

**Black Point Beach Club Association
Board Of Governors
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
Thursday, July 28th, 2011
6 Sunset Ave., Niantic, CT**

A Regular Meeting of the Black Point Beach Club Board of Governors was held on Thursday evening, July 28th, 2011 at 7:10 PM in the Black Point Beach Association Clubhouse located on 6 Sunset Ave. in Niantic, CT.

Present: Tom Kelly, Chairman, Marybeth Stone, Vice-Chair, Mary Cahill,
Phil Hagaman, Tom Sheehan, Dr. Brendan Fox, Nancy Flynn

Also Present: Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer
Mike Manifold, Association Manager
Richard Kimball, Tax Collector
Sandy Sheehan, Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Kelly called this regular meeting of the Black Pont Board of Governors to order at 7:10 PM and stated that a quorum was present

1. Attendance

Mr. Kelly noted the members and staff in attendance as listed above

2. Approval of Minutes : June 23rd, 2011 Regular Meeting

Mr. Kelly called for a motion or any discussion of the June 23, 2011 regular Meeting Minutes.

**** Motion [1]**

Phil Hagaman moved to approve the June 23rd, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Governors as presented.

Nancy Flynn seconded the motion.

Vote : 7 - 0 - 0 / Motion Passed.

3. Sgt. Joseph San Juan, East Lyme Police Force & Sgt. William Blanchette, Resident State Trooper, RE: Fireworks & Regulations

Tom Kelly introduced Sgts, San Juan and Blanchette, and Mike Manifold gave background info for their presence due to member concerns over fireworks on July 4th weekend, 2011.

Sgt. Blanchette information included many calls received for firework issues over this weekend from all areas of E. Lyme including Black Point Beach, and there was police coverage in Black Point with response to as many calls as possible. When the police get calls, they do what they can to mitigate the situation, and they do answer all calls.

Sgt. San Juan informed the group that the police try to control the individual situations more effectively by requesting the fireworks be stopped, put away, and the police will then go on to next call. If an arrest is made, the person must be transported to Montville.

Mr. Manifold stated the relationship with the Police department has been vastly improved vs. our previous security arrangements, and there was agreement and applause from the Board, Staff and members present.

4. Members Comments:

Kathy Vannini, 64 East Shore expressed her thanks to the Board for approving and implementing paving improvements for the Right of Way at Sea Spray

Barbara Johnston, 35 Sea Crest said she was aware police were doing their best over 4th of July weekend, however smoke was an issue, and the incidences of fireworks were excessive over the 3 day period, as well as illegal Arial fireworks.

Sgts. San Juan and Blanchet offered additional discussion, agreeing if illegal fireworks are discovered it is indeed a felonious event.

Mike Manifold, 19 South Trail said these issues had already been answered, and further discussion was not needed.

Mary Lou Weidl, 22 Indianola disagreed with comment that nothing could be done.

Tom Kelly, 21 Billow also reinforced enforcement of firework complaints is the responsibility of East Lyme.

Barbara Johnston, 35 Sea Crest said she does not want anyone arrested, however they should be stopped and taken away.

Dan Lemieux, 36 Whitecap authorized final payment of Tennis Courts. Final payment was \$61,996, and the original budget was \$65,000. He does recommend additional exterior lights.

Matthew Borelli, 15 Indianola offered a perspective that the firework issues are a symptom of a greater problem. He said the amount, quality, etc of the fireworks over 4th of July weekend was so invasive, and people were irresponsible in ignoring the rights of others. The Board should address these levels of non-caring with the membership and create a vision for where we want to be in 5 years, as the issue is quality of life for our members.

Phil Hagaman, 49 Nehantic asked Mr. Borelli " How do we stop this"? Mr. Borelli that responsibility exceeds rights, and perhaps the Board should hold town meetings & get our spirit back.

Kim Craven, 46 East Shore said she thoroughly enjoyed the fireworks and expressed her thanks to whoever provided the display. She also said this was only one weekend a year, and they enjoyed the display.

Sebastian Sanzaro, 9 East Shore, agreed things have changed, not necessarily for the better. He said the fireworks are only one weekend out of the year, and his family enjoyed the display.

Barbara Johnston, 35 Sea Crest said that Mr. Borelli was 100% right. She also is requesting more handicap parking places at the clubhouse.

5. Managers Report, Mr. Mike Manifold:

The rec program is having a great summer, and he stated Garrett Hickey should be recognized for doing a great job, with compliments from many parents, and thanked Garrett for his ideas and organization. Total revenue to date is \$19,356 and should put us on track for the projected \$23,000. Attendance has varied, however the numbers are greater than previous year averages. 146 campers have signed up. The Fair grossed \$3,045, and netted \$1,366

Sports camps have also been successful, with an average per camp of 13 campers. 10% of revenue will be approximately \$500 to the rec program. Thanks extended to Todd Peretz and Garrett.

Garrett and Mike spoke to counselors and campers regarding increasing bike safety awareness, especially stopping at stop signs and wearing helmets.

Counselors are staying on longer as their summer employment, and this is limiting the opportunities for volunteers to obtain a counselor position. Mike is requesting the board's approval for a new policy to be implementing regarding counselor position availability.

Mary Cahill agreed wholeheartedly with this potential new policy.

Discussion followed regarding this issue.

**** Motion [2]**

Mary Cahill moved to give priority to applicants with one year volunteer work experience and priority to counselors with one or two years work experience, before hiring counselors with over 3 years experience. These applicants will have priority over all other candidates.

Dr. Brendan Fox seconded the Motion.

Vote 7 - 0 - 0 / Motion Passed.

