

**October 10, 2017**

**Old Colony Beach Club Association Board of Governors Meeting  
Gavin Cartiera's House, 24 Wedgewood Drive, Wethersfield, Ct**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Rich Kingston, Clerk, in the physical absence of Board Chairman Doug Whalen.

**ATTENDANCE:** Members present- Sonia Dudas (by phone), Gavin Cartiera, Joel Zimmerman, Doug Whalen (by phone), Steve Humes and Rich Kingston.

Member absent – Janet Montano.

No members of the public were present.

**Approval of the 9/12/2017 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made (Cartiera/Zimmerman) to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2017 Board of Governors meeting. The only change was noted by Janet Montano in an earlier e-mail that in the Chairman's report on page 1 the period for the GoDaddy renewal should have been two (2) years not "another year." There was no other discussion. The motion to accept the minutes passed with one abstention as Steve Humes did not attend the September 12 meeting.

**Treasurers Report (Janet Montano):** In Janet's absence a motion (Zimmerman/Humes) was made to table the Treasurer's Report until next month. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

**Action Items Update:** Rich reported that Action Item #37 (Develop a Records Retention Policy) continues to be a long term project that he will work on over the winter.

**Committee Reports-**

**Chairman's Report (Doug Whalen):** Doug announced that he had met with representatives of Eversource in August who informed him that a number of telephone poles will be replaced with new equipment attached to them. Eversource believes that the rate of electricity outages in our community is above average and our service needs to be improved. Eversource informed Doug that they will be cutting back tree branches eight feet from the new poles. Rich has already signed for approval of the removal of two trees in the Sheffield Brook area which would interfere with the new equipment. Doug encouraged all homeowners to grant permission for tree trimming if asked by Eversource personnel.

**Clerk's Report (Rich Kingston):** Rich has nothing to report.

**Tax Collector (Sonia Dudas):** Sonia reported that as of today four (4) Association members have not paid their FY2018 taxes totaling \$2,298.00. Sonia is continuing her collection efforts.

**Recreation (Gavin Cartiera):** Gavin had nothing to report.

**Public Safety (Steve Humes):** Steve reiterated his and Doug's concern about the poor performance of this summer's security service. Steve plans to bid the next year's security service contract to other firms earlier than he did last year. Doug asked Rich to get contact info for the security guard service that Miami Beach Association used this summer. Steve also reported that he is close to agreement with Eversource concerning the number and types of cameras and solar panels that the Association wishes to hang on street light poles.

**Public Works (Joel Zimmerman):** Joel reported that all contracted work has been completed including the removal of the swim buoys and the final cutting on Brookside Avenue. Joel reported that Montano and Sons has agreed to accept the Board's condition that contract renewal for one more year for the 2017/2018 winter will be based on his continuing last year's price. H.S. Plaut Environmental Services has not agreed to these terms and Nickerson Landscaping has yet to indicate their position on this matter. Joel is preparing bid documents for beach cleaning, swim buoys, and landscaping services.

**Sheffield Brook Project Progress Report** – Joel provided the Board with an update on the work on the upper portion of the Sheffield Brook Project. Joel believes that the work is about 99% complete with only plantings remaining to be done. Joel has been told that there is not a one year correction period in the contract between NRCS and Dichello Construction. Joel is doing additional research on this matter. Doug reported on the lower portion of the project. Doug read from an e-mail that he received from Mitch Buck of the Woods Hole Group regarding the progress of corrective actions that are being taken to bring the two groins into compliance with the Fuss & O'Neill's design. Mitch also reported that the \$4,000 budgeted by the Board for the Woods Hole Group has been expended. Mitch will provide more information regarding additional costs for his services. Doug will present this information to the Board at its November meeting. Joel reported that he would be meeting with Mitch this Thursday. Doug asked Joel to share the results of this meeting with the other Board members.

**WPCA Report** – Steve reported that the WPCA has received an intermittent stream of feedback in opposition to the currently proposed EDU definition. The WPCA has not yet had the opportunity as a body to discuss this feedback. The Board discussed the overall progress of this project in reference to the DEEP Consent Order deadline of December 2019. Doug informed the Board that the approval for the lease agreement for the pump station to be located in the Hartford Avenue parking lot will require a public hearing and a town vote. Doug reported that the Federation of Old Lyme Beaches has reserved funds to facilitate the voting of beach association members for such a town vote. Doug stated that Association member Pete Carnrick had sent him an e-mail that describes how a municipality in the state of Arizona handles the assigning of EDUs to a multi-family unit. Steve will forward this correspondence to the WPCA for its consideration.

**List of Fines for Infractions (New Charter)** – Rich stated that although the list of fines needs to be created there is no immediate time crunch to create this list. Doug will send out a list of fines that Point of Woods uses to assist Board members in this process. Doug also stated that the list of fines does not need general membership approval as the current ordinance which was already approved by the membership allows the Board to create a list of fines. Doug will provide a list of ordinances for the Board's next meeting which, when violated, require a fine.

**Stipends for Board of Governor Positions** – Doug suggested that every Board member should receive a stipend. Currently only the three officer positions receive an annual stipend of \$200. In addition Doug stated that he thinks that the Treasurer position should receive more than a \$200 annual stipend due to the amount of responsibility assigned to this office. Rich asked the Board to delay considering increasing the Treasurer's annual stipend until Janet Montano can be present to get her opinion. The Board agreed to wait. Rich will put this issue on next month's agenda. A motion (Whalen/Kingston) was made to give an annual stipend of \$200 to the four non-officer Board positions. As part of the discussion each of the three Directors present indicated that if they were given a stipend they would donate it back to the Association. They indicated that they consider their time given as voluntary and would not accept a stipend. As a result of this discussion Doug withdrew his motion.

**Other Old Business:** Joel asked if Board members can claim mileage on their income taxes as he had at the last meeting. Doug reported that our attorney has indicated that this is not appropriate.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**NEXT MEETING** - The next Board of Governor's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at Gavin Cartiera's House, 24 Wedgewood Drive, Wethersfield.

A motion (Zimmerman/Humes) was made to adjourn at 7:31 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Kingston  
Clerk  
October 19, 2017

Approved at January 9, 2018 Board of Governors Meeting

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OCBCA Board of Governors Meeting

**Results of Voting at the October 10, 2017 Old Colony Beach Club Association Board of Governors Meeting. Board of Governor members present- Sonia Dudas (by phone), Gavin Cartiera, Joel Zimmerman, Doug Whalen (by phone), Steve Humes and Rich Kingston.**

There were no formal votes taken at this meeting.