

**BLACK POINT BEACH CLUB ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MAY 28, 2011**

**The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Tom Kelly, at 9:05a.m.**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Kelly called for a moment of silence out of respect for deceased members. He noted that the 2011, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade would be dedicated in memory of Mr. Andy Resnisky, long time Black Point member, and founder of the parade.

Mr. Kelly acknowledged the welcome re-opening of the Black Point Market. Today's donuts were purchased from the store!

Mr. Kelly introduced, **Mr. Paul Formica**, First Selectman, who addressed the membership and answered questions.

- Police to take over beach patrols, this year we have the same level of funding, no reduction. Electronic speed sign checks can be set up to monitor traffic following Mr. Manifold's request and location suggestions.
- Town has a slight mil rate reduction this year, taxes will be a bit lower
- Capital Improvement: a connection between East Lyme and New London for water supply is happening. The piping is being constructed and will allow for more regular water supply, this have the potential to generate future revenue for East Lyme.
- Public Works facility will move to Colton Rd., also Parks and Recreation. Eventually the salt shed will be relocated. One bay of the existing space will be given to Care and Share to have a permanent location and cold storage.
- East Lyme and Waterford police are sharing and planning for the future.
- A Road improvement on Walnut Hill will happen this year, roof at Haynes school to be co-paid by Learn and the state reducing town cost to approx. 18,000.
- The old Colonial Market replacement is in the works, downsizing space to about 10,000 square ft.
- Parking is being added to the Hope St. area
- New Sports facility is on hold for cost estimates and while necessary school brick repair is completed thru Jan/Feb. expect to re-examine Sports Complex in the fall.
- Gas Station on Main Street opted to take out their tanks, a new DEP report will be needed, and any town action is pending.

Mr. Kelly Thanked Mr. Formica for taking the time to speak to our Membership.

Mr. Kelly introduced the Members of the Board of Governors. He noted positions open this year for Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Secretary. He spoke for a few minutes and thanked the current officers and outgoing Board members, Dan Lemieux and Roberta Jordan, for their dedicated service. Mrs. Stone presented a gift of flowers from the Board.

It was noted by Gemma Dowd that the three job descriptions are posted in the clubhouse and on the website. The BOG set a closing date for Tax Collector, Treasurer and Secretary applications of Friday, June 3, 2011.

**Tax Collector's Report**, Mrs. Cahill noted that we have an assessment of \$161,367,180. She has collected \$160,367. (mil rate 1) She reported approx. \$403.00 as delinquent.

**1. To elect (2) Members of the Board of Governors, each member to serve a term of three years.**

Mr. Kelly called for nominations from the membership.

- Mrs. Mary Lou Weidl nominated **Thom Sheehan**, seconded by Pat Tomaino
- Mr. Tom Hayes nominated **Phil Hagaman**, seconded by Bill Greenwood
- Mr. John O'Neil nominated **Susan Daly**, seconded by Nan Carmon
- Mr. Phil Hagaman nominated **Kurt Paternostro**, seconded by Christina Jagel
- Mr. Dan Lemieux nominated **Will Fountain**, seconded by Sharon Sklar

No further nominations, the nominations were closed. The secretary collected and counted the ballots and reported the following votes.

Thom Sheehan, 80 votes  
Phil Hagaman, 76 votes  
Will Fountain, 42 votes  
Kurt Paternostro, 36 votes  
Susan Daly, 23 votes

**Mr. Kelly declared (2) newly elected board members:**

1. Thom Sheehan, First term, May 2011-May 2014
2. Phil Hagaman, First term, May 2011-May 2014

Member Pat Hayden suggested any new board openings during the year be filled from the list of candidates who ran for election.

**2. Capital Improvements**, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Manifold, Items on the capital Improvement list for member consideration include:

- **Asphalt Tennis Courts and Basketball Court.** A major replacement is proposed in the FY11/12 Budget. This project will cost \$64,000 and will be funded using funds in our Savings Account as well as some funds that were set aside for Capital Improvements for the last 2 fiscal years. These courts have been a source of complaints and long overdue for replacement. This is a complete rebuilding of the Court in addition this project will provide repairs to the Basketball Court which is also in a state of disrepair.
- **Kayak Dock Project.** A member vote at Annual Meeting to proceed with this project or to terminate further expenditures and efforts.
- **Rafts and Floats.** Ongoing progress has been made in replacing our current inventory of Floats and Rafts on a yearly basis. The Main and South Beach swim rafts were replaced in summer of 2010. An additional Pier Float has been purchased in April and will be in service for the 2011 Summer Season. \$7,000
- **Horseshoe Pit(s).** This possibility has not been discussed with any priority. \$1500.00
- **Dog Park.** This has not been discussed in any depth. This might be part of a much larger improvement to the upper Billow Road area. \$15,000
- **Permanent Storage Shed for Association Assets.** The existing storage shed belongs to the Association and is used primarily for the Recreation Program. Cost to construct a permanent structure is estimated at \$25,000
- **Paving Projects.** Long terms plans for Whitecap Parking lot. Consideration should be made for anticipation of repaving Whitecap Lot within 5 years. The Right of Way parking areas will need to be considered for future attention as they deteriorate over time. TBD.
- **Clubhouse.** Recommend an annual allocation of funds to be held in the name of Clubhouse Upgrades. This fund would anticipate funds needed to maintain or replace Air Conditioning systems, Heating, Water services, Roofing, Parking areas, Fencing, Security and general maintenance and upgrades. The Clubhouse could potentially produce more rentals the better it is upgraded and maintained. TDB.

