

OLD COLONY BEACH CLUB ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009
SOUND VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
OLD LYME, CT 06371

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER, 2008 MINUTES

OFFICER'S REPORTS:	CHAIRPERSON:	DOUG WHALEN
	CLERK:	NANCY ZIMMERMAN
	PUBLIC WORKS:	SCOTT BEARD
	RECREATION:	KAREN SYMOLON
	SECURITY:	JERRY BROCKI
	TAX COLLECTOR:	HARRY PLAUT
	TREASURER:	JANET MONTANO

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm. Doug explained that this Saturday is the correct date to have our meeting per the Charter. A moment of silence for members who have passed away: Fran Steinhaus, Frannie Brown, Angie Franco and Al Mandell. Doug welcomed everyone back for our 2009 season. Motion made by Jerry Glazier to accept the minutes from September, 2008 and 2nd by Butch Lagano. Motion was passed with all in favor. Doug explained that in order to save money, the minutes are on the web for everyone to view.

Doug explained that Atty. Cronin was to be at the meeting, but he didn't come because there is no change in the law suit. Doug stated how hard Janet Montano has been working on the law suit and working with Atty. Cronin. Doug explained that when we discuss the law suit, we have been advised by our attorney to go into Executive Session, which means that the tape recorder is turned off during the discussion so that the information will not be given to anyone who shouldn't have it.

Janet Montano will give us a brief overview of the lawsuit. This will not be part of these minutes since the tape recorder will be turned off.

CHAIRPERSON: DOUG WHALEN: Doug thanked the board for working hard to keep expenses down, which we have succeeded in doing. Doug stated that in the best interest of the association, if you have a problem with a neighbor, try to fix it yourself before coming to the board. If that doesn't work, then please come to us and we will try to help and work things out if we can. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Please don't start your lawn mowers at 6 am. Our policy is that you can start work at 8 am, please try to remember that. Also, parents, please be responsible for your children. Children younger than 16, should not be driving golf carts. Doug has received calls already from people complaining

about youngsters driving the golf carts and not stopping at stop signs. Please obey the rules and be responsible for your children.

Doug also mentioned that in 2010, we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of Old Colony Beach Club Association. We would like a committee for the event. We would like to do a dinner for the celebration. We also would like to have some history of the beach and maybe put a booklet together. Please contact the board if you would like to be part of this committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JANET MONTANO: The general fund has: \$45,023.65 and the Capital Fund has: \$29,813.11. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Jerry Glazier and 2nd by Marilyn Asal. Discussion: a question was asked about the fire hydrants. Doug replied that all of our fire hydrants are active all year long. Another question was asked about our reimbursement from the town. Doug stated that we received \$13,500.00 and because we are a private beach, we are less likely to see an increase. Another question was asked about the proposed budget. Doug said that all past budgets are posted on our web site. Motion was passed with all in favor.

TAX COLLECTOR: HARRY PLAUT: Harry stated that the tax bills will be going out within the next few days and some will be hand delivered in order to save money. Harry is also responsible for collecting fines. Regarding last year, we had a lot of residents who ignored the hammer law and Harry will be seeing these people to collect the fine that they owe. If the fine isn't paid, Harry is able to put a lien on their house. If you need a repair, you must write a letter to the board stating why you need to do the repair during the months of July and August, and the board will make the decision if you can or cannot do the repair.

Also, Harry stated that any motorized vehicle must be registered. We are registering the jet skis, but we will not collect a payment for them. We have decals for the jet skis, so if you tie your jet ski up to the jet ski line and you have a decal on it, you will not get a fine. That jet ski line is for our association use only. Also, all taxes have been paid. If anyone has a problem paying their taxes, please see the board and we can work with you.

PUBLIC WORKS: SCOTT BEARD: Scott reviewed the website, how to log on and how to register. Question about mailing the minutes since everyone doesn't have access to e-mail. Janet read from the charter the rules about mailing the minutes, which states that they must be mailed within 10 days of the upcoming meeting.

Scott stated that we have had the street cracks sealed, we're still working on the problem of water on Gorton and Hartung, we had a new black aluminum fence put in on Old Colony Road. We also cleaned up the entrances to our association and painted the gates black. Thank you to Gus Pace, who painted the gates for us. Our beach and buoy contract has been finalized. A tree on the corner of Old Colony and Broughel was taken down. It was rotted out, and we couldn't take the chance that it would come down during a storm and do some damage. The tree was on association property, not a property owner's, so it was our responsibility to take care of it. We also put up new street signs, and thank you to

Pete Carnrick for helping out with that task. Scott mentioned that the dump is now charging for brush and leaves, as of June 1. Also, if you would like to keep our entrances looking nice with the flowers, we would like some volunteers to keep them that way by removing any weeds and keeping it clean. If you are interested, please see Scott.

A question was raised about the hedge on the corner of Gorton and Broughel. The new homeowners will be sent a letter and asked to trim the hedge. It is a hazard because you can't see around the corner and it's causing a problem. The basketball hoop problem was brought up. Again, the parents need to take responsibility for their children and have them move when cars are coming down the street. Someone made a comment about the water that collects on the corner of Old Colony and Maple. We will look into it and see if it can be fixed.

SECURITY: JERRY BROCKI: We've had security since Memorial Day and it will go through Labor Day. The Hartung gate is working and the security guard will be there on Friday nights and on Saturday nights as well. It's everyone's responsibility to bring their swipe card. The guard will not be able to open the gate for you if you don't have it.

