

September 11, 2022

Meeting call to order: 10:00 am

Board Members in attendance: Nancy Wilson, Dave D'Anna, Rosario Savastra, Keri Jockers, Jeff Brodersen, Jeanne Boggs, David Pettinicchi, Rich Marino, Kathy Bennetto

Members sign in (48 total, including the Board), new members introduced themselves

Keri read the minutes from last year's meeting, Jeff made a motion to enter them into the record. All in favor.

Beach Report: Rosario explained projects the town paid for - apron and guardrail on Middletown.

Boat launch was repaired.

Rosario cleans the beach stairs every week.

Reminder that no dogs are allowed on beach. Remind other residents and renters.

Reminder that you are responsible for your renters. Remind them that they are guests here, and they may just have to tell anyone who asks the property address.

Clean up after yourself on the beach. Be respectful - smoke away from others.

Working on removable speed bumps, and the one way sign on New Britain Ave. (to include golf carts)

Question about end of boat ramp on Hartford Ave - can we have a sign that says "Slippery When Wet," or something similar?

Question about fireworks - member said that he talked to his lawyer and that the association could potentially have a lawsuit for damages to property. Could we put a camera at the beach? Steve Colo? From Indian Town manages the cameras. Another member mentioned drunk teenagers on the beach - if we had cameras, maybe that could help. Consider some type of security for beach.

Jeff brought up that we have to think about regulating the way rentals are handled. Less than a week, VRBO, etc.

Jeff has gotten calls from members complaining about renters not behaving properly or respectfully. When he calls the members, they are very receptive about talking to their renters. A member asked how we could change the rules about renting. Jeff said we'd have to change our bi-laws - we'd have to prove it's a "nuisance." He acknowledged that a lot of members rely on rentals for income or to help pay the bills / mortgage, etc.

A member brought up that we don't have a welcoming committee. Asked about where the rules are posted - our website, the spring letter.

Clubhouse:

Dave D'Anna. Busy summer- 13 for clubhouse, 3 for parking. Members did a good job cleaning up. Jeff B thanked Dave for all of the work he does to maintain clubhouse.

Treasurer Report: Kathy Bennetto reviewed the profit and loss report for July 2021-June 2022. (last summer's figures)

Any questions? A member asked if this report could show a year by year comparison in the future.

Tax Collector's report: Denny Duryea

We've collected 93% of current taxes.

Jeff B mentioned that we are required to mail everything to address reflected in the grand list at town hall. Keep your address at town hall current.

Budget for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024: Jeff B reviewed the proposed budget. Explained the reasons behind any increases. The beach had the most increase. Utilities has its own line item now. Insurance went up from \$7000 to \$7500. We're also increasing Recreation because we're doing more and more each year. Tax collector is getting a raise. Trash went up a little bit. 11% increase in budget overall.

Jason asked where we are if everyone pays their taxes. It will be the same.

Justin asked how much we have in our contingency fund: \$25,276.99

Justin also asked why we're putting less into contingency than our last budget, and Jeff said it was mainly because during Covid, we didn't do as much as an association.

Jeff B asked for a motion to pass the budget - all in favor - passed unanimously.

Old Saybrook Coastal Resilience Committee:

Dave P discussed the coastal resilience committee that he's a part of. Federal \$ available.

OSCRC - each association is represented by one member. Right now they're in the process of just learning about what property owners need to know for the next 20 years or so. We're going to be an LLC. Looking to identify what needs repair, looking into the future, what to expect.

Town of OS was asking for applications for funding. Dave wrote a grant and submitted it for \$20,000. It's been 2 weeks, and he hasn't heard back yet. He just followed up on Friday.

If anyone is interested in learning more, look at our website.

Member asked about whether there is anything we can do about the seagrass that washes up on Hartford Ave and keeps growing on Hartford AVE. Seagrass helps preserve the coastline.

Board nominations:

Jeff B, Dave P, and Nancy W's terms are up.

Nancy is stepping down after 30 years. Kathy spoke about Nancy's service.

Nominating committee - Rich Marino said Dave Saccitelli was a possibility, but he's not here. If you're interested, Jeff said you can nominate yourself:

Jennifer Cerrito came forward - would love to serve on the Board.

Rich Bowden nominated himself. 46 Old Sea Lane.

Two members made comments about what an asset Jeanne Boggs is.

Jeff is making a motion to vote on the 3 people that are nominated: Move that Dave P, Jennifer, and Rich join the board. All were in favor.

Any other issues from the members: Golf carts driven by children. Jason said ITA is sending the golf cart numbers to the police. Rosario said the police dept. need to give out warnings, tickets to underage drivers.

A member brought up doing association tag sale - pay \$10 a spot or something. Live music, food truck.

Roy thanked Jeff B for his years as president. Also asked how we decide who will take over as president - it's a board decision.

Bob Sussman anonymously donates a lot to the clubhouse.

Motion to adjourn: meeting adjourned at 11:08.