

OLD COLONY BEACH CLUB ASSOCIATION
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013
LYME/OLD LYME MIDDLE SCHOOL, 53 LYME ST., OLD LYME, CT

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. Doug Whalen, Chairperson, began the meeting by introducing a new Board member, John Melonopoulous, who has taken over the responsibility of Public Works Director. John is replacing Sal Cancelliere who resigned from the Board of Governors for personal reasons earlier this year. Doug noted that a quorum is present and the meeting can conduct official business.

FY2014 Budget: A motion (Rich Kingston/Harry Plaut) was made to move this agenda item to New Business later in the meeting. The motion passed.

A moment of silence was held for Association members who passed away since last year and for those who are too sick to attend this meeting.

Approval of September 8, 2012 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes: A motion (Harry Plaut/Jerry Brocki) was made to accept the September 8, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

Board of Director's report:

Chairman's Report: Doug Whalen asked for the consideration of all members to follow OCBCA rules and regulations.

Treasurer's Report: Don DuBaldo presented the 2013 Treasurers Report for the period July 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Revenue for that period total \$153,678.79 while current operating expenses total \$73,725.21. Capital Improvement expenses for this period total \$23,590. Total of all expenses total \$98,440.21. Most budget line items remain under budget.

Clerk's Report: Rich Kingston had nothing to report at this time.

Tax Collector: Harry Plaut reported that FY2012 has been a difficult year to collect taxes. Up until two weeks ago \$8,000 in delinquent taxes remained to be paid. As of this evening only one tax bill is still outstanding totaling less than \$1,000. Harry asked Association members to alert him if they have not received their tax bill in the next few weeks so he can address these issues.

Director of Public Works Report: John Melonopoulous reported on the recent street sanding. He is working with the Connecticut Water Company to ensure that the hydrants within the Association are properly maintained. John is making sure that all traffic signs remain unobstructed.

Director of Public Safety: Jerry Brocki spoke about the need to keep beach passes visible while on the beach so that Security may easily observe them. Jerry also asked beach goers to fill in any holes they might make on the beach before they leave for the day to prevent others from tripping over or falling into these holes. Jerry reported that the Old Lyme Police

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would begin patrolling our streets soon. Jerry reminded those present that golf carts need to be registered. The registrations are now a one time expense and do not expire. Jerry asked members to observe all speed limit and stop signs.

Entertainment Director: Ginny reported there will be a coffee social on the beach tomorrow at 9:00 AM. Movies on the beach start Saturday, June 29. On Saturday, July 6, Angelo Ruggiero will return for another "Music Under the Stars" performance. The Association Picnic and Raffle will be held Saturday, July 20. Tickets are \$8.00 and children five and under are free. Ginny has new clothing items which will be on sale at the Picnic.

Public Comment - One of the members remarked that the one-way streets are marked incorrectly. Doug explained that Grove and Maple are permanent one ways and are currently marked correctly.

Committee Reports:

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA): Doug reported that Joel Weisman, who had been Chairperson of the WPCA, has resigned. Frank Noe has taken on the role as Chairperson and a vacancy on the WPCA now needs to be filled. Frank began his presentation by introducing the members of the WPCA to the membership. Frank then reported on the progress of the WPCA to date. Negotiations with East Lyme, Waterford, and New London have been almost successfully completed. Once these negotiations are formally finalized a contract will be signed with Fuss & O'Neill to supervise and complete this project. Frank is hopeful that sanitary sewers will be in the ground by the fall of 2014 and completed by the end of 2016. Frank referred to a WPCA handout entitled, "Order of Magnitude Opinion of Capital and O&M Costs," which was made available to the membership before the meeting. Frank reported that the project remains on budget with an estimated individual annual household cost of \$1,800. Doug added that Old Colony's beach was recently closed on June 11 due to a high bacterial count after a storm. The beach was reopened on June 13. Although numerous neighboring beaches were closed for these two days Point of Woods, which has sewers, never had to be. Doug thanked Frank, Joel, and the rest of the WPCA for their continued efforts on the Association's behalf. Frank took questions from the floor. Frank reported that although the project is being shared with Old Lyme Shores the costs reflected in the handout are Old Colony Beach Club Association costs only. He also reported that the 6" pipe that was planned to carry waste has been changed to 8" in anticipation of the possibility that other beaches may want to join our system in the future. Frank explained what the town of Old Lyme is doing in regards to studying the feasibility of a community waste system for the beaches. Frank explained that the WPCA is moving forward regardless of the results of the town of Old Lyme's study.