Jerry talked about the beach passes. Our new color is blue and if Swan Avenue gets any, they will be green. Jerry will post dates to get stickers for your car, please see Harry. The sticker should be on the passenger side of the car in the lower window. The color of the sticker doesn't make any difference. The people who rent don't know our rules. The landlord should be giving the renters a list of our rules/regulations, which are printed on the back of every beach pass. Temporary car passes will be given to renters and they will be given out by the guards. They will have a start/end date written on the temporary pass.

Someone made the comment that they haven't been mail on Saturdays. Please call the post office if this happens.

Jerry said that the Broughel gate will be fixed on Sunday, June 28, 2009 and by Tuesday, the lockset will be in use. Please use your swipe card to get through the gate. You will be issued 2 gate cards/household. You can buy extra cards for \$5.00, and if you lose it, it will cost you \$5.00 to replace it.

Doug mentioned that he received an e-mail that stated that someone tried to steal a car out of Joan Byer's lot during the hours of 1:30 and 3:00 am. Please lock your cars and call the police if you see anything suspicious. A question was brought up about an illegal parking lot on Rt. 156. People were seen coming down our streets to use our beach. We can't control anything out of our complex. If you're having company, tell the guard that you have guests coming. Someone suggested that if you have renters coming in, let the guard know and give him the names of the renters. The form for renters can be printed and given to the guard, so he can check on who is coming in to rent. The landlord will be responsible for providing the names to the guard.

A comment about the erosion at the boat launch area. The pipe has been buried, but the town has come in to dig it out many times over the winter. Doug would like someone to be on the sub-committee for the Flood & Erosion Committee. Dmetri Tolchinsky volunteered to be on this committee.

RECREATION: KAREN SYMOLON: Karen has put a list of events on the bulletin boards. July 24th, we will be renting the Carousel from 6 – 7 pm . for free rides. Please bring your beach pass in order to enjoy this event. The movies will also be listed on the bulletin board along with the price list of the clothing that Karen has purchased. July 25th will be our music/raffle night. Anyone who would like to donate anything for the raffle, please see Karen. The music that night will be provided by Outside Chance and will be from 7 – 11 pm, with the raffle in the middle. We will have the sand castle contests in July and August, dates are on the bulletin boards and also posted on our web site. August 8th will be another music night, with music provided by Rockin' Robin.

CHURCH COMMITTEE: HARRY PLAUT: Harry stated that they looked in the property to purchase. After having it looked at by Frank Nicotera for renovations and looking in the zoning issues as to what could be done with it, and there were many more negatives than positives, and it was decided to pass on the purchase. We put up a fence on Old Colony, so if in the future the church is sold, we have established our property lines. At this time, the church is still vacant.

NEW BUSINESS:

VOTING ITEMS: BUDGET: JANET MONTANO: The mill rate will remain at 3.25. Motion by Marie Whalen to accept the budget, 2nd by Jerry Glazier. Motion passed with all in favor.

Line item adjustments. Public Safety. We need a motion to adjust the Public Safety budget by \$830.57. Motion made by Richard Kingston and 2nd by Marilyn Asal. Motion passes with all in favor.

We also have to adjust the Public Works budget by \$5,136.89. Motion made by Marilyn Asal and 2nd by Nancy Lagano. Motion passes with all in favor.

We will need a motion to allocate \$7,200.06 from Capital Improvements for the fence we put up on Old Colony Road. Motion made by Leo Kramer and 2nd by Frank Noe. Discussion: someone asked the question that we are asking to vote on spending money for something that we already spent money on and yes, that is correct. It happens every year when we make improvements to the association. Motion passes with all in favor.

Request for expenditure for fence pass lock on Broughel gate from Capital account: \$4,075.00 estimate. Motion passed with all in favor.

Janet spoke about the Gineo lawsuit and made application to extend the limits and territory of the Old Colony Beach Club Association to include the adjacent OCBCA purchased road sections: Broughel and Purrill Avenues from Swan Avenue to the present border of the Association property. A motion was

needed to vote on the stubs being part of our association. Motion made by Joe Frutoso and 2nd by Butch Lagano: to extend the limits and territory of the Old Colony Beach Club Association to include the adjacent OCBCA purchased road sections: Broughel and Purtill Avenues from Swan Avenue to the present border of the Association property. Motion passes with all in favor.

Dmitri Tolchinsky made a motion to make an amendment to the motion regarding the stubs, and 2nd by Jerry Glazier. Doug states the motion: Based on the purchase and vote in the 2002 meeting this motion is to record in the town hall the property has been part of the Old Colony Beach Club Association property. Everyone in favor of the amendment voted yes, motion passes.

SHEFFIELD BROOK IMPROVMENTS: We are working with the Town of Old Lyme and DEP to get Sheffield Brook cleaned and repiped down to the beach. The money will be from a federal grant, \$500,000.00. Doug asked for a volunteer for this committee and Dmitri Tolchinsky volunteered. He will report information back to the board.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Letter from Don Brodeur about our financial statement. Don praised the work of Janet Montano as our Treasurer. The Financial Statement is available for anyone to review. All board members have a copy if you would like to see it.

Dates for Meet the Board will be posted on the bulletin boards and on the website.

Motion to adjourn and 2nd by Marie Whalen. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.