



From the President

By the time you read this newsletter, seasonal cottages will be buttoned up for the winter, and most of the people around Point O' Woods will be year-round residents. This past summer residents of Point O' Woods and their guests enjoyed terrific weather, comfortable water temperatures, great use of personal watercraft and other boating recreation.

The character of Point O' Woods is changing, as more cottages are converted to year-round homes. The Board of Governors may consider changes in how we deal with the Building & Construction Ordinance, often referred to as the "hammer law", including the handling of requests for exemptions. We need to think about that and what it may mean in terms of how we operate and provide for safety and security with more winter residents.

At the Board Meetings this year, we have made use of audiovisual technology and teleconferencing for Board members unable to be physically at the meeting. We are finding it more difficult to locate meeting rooms for Board meetings, due to less availability of the Library community room. This is good news for Old Lyme since the Library is offering more programs for the community, but for us, we need to find alternate facilities that provide the space and technology support we now require. Some of these locations have a fee for use of the facility.

A couple of topics that came before the Board recently were banning smoking on the main beach and construction of a clubhouse in Anderson Park. If you have strong feelings about these topics, please make your feelings known to Board members.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of Point O' Woods, the Board will be working with the Women's Club to plan a celebration in 2019. We're not yet sure how this will be organized, but if you're interested in participating in the planning, please contact the Women's Club or the Board.

The Board was approached by the Women's Club, requesting use of association property on Hillcrest Rd. at the corner of Sargent Rd. as a possible location for a bocce court. This piece of property has been used for recreation purposes over the years and has served as the 'old tennis court', a horseshoe pit and basketball court. The Board was supportive of the request and they are exploring the idea and possible use.

This past summer marked the end of the traditional recreation program that's been run for years due to rising insurance cost and declining participation. Individual activities will continue to be run – just not the day program.

Wishing you a healthy, happy winter and safe return to Point O' Woods in the spring.

Carl Filios, President Board of Governors

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Keeping Your Address Current

The **2018 Annual Meeting will be held June 2, 2018**. The Call of the Annual Meeting with the meeting agenda, Commissioners' reports, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes, 2018 financial report and budget will be mailed on, or about, May 19, 2018 to the addresses in the POW database.

POW Association tax bills are sent to the addresses on record at the Old Lyme Assessor's Office. This past May, property owners had an opportunity to update their information when they picked up their parking stickers. We will repeat this process annually so we are continuously improving our records. The database has proven successful in streamlining several processes. Please make sure we have your current address, it helps the flow. It is a continuous effort to track property transfers, and modify mailing addresses.

When you update your address, be certain to notify all of the following:

1. Old Lyme Town Assessor's office,
2. WPCA at P.O.BOX 186, South Lyme, CT 06376
3. POW Administration Office at any of the following:
 - a. (860) 434-5686
 - b. Email powoffice@att.net
 - c. The POW website also has an online form for address update at: pointowoodsct.com



2018 Board Meeting Schedule

- **March 27**
- **April 10 Budget Workshop**
- **April 24**
- **May 22**
- **June 26**
- **July 24**
- **August 28**
- **September 25**
- **October 23**
- **November 13**

The monthly board meetings are usually held at Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme, CT. Meeting location can change so check the published agenda on the bulletin boards or the website. Meetings begin at 6:30PM, and POW residents are encouraged to attend.

Annual Meeting June 2, 2018

Beach

It is hard to believe that another summer has come to a close. While it took some time for summer to arrive there were some great beach days and many residents enjoyed our beach at POW. Our beach was in good condition as a result of the work by Al Bond for grading the beach in early May, followed by daily grooming by Harry Plaut Environmental. All of our swim lines, buoys, swim raft and safety lines were in good working condition and have now been removed for the winter months. Constant monitoring and maintenance continues to be performed by Rick Frascarelli who also sets up, removes and stores the boat racks and winterizes the water supply to the beach. Thanks to Rick, Al, and Harry for their continued dedication to making our beach exceptional.

Some issues that are being discussed are the height of the dune vegetation and the number of boats on the beach. The Board is discussing annual maintenance of the dune vegetation to be sure that it continues to thrive but that it is kept at a reasonable height so that it doesn't block the views of residents on Champion Road. The paddleboard rack was at full capacity. Lou Patria has graciously offered to design and build an additional mixed use kayak/paddleboard rack to reduce the number of boats lying on the sand. Visit our website for further developments regarding the Boats on the Beach program. Enrollment will start April 1 for the 2018 season on a first come first serve basis again.

Recommendations and comments for the future and beautification of our beach are always considered and welcome.

Hope all of your holidays are healthy and happy.

