

**MINUTES
POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
5/15/09– 7:00-10:00
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Old Lyme, CT 06371**

AGENDA

Type of Meeting: Regular – Association business/Budget Review
Secretary: Mary Ann Ruud
Attendees: Susan Bookman, Fred Callahan, Beth Kelly, Kathy McKeough, Mark Peterson, Harry Ritson, Mark Stankiewicz, and David Tousignant
Absent: Joseph Sopczyński

Agenda Changes: The beach cleaning contract was added to discussions and to vote on the contract. Voting on the POW auditor was added after the budget. The discussion of the retention of an engineer was moved before the Board nominations to allow Rob Pryblo to leave early. The Federation of Beaches was moved before Citizen Speak to allow the guests to leave early.

Federation of Beaches: Paul Rowean, the President of the Federation of Beaches, and Scott Boulanger a Board member of the Federation of Beaches, reported to the Board an update of the Federation's activities. The Federation has a renewed desire to establish a positive working relationship with the Town of Old Lyme and the beach communities. The State Police have offered a direct cell phone number to their officers if the beach communities use the same security company and had uniform rules. A committee has been established to review each community's rules and security needs, which Fred Callahan will be active. LymeLine.com has offered to provide a page for beach community events and announcements, a committee is being set up to coordinate this. The Federation of Beach bought an ATV for the Town of Old Lyme for their use for patrols and emergency response which has been enthusiastically received and used. The Federation encouraged residents to join federation committees.

Citizen Speak: Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Road, inquired whether money from the Town of Old Lyme had been received, which was reported that it had been received.

Richard Burlingham, 16 Walnut Road, requested that the graffiti be painted. Beth Kelly reported that the owners of the wall are determining the best method to remove it, whether by sandblasting or painting. Mr. Burlingham also requested that street parking be addressed because certain privileges that had been granted were being abused and making it difficult to navigate certain areas of the community. Kathy McKeough will investigate what the original terms of the parking agreement with the residents were and Richard and Doris Burlingham will report a list of problem areas and cars for the new Security Commissioner to address.

Marilyn Stitham, 49 Ridgewood Road, inquired whether the owner's of the residence that burned would be removing the furniture from the front yard. Mark Stankiewicz reported that due to asbestos on the property it required specific removal procedures and it was being knocked down before the hammer law goes into affect.

Secretary's Report: Susan Bookman moved to approve the April 17, 2009 minutes as written. Mark Stankiewicz seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous. The May 2, 2009 can not be approved by the Board but will be presented to the community for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Decisions: Association: The Board discussed the retention of an engineer for the Association to assist with DEP approvals. Fred Callahan moved to appoint Robert Prybylo as the engineer of record for POW. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. Gary Sharp is currently handling the acquisition of permits on behalf of POW. The board discussed the status of these permits, the effectiveness of the process and whether to continue with his firm's services. Robert Prybylo credentials were reviewed and discussed. It was decided the Board would allow Gary Sharp's firm answer for their behavior and determine from there whether to continue with their services. Fred Callahan rescinded his motion to

appoint Robert Prybylo engineer on record for POW. Susan Bookman rescinding her seconding the motion.

Kathy McKeough reported an email had been received from a resident, Cheryl Salvatore, stating she was very impressed with Paganeli and with the overall sewer project.

Board Nominations: Lorraine Gibson presented to the Board a list of candidates to approve for the Annual Meeting election. Beth Kelly and Fred Callahan are seeking re-election and Joe Martin is seeking election. No other residents expressed an interest in serving on the Board. Mark Peterson moved to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee of Beth Kelly, Fred Callahan and Joseph Martin be presented to the community at the Annual Meeting for election. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Ordinances: Susan Bookman presented the Board golf cart regulations. These regulations will be used for one year and depending on their success will be continued or an outright ban of golf carts if ineffective. The majority of the regulations are motor vehicles regulations, which golf carts fall under. The golf cart owners will be required to agree to follow the regulations by signing a copy of them. "It is the responsibility of the golf cart owners to ensure the safety of its occupants" will be added to the regulations. A registration price of \$20 will be collected to offset some of the costs of the registration numbers and enforcement of the rules. The fines will be the same of that of motor vehicles. Susan Bookman will email Attorney Tom McGarry language for the regulations that will state POW can not be held liable for any golf cart related misuse, accident or any mishap pertaining to the use of golf carts. Joseph Martin submitted a letter to the Board stating if golf carts are banned they be permitted for those with disabilities, persons over the age of 65 and those infirmed. Beth Kelly motioned to approve the golf cart regulations as amended to be included in the Annual Call. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Current POW fines were distributed to the Board for review. After a discussion it was decided the fine for parking at the beach with no sticker should be increased to \$50. Beth Kelly motioned to approve the increase of the fine for parking at the beach with no sticker to \$50. Fred Callahan seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

