**POPLAR POINT ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

 **5.3.25 10:00 AM Playground**

**Attending**

Onno Boswinkel, Maybeth Conway, Greg and Abby Coppa, Annette Dwyer, George Hagerty , Cindy Hebert, Fran Lehman, Gidget “Tyke” Loomis, Steve Lord, Joanne McDermott, Victoria and Chuck McDonnell, Mary Ann Naddy, Ed Nicholson, Irene Romanelli,Tony Scelsa,

Steve Lord, president, brought the meeting to order at 10:10AM

1. **Secretary’s Report**

Maybeth distributed copies of the minutes from the 5/3/25 meeting. These minutes were also posted on the website prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was approved.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Tony Scelsa**
2. **Money on Hand**

 Tony presented the attached copy of the Treasurer’s Report. He noted that our association finances continue to improve. With dues payments of $3844.66, the redeposit of an unused 2024 Hay Ride payment, and a small expense for the new playground sign, the account balance stands at $9351.71. Once again, he attributed our improved financial status largely to Bill Simeone’s playground landscaping team including James and Mike Pellegrino, Onno Boswinkel, Paul Marcoccio, Joe DiPietro, and Paul Graham, as well as the success of the Holiday/Christmas party hosted by Erney Fryberg and Joanne McDermott.

Tony also reported on the current playground property valuation and tax levy. He noted that the new town wide assessment raised the land value of the playground from $72,400 to $88,900. The new property tax rate is $981.46 annually. One member noted that the town’s assessment records inaccurately shows a building on the property. It was suggested that this should be addressed with the tax assessor with the possible request for a retroactive reimbursement.

1. **New Treasurer Needed**

The group revisited Tony’s May request to retire from his position as association treasurer. He graciously agreed to remain in his position with the promise of annual membership processing assistance from Maybeth Conway and Bill Simione..

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

1. **Committee Reports**
2. **Sunshine/Membership**

Victoria McDonnell reported that she continued to reach out to our community members in recent months. She also suggested that we include a Welcome New Neighbors section to our website with basic family information and possible photos. It was suggested that she might also include condolences to those who have recently lost family members. She will follow up on these ideas with our president/webmaster, Steve Lord.

**B. Playground**

George Hagerty reported on playground improvements. The light on the flagpole has been replaced and a new sign with the rules for playground usage has been purchased and installed. Following up on Joe DiPietro’s previous requested that we remediate the rust on the slide, George noted that the discoloration involved the patina and should not be sanded or painted.

1. **Website/IT**

Steve reported that website is up to date with association information. A member suggested that we add a note stating that we prefer direct online credit card payments of annual dues. Steve encouraged members to send along any relevant activity updates for posting to www.poplarpointnk.org.

1. **Events**
2. **Summer Events**

**I**. The **Mid-Summer Beach Cocktail Party** is scheduled for this evening, July 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 at the little beach. As
 usual, it’s BYOB and an appetizer to share.
 **II.** The **End of Summer Beach Cocktail Party** is tentatively scheduled for September 20th at the usual time and place.

1. **Fall and Winter Events**

**I**. The **Halloween Hay Ride** will hopefully be offered again this year. Steve will reach out to Julie Beebe to ask her to make
 the arrangements. Victoria McDonnell suggested that a poster be placed on our Steamboat Avenue information board in
 September to make everyone aware of this event.

**II.** The **Holiday Dinner** will also be offered again this years, thanks to the generosity of our hosts, Erney Fryberg and Joanne
 McDermott. The event is scheduled for December 13th. Joanne expressed her hope that they will again have pre and post
 event help from members. More details will be finalized at the September meeting.

**5. Other Business – Any Offers/ Suggestions**

 **A. Right of Way Clearance**

There was an extended discussion of the right of way issues with particular attention given to the right of way near the town beach. Greg Coppa reported that the 10 foot right of way must be maintained as it is part of the deed. Many members expressed concerns about trash, poison ivy, overgrowth, etc. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the town requesting a schedule for regular clearance and maintenance. It was stated that in the past, our vice-president and another member of the Board walked each of the right of ways and their report was read into the minutes. Irene Romanelli offered to have her lawn mowing service clear the path that abuts her property on Concord Avenue.

 **B. Poplar Point Parking Issues during Fireworks**

George Hagerty reported that he had shared our concerns with the town’s traffic enforcement officer, Nicholas Salois. In May, he stated that the town would be restriping the curb at Steamboat Avenue. That did not occur. For the 4th of July fireworks, he stated that 4 officers would be assigned to patrol our streets (2 roving and 2 on bikes) and issue parking violations as needed. That did not appear to occur. A town fire truck did make at least one trip through the neighborhood, but many cars were illegally parked on Lawton Ave. There was a discussion of the possibility of issuing passes to residents of the point but this suggestion met with mixed opinions. It was suggested that an email be sent to Mr. Salois in early June of next year with our concerns and suggestions for further action.

**C. New Business**
Tony Scelsa reported that he is the proud grandfather of another beautiful grandchild. Congratulations to your entire family.

**6. Next Meeting** Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27th, 10 AM, at the playground.

 **The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.**