

OLD COLONY BEACH CLUB ASSOCIATION
Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

JUNE 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Frank Noe, Chairman. This was an in-person meeting at Frank Noe's home in Old Lyme, CT.

PRESENT: Frank Noe, Bob Asal, Steve Humes, Nancy Zimmerman.

ABSENT: Joe Cancelliere, Frank Nicotera, Don Brodeur.

GUESTS: Joe Frutuoso, Donna Maselli, Rick Oliveira, Mark Peterson, Demetri Tolchinsky, Doug Whalen.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2022 MINUTES: A motion was made by Bob Asal and 2nd by Steve Humes. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Don Brodeur, Frank Noe gave the treasurer's report.

The checking account balance as of March 28, 2022 was \$26,842.50. We had a deposit from the Tri Beach account in the amount of \$1,621.48. We also had 4 disbursements.
3/31/22 to US Bank for \$500.00
4/27/22 to Frank Noe - reimbursement Zoom invoice - \$159.42
4/27/22 to Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. - \$1,621.48
5/2/22 to Shipman & Goodwin - \$712.50.

The checking account balance as of June 16, 2022 was \$25,470.58.

Tri Beach Infrastructure Share Account:

The checking account balance as of March 28, 2022 was \$1,221.56.
We had a deposit from the State of CT for \$1,621.48. We had 3 disbursements.
3/31/22 to US Bank - \$500.00
4/21/22 - transfer to WPCA - \$1,621.48
5/2/22 to Shipman & Goodwin - \$712.50

The checking account balance as of June 16, 2022 is \$9.06.

Frank Noe asked the other 2 beaches to put in \$3,000.00 as well as Old Colony Beach to bring the account up to \$9,000.00.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Steve Humes and 2nd by Bob Asal. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PROCEDURE: Frank Noe stated that he was unaware that we were supposed to post our agenda prior to upcoming meetings 24 hours prior to the meeting and this will be done going forward.

Also, the minutes are required to be out within 7 days of the meeting and going forward this will also be done

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Any votes that were taken are required to be posted within 7 days of the meeting.

YEARLY SCHEDULE FOR WPCA MEETINGS: The WPCA will hold its monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is on August 3, 2022.

Motion to accept the yearly schedule for the WPCA meetings was made by Steve Humes and 2nd by Bob Asal. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

The meeting schedule will be starting on July 1, 2022 through June 20, 2023.

STATE & TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (CONGRESSMAN COURTNEY'S OFFICE):

The application was submitted, but unfortunately it was denied. We have since sent that same application and forwarded it to Congressman Chris Murphy's office for grants that are available from the Senate standpoint. We hope that something will transpire and that we will get some grant money.

We also met with the senior advisor to Ned Lamont's office, Mark Boughton, who came down here and met with all the beaches, the governors, the presidents, the WPCA and the town of Old Lyme. We are hopeful that something will come of his visit. We also met with 2 other people who closely work with him and they provided us with 3 other grants that are available and we are now working on the Long Island Sound grant. That application had to be put in by May, 2022 and we missed that opportunity, but has been submitted for 2023. Some of the grants that are available go to distressed areas, which we do not qualify for. We have been asking for \$14 million dollars and if we don't get that, we may be able to supplement with some of the other grants that are available to get us to that \$14 million.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bob Asal asked Frank why Carlos, from the DEEP, didn't tell us about any other grants. Frank states that in February, 2022, he wrote a letter to the Commissioner of the DEEP, which got sent to Carlos. Carlos stated that DEEP doesn't have any money to help us and the only money we have is from the Clean Water Fund. Frank reached out the DEEP last week and was told that they are trying to help us. They have a program out there that is a grant and loan in addition to the Clean Water Fund money that we have.

Doug stated that he has 2 e-mails from residents that want to be on the WPCA. We will hold off on actual appointments until our July, Board of Governors meeting, so we could get the notice out to get anyone else that wants to submit their applications.

Doug also said that the Board hoping at the July meeting to appoint 2 alternates to the WPCA, so the WPCA will always have 7 people at the meeting. The alternates would not be voting members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Frutuoso asked if we could hire a grant writer since he knows someone who can do this. He also was a signature on the FOI act.

Doug stated that the Board of Selectmen has a special meeting on 6/21/22 to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act Funding. All 3 WPCA's have put in a request for \$216,000.00 and that will be discussed at that meeting.

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NEXT MEETING: August 3, 2022.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Humes and 2nd by Nancy Zimmerman. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15. pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zimmerman, SecretaryCA