

October 19, 2022

Old Colony Beach Club Association Board of Governors Meeting

The in-person meeting was held at 12 Old Colony Road. Board members also attended with Zoom software. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by the Board Chair Douglas Whalen.

ATTENDANCE: Members present - Janet Montano, Lester Webb, Steve Humes, Kristina Wilson, Rich Kingston and Doug Whalen

Members absent - John Newson

Members of the Public: Nancy Zimmerman, Ira Feigenbaum, and Joe Frutuoso

Approval of 9/21/22 Board of Governors Meeting: A motion was made (Montano/Wilson) to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes version #3. There was no discussion. The motion to approve the minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report (Janet Montano): Janet presented the Treasurers Summary ending October 19, 2022 (Attachment 1). There was no discussion.

Action Items Update: Rich read the Action Items Update. Rich noted, as was the case last month, items 76, 83 and 84 are items assigned to him to work with the Association Webmaster. These items continue to be pending and will be worked on during the winter. Item 81, assigned to Doug and Steve, to determine which website documents should be available on the public side of the OCBCA website, is still in a pending status. Item 87 assigned to Doug to create a permission form to allow privately planted palm trees on the beach has been completed and will be discussed under Item XI of the agenda. Items 88 to 90 were created at last month's Board meeting and remain pending. Item 88, Develop Clear Definition of In Season Construction, has been assigned to John Newson. Item 89, Address Traffic Safety Concerns, will be discussed over the winter and Item 90, Address Language Conflicts between By-Laws and Charter, has been sent to the Association's attorney for his review and advice.

Correspondence: Doug stated that his only correspondence was from the Feigenbaums related to the Sheffield Brook outlet which appears as item XII in this meeting's agenda. Janet stated that she had received a thank you letter from Bikes for Kids for scrap donated to this organization. Janet noted that this acknowledgement really belongs to Joe Frutuoso who is collecting metal scrap for redemption with the proceeds benefitting the Bikes for Kids

organization. Janet also stated that she received correspondence from the storage facility asking the Association to provide insurance information. Doug followed up with the storage company and they have yet to get back to him for further direction.

Committee reports-

Chairman's Report (Doug Whalen): Doug stated that he had nothing to report.

Treasurer (Janet Montano): Janet stated that although the insurance line of the budget has been exceeded the amount can easily be covered from other available budget lines and final adjustments can be made at end of fiscal year.

Clerk's Report (Rich Kingston): Rich stated that he had nothing to report.

Tax Collector (Steve Humes): As Steve is new to this position Janet reported that \$187,469.52 has been collected in taxes and \$172.93 in interest. Three members have yet to pay their taxes totaling \$2,731.10. Interest will be collected when these outstanding tax bills are paid. Janet then explained the process for collecting delinquent taxes.

Recreation (Kristina Wilson): Kristina stated that she had nothing to report. She did ask for guidance about how to proceed in her position. Doug said he will assist her.

Public Safety (John Newson): In John's absence there was no report. Doug said he will follow up on securing a digital speed sign for use on OCBCA roads and initially place it on Gorton Avenue.

Public Works (Lester Webb): Lester reported that he spoke to Anthony Landscaping about next summer's beach cleaning contract. Anthony does not want to renegotiate his three years contract which ends next September as it relates to duties other than the ones he performed this summer. Lester is also working with Scott Mitchell to renew the swim buoy contract for next summer.

WPCA Report – Steve stated that he had nothing to report.

Update of Actions resulting from June 6th Special Meeting – Rich stated that he and Lester still need to meet with Connecticut Water about the degraded pavement at the entrance to Gorton Avenue. Rich also stated that he has not received a reply to the letter he sent to the owner of 19

Hartung Place requesting that they repair a road cut related to their installation of utilities at their residence. Steve stated that he has not finished the letter to send to the Swan Avenue homeowner requiring them to remove a fence that is on OCBCA property.

Definition for In Season Construction – Doug stated that we will wait for John Newson to report on this issue before proceeding further.