Randy McHugh, Beach Commissioner

Grounds

The summer season has come and gone. The grounds at Point O'Woods have been beautifully maintained by our hard working grounds crew of head maintenance Rick Frascarelli and his assistant Tom Cretens. They will soon put away the mowers and turn to leaf removal. Roadside leaf pick up is from Monday November 13 through Friday December 18. Remember, ***paper bags only!***

Although it is too early to think snow, our plow and sander have been serviced and are ready for whatever this winter brings. At the request of the trash removal vehicles that service homes in POW, we will trim branches that hang low over our roads and interfere with their trucks.

We had only one large problem this season and that was blockage of the storm drain on Connecticut Road that caused some major area flooding. A new catch basin was installed, preventing future damage.

For those of you that have left or are planning to leave for the season, enjoy your time away and know that the grounds crew will make sure everything is in great condition upon your return for the summer of 2018!

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Phelps, Grounds Commissioner

Boat Basin



The boat basin did well with no major problems this past summer season. We will be getting prices to dredge the channel past the wooden bridge. Winter work is scheduled to replace ladders and secure the fence on the western side. The poles that were damaged by boats left in the boat basin during storms will be replaced in the spring.

Due to the amount of damage done from high winds we will be looking into a new regulation that after September 15th boats will have to be removed if a storm is forecast.

Reminder that all Boat Basin wait list applications for 2018 season should have been submitted by November 15th.

The renewals for slip holders will be mailed out in February and are due back by March 15, 2018 along with a copy of your CT registration and check made payable to Point O'Woods Association, and mailed to PO Box 152, South Lyme, CT 06376.

Pete Roberge, Boat Basin Commissioner

Ordinance

Another summer has come to an end and we are at the height and splendor of autumn. The beautiful trees that makes Point O'Woods so unique certainly gives many of us residents pause as we clean up those falling autumn leaves! Please remember as you clear your leaves off your property do not place them in the street or on other Point O'Woods property. There is a fine of \$250 plus clean-up fee for any leaves that Point O'Woods must clean up and remove. Leaves can be put into brown leaf recyclable collection bags and left on your curb prior to December 18th and they will be collected by our maintenance crew.

Although it is off season many POW Ordinances still apply. The ordinances can be viewed online at www.pointowoodst.com click on Security and the complete list is in the drop down box. A select few ordinances are “seasonal” but most still apply year round. No parking on the street is one of the ordinances that remain in effect throughout the year; parking cars, boats or placing dumpsters on roads off season is still prohibited. If you have a construction project that will be done during the off season please make your contractors aware of this rule and tell them not to block the street with vehicles. If you have a major project and will have a lot of heavy construction vehicles, please contact the security commissioner to discuss.

As you are planning and starting your off-season construction projects please remember that the “No Construction Ordinance” goes into effect at midnight on June 24th and stays in effect until Labor Day; no construction can be completed during this time, so plan your projects accordingly. A “No Hammer Extension” can only be granted for emergency situations that are unpredictable, not poor planning or a contractor that did not meet the deadline. Let your contractors know these dates in advance and monitor the project as it progresses to make sure they are meeting the deadline.

Please remember that we have a “No Fence Ordinance” and even a small fence is still a fence.

A living hedge is allowed, will act just as well as a fence, look beautiful to your friends and neighbors and add to the charm that we have all come to treasure as residents of Point O’Woods! Let’s build good neighbors, not fences!

A reminder as you list your properties for sale with a real estate agency that we have a size requirement that all signs must be 4 square feet or less and only one real estate sign per property is allowed. The small rider signs that hang off the real estate sign are considered additional signage, please make your real estate agent aware of this at the time you sign the agreement. A fine is associated with this and as the homeowner you are the responsible party and not the agent.

Have a safe winter!

Faith Weiss, Ordinance Commissioner

Recreation



Summer 2017 provided our community with a variety of music. The boardwalk was rocking on Saturday nights with 7 concerts ranging from blues to reggae to classic rock and family bands. A great time was had by all.

Halloween July 31 continues to be a summer highlight. The Halloween party at the pavilion is always a fun time with raffles, cookies and our first costume contest. Thank you to the residents who opened their houses and making the trick-or-treat route festive.

Weekly movies, bingo and beach games continue to entertain and remain popular. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the morning recreation program which, despite changes, had an extremely low enrollment. We started the season with a 3-day program with 2 counselors. Average daily attendance for July was less than 8 with one week only one child attending. The Board decided that with the rising cost of insurance for the program, and lack of community participation, it was best to cancel the morning program so it terminated August 1, 2017.

On a brighter note, work will begin this fall on a new basketball court with full completion for spring 2018. It will replace the existing court that has developed a number of sink holes and uneven playing surface making the court dangerous. A drainage system will be installed along with a new court surface system.

