimbursement were and it was determined that the WPCA had reimbursed Jeff's hours.

Decisions and Discussion:

Recreation Events: The Board discussed the role of alcohol at the POW sanctioned events and whether it should be permitted. The Board concluded that no alcohol should ever be permitted at family events and that all events must individually be brought before the Board for consideration and approved. The Board discussed solutions, including O.L Police involvement and possibly hiring them to help. The need to ticket violations was stressed. Clear communication to the community what is permitted and not permitted is critical. Ken Russell motioned to allow picnics and alcohol, subject to: no glass, metal or coolers larger than a six pack. Bill Griffin seconded the motion. The Board discussed the motion and decided the motion should be amended. Ken Russell motioned to amend the motion to be: At the reggae concert to allow picnics and alcohol, subject to no glass. Peter Roberge seconded the motion. So voted, Fred Callahan voted no. Sandy Downs, Bill Griffin, Kathy McKeough, Bud Phelps, Peter Roberge, Ken Russell voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried. It was suggested that security check coolers as individuals enter the beach at a controlled entrance to help compliance.

Ratify Hammer Law exceptions: Ken Russell had no hammer law exceptions to ratify.

Purchase of riding mower: Bud Phelps reported the lawn mower was broken and needed to be replaced. The quotes he had obtained were around \$9000. The Board discussed the mower and the type being purchased. Bud Phelps motioned to purchase a lawn mower not to exceed \$9500 subject to the allowance of the funds from the treasurer. Ken Russell seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried.

Federation of Beaches appointment: Kathy McKeough reported the Federation of Beaches was requesting two representatives. Sandy Downs volunteered to fulfill the role, along with the current representative Fred Callahan. Fred Callahan reported the next meeting is the last Saturday in August at the Soundview Community Room.

Summer update: The Board discussed the Boat Basin and the landscaping surrounding it. Bud Phelps will have Jeff clear cut the area. The Board discussed the need for personnel to work independently on projects.

Swim Lines: The swim lines were damaged when the boat became tangled in the lines, repairs are estimated to cost upwards of \$800. The Board concluded they will send a letter to the boat owner asking to split the cost of the expense.

Fireworks: Ken Russell reported he had investigated having a private company hold a fireworks show at POW. It would require POW support because the community would have to agree to sign a

contract but that he thought he could obtain private funding for the actual fireworks. The Board discussed the proposal and the consensus was that this should not be pursued.

Security: The Board discussed security and its ability to enforce the ordinances. The Board discussed the barriers and their effectiveness. The Board discussed hiring OL Lyme Police for overtime at POW, this will be requested early in the start of 2013. Security will be increased to three guards on the weekend and four guards for the concerts. Those that are abusive to our guards will have the police called on them.

Correspondence/Communication Update: none read

Citizen Speak: Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Rd., reported that people hide coolers and only enter them when safe to do so. They must be watched to catch them. She reported that once eating and drinking at the events was allowed it has opened it up to the day time violations.

Lorraine Gibson, 45 Connecticut Rd., reported the need for security to actually look to find violations. The Board concluded that security must enforce so that others comply.

Peter Barakos, 47 Seaview Rd., supported getting OL Police involved; he suggested no more concerts and suggested the Board reconsider speed bumps.

Barbara Kelly, 20 Massachusetts Rd. suggested getting the community involved and inquired whether POW had emails of residents. It was reported we had no email records.

Adjournment: Bill Griffin motioned to adjourn. Ken Russell seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Ruud