- **Video Security.** This idea has been suggested by some members for consideration. Our Association Manager is obtaining some current pricing and evaluating different options regarding Video based security. \$5,000
- **Handicap access on piers.** \$20,000

**3. Kayak Dock Discussion and Vote** Mr. Kelly presented design boards showing the original Kayak Dock design and the approved DEP design. He summarized and noted it is the decision of the Board to present to the membership for a vote to approve or deny continuation of this project. (A special Meeting was held Tuesday March 16, 2011 to inform members and share information prior to the annual meeting). Member comments followed.

Sharon Sklar, 20 Sunrise, don't support the dock, suggested other options be pursued.

Dottie Allen, Saltaire, suggested alternative options be pursued.

Doug Weidl, 22 Indianola, look toward the boat pier and beaches for shelving and launching options

Susan Daly, 7 Brightwater Rd, DEP design will keep changing, put money toward something else.

Bob Gunther, 17 Bellaire, Rd., tidal flow concerns, can't vote for the DEP design

Sue Charter, 61 Sea View, dock does not work, do not proceed

Sharon Sklar, noted members can use the adjacent "East Lyme" launch just south of the Black Point dock area on Old Black Point Road.

Cheryl Coangelo, work on a rack to get kayaks closer to the water

**Mr. Kelly requested a Show of hands VOTE to continue the current Kayak Dock plan as proposed by the DEP.**

**VOTE: None in favor, ALL opposed.**

**Unanimous: NOT to proceed with the dock design**

**4. Manager Report, budget** Mr. Manifold noted budget items

- No mil rate increase, stays 1 mil, budget \$234,710
- Money from the kayak dock to be put into a new format i.e. racks, right of way access, TBD
- New, capital improvement tennis courts to come out of savings

Sandy Sheehan, 18 Indianola, asked about a kayak committee, Mike noted one exists and would be involved an future items

Pat Hayden, 48 Sea Breeze, inquired about police on the weekend if we have discontinued ACE.

Kim Craven, 46 East Shore Drive, asked about security to prevent vandalism at the new tennis courts, if gates would be locked and if cameras would be installed? Mike noted the Board had not made any final decision on cameras, etc.

**MOTION by Ann Farley and seconded by Ed Zito, to approve the 2011-2012 Annual Operating Budget, of \$234,710 as proposed by the Board of Governors with the tax rate of 1 mil. No further discussion.**

**VOTE: 1 opposed, MAJORITY in favor Budget Resolution PASSED**

**Women's Club comments:**

**Winter season, Maribeth Stone**

The Winter Women's club communicated by e-mail and conducted 14 different activities meeting in relaxed unstructured groups. A good time was had by all. Mrs. Stone invites all women of Black Point to join and enjoy the CT. winter more with Women's club events.

**Summer Women's Club, Roberta Jordan**

Starting out with a great tag sale Saturday June 18, at the clubhouse, see Ann Farley for details. The Women's club will capitalize on traditional events and offer some new activities. Open to all women, socialize and enjoy the summer. Become a member of the BPBC women's club.

**Men's Club, Mr. John Campion**

Meeting Wednesday nights, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year line up looks great. Look for some favorites and more: Bocce, Murder Mystery, and Baseball. Open to all men of Black Point, have an opportunity to give back to the community in events and projects. All welcome!

**Black Point Road Race, Mr. Bob Shea**

Road Race will be August 6, become part of the festivities, Walkers are encouraged and WELCOME!

Mr. Kelly thanked members for attending the meeting and noted this year; the **BLACK POINTER will be available at the Black Point Market and will not be delivered directly to homes.** Please pick up a copy or check on line at [www.blackpointbeachclub.com](http://www.blackpointbeachclub.com) for information.

Member comment, Mr. Frank Neri, 11 Billow Road, commented on a delay in a zoning application, and could the BOG check on any processing and mailing concerns.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Jordan and seconded by Ms. Sklar, it **was unanimously voted to adjourn** the May 28, 2011 Annual Meeting of the Black Point Association at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gemma Balukonis Dowd, Secretary