The tennis courts will be cleaned and re-painted to be ready for spring 2018 as well.

The pavilion may be reserved for private parties when it is not being used by Recreation, Women’s Club, or the Board of Governors. Usage guidelines are described on

the website. There is a reservation form you must complete, submit to the office and await confirmation from the Board.

If anyone has suggestions for summer 2018, please contact me.

Beth Kelly, Recreation Commissioner

Roads

The roads at Point O' Woods are in good shape and Rick Frascarelli is working hard to make sure our winter maintenance equipment is up and running and ready for ice and snow. The resurfaced parking lot held up well over this season and we will continue to monitor it. There will be some tree trimming and some of the drains will be cleaned out in preparation for the upcoming winter.

There was some vandalism to some of the speed barriers, which were repaired, and several new ones were built. We will continue to explore our options regarding speed bumps.

There have been some issues with people planting trees close to the road this season. Please remember that POW property extends to at least the property line that the electrical poles are in. A small sapling planted near the road will turn into a pruning issue within several years and potentially damage the road. Please make sure that all new trees are planted a sufficient distance from the road and not on POW property.

Michael Aron MD, Roads Commissioner

Security

Security is happy to announce that we had a great summer and had no major issues during the 2017 season. We are prepared and ready for the winter season. The Old Lyme Police Department will be doing daily night time patrol checks at POW for the winter. Rick Frascarelli our POW maintenance person will be our daytime security person, again. He is also our winter resident eyes and ears at all hours of the day and night. However, to avoid temptation please put away and secure all valuables such as stainless steel grills, lock all boat trailers etc. If you do come down to check on your property during the winter months the maintenance

garage has a public bathroom attached to it which is open all winter.

Our new high tech security cameras at the entrance and exit have been checked and are operating at 100% efficiency.

As always if you have any security concerns please feel free to contact me at any time at 860-209-2944 or 860-434-7340.

In closing, I want to thank all of our POW residents. You made my job easy this past summer by respecting and adhering to our association ordinances and rules. Remember that all of our ordinances and rules have been approved and voted on by our residents at an annual meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your security commissioner for the past 12 years.

Fred Callahan, Security Commissioner



Federation of OL Beaches

Point O' Woods has been a member of the Old Lyme Federation of Beaches since the Federation was founded. Our current delegate and a Director of the Federation is Fred Callahan. The Federation membership includes representatives from other beach communities including Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony Beach, Miami Beach, Black Hall, Sound View Beach, Hawks Nest Association, and White Sands Beach. Scott Boulanger of Miami Beach is the current President of OLFB.

The Federation's mission is to ensure a positive and beneficial existence in the Town of Old Lyme through

communications with town government, community promotion, voter information on issues or candidates, as well as positive neighborhood and community relations. They were instrumental in efforts to regain property owners' rights to winterize cottages and address safety and security issues for the beach communities.

At the OLFB Annual Meeting the Federation identified the following interests and issues:

- OLFB has a treasury of \$20,000
- Have a stronger voice in OL town politics
- Increase influence through voting in town elections
- Seeking new members
- Strengthen the Foundation
- Improve boat patrols and jet ski enforcement along the coastline
- Wastewater removal at Miami Beach, Old Colony and OL Shores

Point O' Woods has benefited by involvement in the Federation and will continue to be a member and engage in efforts that benefit the beach communities. Point O' Woods contributes annually to be a member, but the last two years the OLFB has refunded ½ of the annual dues.

Old Lyme Police

The Old Lyme Police Force consists of a Resident CT State Trooper who functions as the day-to-day manager and team leader. There are 6 Old Lyme Police Officers full-time, and two part-time officers. Kazimera Morse is the new Resident State Trooper. The Old Lyme Police is once again at full strength, having gone over a year without filling two police billets. We are happy that they are more prepared to tackle the increased need for policing services in the summer months, particularly in Sound View.

Shoreline Waste Water Treatment

Three Old Lyme beach associations have formed WPCA's and agreed to work together under a municipal agreement to move forward with a sewer project similar to Point O' Woods WPCA. These beaches are Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony Beach, and Miami Beach Associations. The plan is for these beaches to complete a lease agreement for a pump station in Sound View (which is a community of Old Lyme and not a "private beach.") Sound View Beach and adjacent properties North of Rt. 1

may be included in the shoreline sewer project at some future date, which will require the approval of Old Lyme Selectmen and town resident voting at a Town Hall Meeting.

Old Lyme Health Services

Many of you may not be aware that the Town of Old Lyme has closed the Health and Sanitation Division and joined the Ledge Light Health District, which is a regional service for communities around New London County.

Wayne Buchanan, Vice President Board of Governors

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