Discussion of Issues Surrounding Private Use of OCBCA Property – Doug stated that at this time this discussion is specific to the palm trees on the beach during the summer months. Janet stated her position on this matter. Janet reported that the trees on the beach had an under the sand piping system to water these trees which contradicts what was previously assumed about the manner in which this task was taken care of. Kristina stated she is favor of the trees. Steve reminded the Board that, although the Board sent out notification at the end of last year that the trees could not be planted without permission, it was faced with the problem about addressing the trees when they were replanted at the start of this summer without such permission. Doug stated that as the Board approved a process for allowing trees on the beach at its June Board meeting he had created a form to formalize a permission procedure. Doug then explained how this process would work. Rich stated that as Board member John Newson was not able to attend this meeting and that it is a complicated issue he made a motion (Kingston/Montano) was made to table this agenda item until next month's Board meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed and the item was tabled until the November 9 Board meeting.

Sheffield Brook Outlet: Lester began by expressing his frustration about when to clean out the Sheffield Brook outlet. Doug reviewed the history of the Sheffield Brook project for the benefit of the Board members who were not serving during the time that this project was progressing. Janet stated that over the last five years Old Lyme Shores and Old Colony Beach have each spent \$7,529.75 to clean the brook outlet. Doug asked Ira Feigenbaum to explain his concerns in regards to this issue. Ira is not satisfied that the water remains stagnant with a bad smell when the brook does not drain. Ira is concerned that although, as he had been told, the new storm drains should increase pressure allowing the stream to drain as designed that this work is years off and the current undesirable situation will continue in the meantime. Ira would like effort be put towards to resolving this situation. Doug said that he has requested that Ledge Light, the local health district, test OCB water close to the Sheffield Brook discharge rather than where they currently do at the end of Old Colony Road. Doug suggested that an engineering review of the outlet be conducted to determine ways to increase the ability of the stream to drain into Long Island Sound. Doug stated that

he will contact the Woods Hole facility to determine the type of expertise required to conduct such a review. Ira offered to serve as the contact person for this study. Doug admitted that this problem has gone on too long although the main purpose for this project has been accomplished, reduced flooding on OCBCA roads.

Purchase of Zoom Remote Conferencing Software: After discussion it was decided that the Board will continue with its current process of having Steve Humes obtain Zoom sessions for Board meetings. Janet noted that it appears that the WPCA has obtained a Zoom license this April which could be shared with the Board.

Old Business – There was no old business.

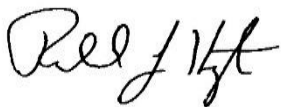
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Public Comment – Ira Feigenbaum asked where the AED was available during the winter. Rich offered that the defibrillator is stored at his house. Ira suggested that winter residents share their contact information for use in emergency situations. Rich said he would work with our webmaster to send out a notice asking for this info. Ira also asked permission to install a cable connection underneath the Brookside Avenue paper road from his house to the telephone pole along the Old Lyme Shores fence. Doug asked Ira to send an email to request this permission and the issue will be addressed at the November Board meeting. Joe Frutuoso expressed his continuing frustration with how rules are observed by some community members but not by other especially in regards to speeding. Joe also is dissatisfied with the use of the OCBCA beach by Swan Avenue residents.

Next Meeting – The next Board of Governors meeting date is scheduled for November 9, 2022. The in-person portion of this meeting will be held at Rich Kingston's house 12 Old Colony Road. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

A motion (Kingston/Wilson) was made to adjourn at 7:35 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted



Richard Kingston
Clerk
October 24, 2022

Results of Voting at the October 19, 2022 Old Colony Beach Club Association Board of Governors Meeting. Board of Governor members present- Janet Montano, Lester Webb, Steve Humes, Kristina Wilson, Rich Kingston and Doug Whalen

Palm Trees on the Beach: Rich stated that as Board member John Newson was not able to attend this meeting and that it is a complicated issue he made a motion (Kingston/Montano) was made to table this agenda item until next month's Board meeting. There was no discussion. The motion passed and the item was tabled.

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Attachment 1

Treasurer's Summary
OCBCA Board of Governors Meeting
October 19, 2022

Balance July 1, 2022:	\$1,049,694.20
	\$196,107.74 *
	(\$37.49) FY 2022 tax overpayment made in 2021*
	<u>\$21.82</u> FY 2023 tax overpayment credit*
Income:	\$196,092.07
Expenses:	\$125,645.67
Balance September 30, 2022	\$1,120,140.60
General Fund Checking	\$86,548.60
General Fund MM Savings	\$188,434.53
Capital Fund MM Savings	\$132,113.00
Capital Loan MM Savings	<u>\$713,044.47</u>
Balance September 30, 2022	\$1,120,140.60

*QuickBooks does not consider tax overpayments made in one FY as income in that year but as income in the following FY.