

**POINT O'WOODS
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
September 17, 2010– 7:00-10:00PM
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Old Lyme, CT 06371**

MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Regular – Association business
Secretary: Mary Ann Ruud
Attendees: Susan Bookman, Fred Callahan, Beth Kelly, Kathy McKeough, Mark Peterson,
Bud Phelps, Ken Russell, Harry Ritson
Absent: David Tousignant

Agenda: Susan Bookman motioned to approve the agenda. Harry Ritson seconded the motion. Kathy McKeough requested the replacement of the treasurer be added, taxes added to the discussion, and a letter from Oakridge President.

Citizen Speak: Mary Lennon, 48 Ridgewood Rd, reported that the emergency generator did kick in when the POW power was lost.

Secretary's Report: Harry Ritson motioned to approve the August 5, 2010 Special Meeting minutes. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. So voted, motion carried. Ken Russell motioned to approve the August 20, 2010 meeting minutes. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. A name correction was made. So voted, the minutes were approved as amended.

Decisions:

The Board discussed the leaf pickup and the options available for the service. Bud Phelps will be investigating and putting the service into action. Bud Phelps motioned to continue leaf pick-up for the 2010 season. Susan Bookman seconded the motion. Harry Ritson requested the motion be amended to add the service will be provided if the cost does not exceed \$3000, the Town of Old Lyme is not offering the service and Town of Old Lyme will offer the reduced dumping price for the leaf disposal. So voted on the amended motion, the motion carried.

Discussion

Ordinance Enforcement: Fred Callahan will follow up with the CT DMV as to whether they will supply the registration information of those individuals that have outstanding fines in POW and whether an outstanding fine with POW can restrict their state car registration. It was suggested that fine be increased after a time period if a fine goes unpaid to cover the expense of having to search for the identity of the person fined. Ken Russell and Fred Callahan will coordinate their efforts to plan a better method to collect fines. Fred Callahan reported the fine collection was improved this past summer.

Discuss Restoration List: Kathy McKeough distributed a punch list of remaining items for the Paganelli team to complete prior to leaving POW. The Board added a few items and it was requested that members of the community notify her prior to the end of the weekend if they had any concerns not addressed on the list.

October Newsletter: Kathy McKeough requested the commissioners please submit a paragraph of any items they would like to address in the letter by October 1, 2010. The letter will cover the need for members of the community to volunteer for the POW Board and the WPCA Board among other important activities in the community.

Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony Sewer Plans: Kathy McKeough reported that the Town of Old Lyme is may be requiring these communities to upgrade their septic systems sometime in the future. The Board discussed what these communities were requesting and what would be asked of POW by the DEP or other agencies. Kathy McKeough will be meeting the Presidents of these communities on a fact finding mission and will report her findings to the Board.

Winter Security: Fred Callahan reported that three security officers had been hired for the winter, with plans to hire one additional person. They are doing an evening patrol. The entrance into the parking lot by Ridgewood will be closed, forcing traffic to enter near Frascarelli's. This will allow for easier monitoring of the area.

The Board discussed the alcohol policy during large POW events. In the future the Board will communicate to the community and the commissioners so that they can coordinate their efforts to manage the events as needed. The Board will review each event on case by case bases and vote what will be allowed on each date.

Tennis Court Restoration: Beth Kelly reported that the stone wall is completed. There is additional masonry work to be completed, which different contractors are being considered. Beth Kelly's investigation into the other masonry work is indicating the work will likely cost under \$25,000. Planting around the station will be in place in the fall. The Board discussed the landscaping around the pump station, which Paganelli is under contract to restore, and the arrangement that had been made to cover the cost of the stone wall. Kathy McKeough will inquire whether a change order can do done to the Paganelli contract to cover the cost of the stone wall rather than the landscaping. The Clendenan's have requested that steps be re-installed because the grass is slippery and their son has a great deal of difficulty navigating the area without the steps. Beth Kelly will look further into the area and the potential costs of completing the project.

Pagenelli and Beth Kelly are working together to repair the damaged area of the court. To regularly maintain a tennis court it should be re-surfaced every 3-5 years depending on the use and condition. Beth Kelly will inquire whether Pagenelli will allow the entire court be resurfaced with POW covering 1/3 of the cost and they covering the remaining since the area to be repaired will require half the court be resurfaced. Bids for the north side project range between \$19,000-36,000.

Town of Old Lyme Taxes: Kathy McKeough reported that many people in the community have voiced their dissatisfaction with the increases in the Town taxes. The Board supported Kathy McKeough becoming active in advocating a lower tax rate for POW residents. The presidents of the Beach communities are meeting to coordinate their efforts, which Kathy will inquire what their agenda is and when they plan to meet.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Peterson distributed the monthly statements. Invoices are being received late this summer and will appear in the statements in an unusual time. The financial statements for the 2010 fiscal year should be closed by next week. 90% of the tax receivables have been paid and thought that they had collected \$128,000 of the total sewer assessments invoices have been received. Gothie, Hoyt & Filippetti LLC, the contracted auditing firm, will have the files for the 2010 year shortly. Three candidates have expressed an interest in the treasurer position: Mario Ciampi, Lisa Houff and Hugh Hunter. The three will be interviewed by Mark and Kathy. They will make a suggestion at the following meeting.

Commissioners Reports: Road's was the only report submitted. David Tousignant's written report stated he would be meeting with the DEP on September 30, 2010.

Harry Ritson reported that the parking and the dredging DEP permit requests had yet to be submitted. The dredging project has looming questions, the samples from the boat basin, where to put the sand when it comes out and how long it has to dry.

Correspondence/Communication Update: An email from the Oakridge president was sent to Kathy McKeough at the end of August reporting an incident on the train track. Three teenagers were stopped by Amtrak security. The names obtained from the security were the same names that were found the next day in vandalism in the bridge. The teenagers told security they were from POW, but fled before any charges were filed. The teens could not be located. The POW Board will contact Amtrak to request they close holes in the fence to prevent trespassing on the tracks and request they place attention getting signs. In the back and forth exchange with the Oakridge president, Kathy McKeough inquired whether the Oakridge Board were prepared to come to a long term solution on the beach, which he reported not at this time.

Kathy McKeough reported receiving various emails regarding year around use. It was reported to her that there is a resident, Ken Munson, who is joining other residents to obtain legal advice concerning year around status.

New Business: Unfinished Business Fred Callahan reported that the emergency entrance into POW is not passable. Fred Callahan will be in touch with the fire department to determine what their alternate plan is if the main entrance into POW is impassable.

The cell phone tower status is still officially unknown but is rumored to have passed. Lina Tuck will be contacted to obtain an official status.

The kayak mooring line held through the high tides and is considered a success. The fees will be evaluated for next year.

Susan Bookman inquired whether special permission was required to hold weddings on the beach, as her niece would like to get married on the beach next August. Ken Russell will investigate whether this is a special use and get back to Susan.

Beth Kelly reported a problem of individuals tying jet skis to the swim line. A sign will be posted on the buoy. Harry Ritson will consider this and propose a solution at a future meeting.

Kathy McKeough reported a need to address parking lot attendants at the next meeting.

Fred Callahan reported that contractors and construction vehicles are parking in the street. Jeff will be asked to enforce the parking ordinance by ticketing unattended vehicles and requesting that they be moved if there is someone available.

Citizen Speak: none.

Adjournment: Harry Ritson motioned to adjourn. Ken Russell seconded the motion. So voted, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Ruud

