**POPLAR POINT ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

 **9.27.25**   **10:00 AM Playground**

**Attending**

Maybeth Conway, Annette Dwyer, Valerie Francis, George Hagerty, Cindy Hebert, Fran Lehman, Jim Lehman, Steve Lord, Joanne McDermott, Victoria McDonnell, Ed Nicholson, Debbie Saremi

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

1. **Secretary’s Report**

Maybeth distributed copies of the minutes from the 7/26/25 meeting. These minutes were also posted on the website prior to the meeting. Maybeth noted that, due to her oversight, the minutes as posted on the website show an incorrect date for the July meeting (5/3/25). Steve agreed to correct her error on the website. A motion to accept the slightly amended minutes was approved.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Tony Scelsa**

Tony Scelsa was unable to attend this meeting. Steve Lord presented copies of the Treasurer’s Report. There was a small increase to our association current balance thanks to $150.00 in dues payments. Our current balance is $9501.71. Once again, credit was given to our volunteer landscaping team headed by Bill Simeone. A decision was made to purchase gift certificates to acknowledge our appreciation. Maybeth will make this purchase.

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

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

Victoria McDonnell reported that she sent a get well greeting card to Hannalore Hutchison.

**B. Playground**

In Bob Hirsch’s absence, George Hagerty reported on playground improvements. Throughout the summer, Bob has replaced tetherballs as needed. Members expressed their appreciation for his donation of the replacement equipment. There was a question raised about the erosion of the dirt under the swings. George explained that a permanent solution would be difficult to implement but that more dirt would be added to the area in question in the spring.

**C. Website/IT**

Steve reported that website is up to date with association information. As requested, he did add a recommendation that members utilize the online credit card payment option to renew membership. He noted that dues are normally collected in April or May and must be current in order to attend the annual holiday party. Steve also encouraged members to send along any relevant activity updates for posting to www.poplarpointnk.org.

1. **Events**
2. **Fall and Winter Events**

I. **The Halloween Hay Ride** will be offered again this year on October 26th. Julie Beebe will make the arrangements. Tony Scelsa will write a check to cover the fee. A poster will be placed on our Steamboat Avenue information board 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. As we did last year, we will begin with cocktails at Erney Fryberg’s home at 42 Wright Lane and then move to Joanne’s home at 24 Wright Lane for dinner. The event will be open to a maximum of 55 adults who are currently active members of the association at a ticket price of $50.00 per person. Steve will send out a Save the Date announcement. Official signups will begin on November 1st. Those wishing to attend should complete a signup form with their names and street address and include cash or a check made out to the association. These completed forms should be placed in the mail slot next to the door on Ed and Barbara Nicholson’s home at 8 Wright Lane. Victoria McDonnell has agreed to run another 50/50 raffle this year. Mary Ann Natty will create name tags. Assistance with setup and cleanup would be appreciated.

**III. Playground Cleanup** will take place once the final mowing is complete and the leaves are down. Steve will speak with Bill Simeone and his team to arrange a cleanup date.

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

**A. Right of Way Clearance**
The members revisited the topic of Right of Way clearance. It was noted that the right of way that abuts the town beach still needs attention. While there is the required 10 foot opening at the entrance on Wright Lane, the path narrows as you approach the beach. George agreed to follow up again with the town manager, Mr. Mollis. At the last meeting, Irene Romanelli offered to have her landscapers clear the right of way to the right of her home. That has not happened yet. In the past, our association officers have walked each of the rights of way each year and arranged to have them cleared as needed.

 **B. Future Playground Maintenance**

The only current concern for playground maintenance involves the ailing tree near the corner of Madison and Concord Avenues. George Hagerty offered to remove this tree in the spring.

**C. New Business**

A concern was raised about cars that are parked on the side of the street at the corner where Elgin, Concord, and Lexington Avenues intersect. It was noted that parking is allowed here on weekdays but prohibited on weekends.

**6. Next Meeting**
Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the playground.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.**