Old Business:

FY2013 Emergency Appropriation – Doug explained that Super Storm Sandy caused extensive damage to the beach and the adjacent homes. Three bids were solicited for the necessary work to restore the beach. H.S. Plaut Environmental Services was awarded the contract and performed the required work. **A motion (Jerry Brocki/Richard Montano) was**

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made to approve an emergency appropriation under Article VIII, Section 2 of the OCBCA By-Laws in the amount of \$13,000 for beach regrading and major clean-up performed by H.S. Plaut Environmental Services, Inc. There was no discussion. The motion passes.

Update – Purtill Avenue Stub Lawsuit – Doug reported that Rich Kingston and Janet Montano have been working with Attorney Michael Cronin. We are using Attorney Cronin on the recommendation of our current attorneys Rome McGuigan. A trial has been scheduled for October 8th through October 10th by the New London County Court. Rich explained the background of the lawsuit. Although the Association purchased the Purtill Avenue road stub from the Sound View Land Company a land owner on Swan Avenue has claimed this property as his own. The Board is confident that the membership wants the Board to pursue this issue on their behalf. Doug thanked Janet Montano for all the work she has done on this issue.

Winter 2012 Snow Plowing – Doug reported that the winter snow plow company did a good job in its first year of plowing Association roads. The Association was able to remain under budget for this service.

Ban Smoking on the OCBCA Beach Area – A motion (Don DuBaldo/Dimitry Tolchinsky) was made to ban all smoking on the OCBCA beach area. To allow the OCBCA Board of Governors to identify up to three designated smoking areas near the beach entrances. Direct the Board of Governors to post no smoking signs at each entrance to the beach area. Direct the Board of Governors to place smoking containers in the designated smoking areas for disposal of smoking materials. Discussion by the members present followed. Much of the concern was about the difficulty of enforcement if this motion should be adopted. Members pointed out that people could smoke below the high tide water mark without any penalty. Other members were concerned about where the designated smoking areas would be placed. One of the members suggested that any ban of this type should be “eased into” with a future date of enforcement. Janet Montano moved the question. **The vote was 6 in favor and 27 opposed. The motion fails to pass.** Doug stated that the Board will consider putting up signs and smoking containers to encourage smokers to be considerate of others.

New Business:

FY 2014 Budget – Doug introduced the document entitled “Old Colony Beach Club Association proposed budget for FY2014 with FY 2013 balance to 5/31/2013.” This document was mailed to Association members with the agenda and other related meeting items ten days prior to the meeting. The Board is proposing continuing the current tax mil rate of 2.5 for Fiscal Year 2014. A new line item has been added to the budget for the WPCA for \$24,000. The bond issue was redeemed last year and the \$34,000 previously applied can now be designated to other needs such as the administrative costs of the WPCA. **A motion was made by (Robert Asal/Frank Nicotera) to approve the FY 2014 Budget as presented.** Discussion by the membership ensued. **The vote was 23 in favor and 6 opposed. The motion passes.**

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Sheffield Brook – Doug reported that the Board has been notified that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has project money available for small stream flooding repairs. The USDA may approve one hundred per cent funding for a project to reconstruct Sheffield Brook. The brook would be “daylighted” by removing the existing underground piping. The USDA would pay OCBCA for an easement on Sheffield Brook which would prevent OCBCA from working on the brook without USDA permission. If the Board is notified that the funds are available for this project the Board of Governors will return to the membership to determine if the Association wishes to pursue this project.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment: A motion (Marilyn Asal/Adele Antoniou) was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:05 PM.

Minutes recorded by:
Richard Kingston, Clerk

**Results of Voting at the June 22, 2013 Old Colony Beach Club Association
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