The minimum fine that can be imposed is currently \$25, it was proposed it be increased to \$50. Mark Stankiewicz motioned to present to the community at the Annual Call the ordinance change under "Penalties" page 44 title 4, chapter 2, section 3, to increase the amount of \$25 to \$50. Fred Callahan seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Beth Kelly motioned to approve the POW 2009-2010 ordinance fines as amended. Fred Callahan seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Annual Meeting: Kathy McKeough distributed a draft of the Annual Call. The budget, May meeting minutes, and WCPA report will be added. The Board offered additions and changes to the agenda and contact information of the Board.

The ordinance change pertaining to draining water on the street was approved at the April 17th meeting pending legal approval. Attorney McGarry opinion was it was too vague. The Board decided that this ordinance change could be delayed and dealt with any problems on case by case bases. Since legal approval was not achieved for the ordinance change stating: "Water or drainage of any type is prohibited from being pumped or discharged by any means (other than natural flow) onto POW roads or any public areas within POW," it would be tabled.

Harry Ritson motioned to table the President's stipend discussion and form a committee to investigate the subject. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Mark Peterson distributed the Treasurer's report. The WCPA has added \$22,000, which is a contingency item of a likely expense. There is a possibility that the pump stations may be activated and some residents could be hooked up into the sewer this fall, which would require a permit process and outside services may be needed to handle the permit process. Another change is the amount needed to transfer from the accumulated reserves. Initially it was \$69,002, with the \$22,000 added to the WCPA budget it would be \$91,002. The mil rate will remain 2.56. Harry Ritson moved to ratify the budget changes. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. Fred Callahan inquired

the status of his remaining budget. Mark Stankiewicz inquired whether the Commissioner or the Board established raises. Specifically Doris and Richard Burlingham would like raise this year. The Board determined this was a subject for executive session as this was a personnel issue. The Board voted on the motion to ratify the budget. So voted, vote was unanimous. Mark Peterson reported a typo on the Summary Total page on the dates. It should read July 2008- March 31, 2009 and April 1-June 30th.

Mark Peterson reported the need to notify the State who POW auditor is. Mark Peterson moved to appoint Robert Rouleau, of Bolton CT, as the POW auditor for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Beach Contract: Two bids were submitted for consideration for the beach cleaning contract. Ludlow's bid was four days a week at \$120 a day, for a total of \$11,520. Lodi Beach Cleaning Service could not do seven days a week. Plaut Environment's bid was for seven days a week for \$10,800 and three days a week in September. Fred Callahan motioned Plaut Environmental be awarded the beach cleaning contract for the 2009 beach season for the price of \$10,800 seven days a week through Labor Day. David Tousignant seconded the motion. A discussion concerning the dumping of seaweed took place and Plaut Environmental will charge POW the fees he is charged. He was not charged last year to dump seaweed and did not foresee being charged this year. A vote was taken on the beach cleaning contract, so voted, Beth Kelly abstained. The motion passed.

Security Contract: Security starts May 22, 2009 and will be full time June 22, 2009. The price for the security services are the same as last year. Mark Peterson moved to approve ACE Security the 2009-2010 security contract. David Tousignant seconded the motion. So voted, vote was unanimous.

Citizen Speak: Mary Berry, 67 Connecticut Road, informed the Board her husband, Ron, had been given keys by Connecticut Water. Residents called Connecticut Water complaining that Ron would profit from having the keys charging people access. Ron has since given the keys to Kathy Aldridge. It was not his desire to profit from having the keys but wanted to help. Keys can be obtained from Connecticut Water for \$40 each which residents are encouraged to purchase.

Executive Session: The Board entered executive session at 9:38 to discuss Stanhope Beach and a personnel issue. 10:00 executive session ended.

Adjournment Fred Callahan motioned to adjourn; David Tousignant seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ruud
Secretary