There have been fewer security issues, and complaints have been typical. Mike has directed the guards to take a more proactive approach regarding parking violations in the right of ways, as well as parking lots. The guards are spending more time in these areas to stop people from parking without tags before they get to the beach, and are expected to find the owner of any car parked without a tag and direct them to move their car or hang a tag. This appears to be effective, and the guards have also started covering the boat launch in the same manner this week.

Tom Sheehan asked about the status additional parking signs, and Mike said there is an additional sign in place on Sea Breeze, and the parking lot at White Cap will be done.

Head count on beaches is approximately 7000, with an average of 1800 per week, not including the bonfire. The guards did an excellent job of maintaining safety at the bonfire, and the next bonfire is scheduled for August 6th, 2011.

Mike discussed the security cameras, and requested a motion to move forward with this project.

Discussion followed, and Tom Sheehan did look at the ADT video and proposal, and felt it would not suit our needs, and was not in favor of proceeding.

Additional lighting was suggested, especially focused on the playground area. Mike will look into additional light coverage. No action taken on video options.

Successful block party at Sea Breeze, with thanks to the board for the use of tables from the clubhouse.

Sullivan Paving paved Right of Way at bottom of Sea Breeze, and the bushes were cut back at the bottom of Billow. Branches trimmed over Nehantic right of way.

New Traffic signs were requested at last meetings of E. Lyme Public Works, Highway Dept., and First Selectman. Many Stop Signs have been replaced, and Mike will continue to make requests. Parking lines at Right of Ways have been painted, and better equipment is being sought to paint lines on Whitecap.

Tennis courts have had increased use, and the refurbishing project has been extremely well received by members.

Quality Electric has fixed the Photocell for the basketball court lights. Back fixture on the back patio is now more tamper proof. Niantic Plumbing has fixed the water fountain in clubhouse.

Continue trying to get docks and floats in their correct positioning. Contractor is not returning telephone calls. Payment has been held, still without response.

Mike requested a motion to repair and improve walkway leading to boat launch. Discussion followed.

**** Motion [3]:**

Dr. Brendan Fox moved to authorize approval to spend \$2475 to repair and improve walkway from boat launch to Sea Breeze Beach

Tom Sheehan seconded the motion.

Vote : 7 - 0 - 0 / Motion Passed.

Maribeth Stone asked Mike about his sessions on beach, and the members are speaking to him when on beach. Discussion followed including a number of issues noticed by Tom Sheehan regarding security on beach with alcohol, canoes being launched, and guards on beach during poor weather, with few people on beach. Maribeth Stone suggested Mike be called immediately when these violations of beach policies occur, and Mike said he will address these issues.

6. Treasurer's Report, Carolyn Boyle:

Ms. Boyle reviewed 2011-2012 Budget with actual to date expenses through July 25, 2011 at \$48,801. Estimated year-end budget is \$234,710 and reviewed a copy of the check register from 6/23/2011 to 7/25/2011.

7. Chairperson's Report & Correspondence. ZBA Liaison Comments, Tom Kelly

Mr. Kelly has nothing to report on ZBA.

Correspondence:

7/4/2011 / Barbara Johnston e-mail Fireworks 4th of July , 2011

7/4/2011 / Matthew Borelli e-mail Fireworks 4th of July, 2011

7/6/2011 / Barbara Johnston e-mail Fireworks 4th of July, 2011

7/6/2011 / Matthew Borelli e-mail Fireworks 4th of July

7/19/2011 / John Carey e-mail Location Start/Finish Road Race

7/28/2011 / Barbara Johnston hand delivery to BOG Meeting ,7/28/2011 Fireworks & Public Noise Disturbance

7/28/2011 / Sally Erdman hand delivered to BOG Meeting, 7/28/2011 various noise complaints

Discussion followed.

Carolyn Boyle Left the Meeting at 8:30 PM

8. Tax collector's Report, Richard Kimball:

Amount collected to date is \$129,563.10, amount outstanding is \$33,199.05

80 Percent collected, 20% uncollected. Number of individuals paid is 434; number of individuals unpaid is 105

81 % Paid to Date

9. Committee Reports:

Administration:

Maribeth Stone reported the committee worked well together, the process was smooth and recommendations were made to hire Richard Kimball as the Tax Collector, and Sandy Sheehan as the Secretary. Letters of regret were written to other applicants, and letters of appointment will be mailed to Richard and Sandy this week.

Zoning Commission Liaison, Mary Cahill:

Mary said Mr. Ned Cosgrove has done a very good job and requested the BOG should send a letter, and also suggested a monetary compensation should be considered for Mr. Cosgrove. Additional discussion followed.

**** Motion [4]**

Mary Cahill moved to reappoint Ned Cosgrove for a 3 Year period.

Phil Hagaman seconded the motion.

Vote : 7 - 0 - 0 / Motion Passed

Mary Cahill also informed the board there were 5 applicants for the Zoning Enforcement Officer Position. Unfortunately, the first approved candidate turned down the offer. No ZEO as yet.

**** Motion [5]**

Mary Cahill moved to compensate Mr. Ned Cosgrove \$500 per month salary as acting ZEO until such time as position is filled.

Phil Hagaman seconded the motion.

Vote : 7 - 0 - 0 / Motion Passed

10. Old Business:

Zoning ZEO Update covered in section 9.

11. New Business:

Black Pointer delivery method discussed. Options reviewed and Mile Manifold will look into hiring 2 kids to deliver Black Pointer.

Maribeth Stone left the Meeting at 9:00 PM

12. Members Comments:

Sebastian Sanzaro, 9 East Shore said boat launch was treated 1 month ago, and Mike Manifold said it was also retreated 1 week ago. Mr. Sanzaro does not think the board should spend money on the video cameras; he also agrees Black Pointer should once again be delivered / Also stated there is a truck that repeatedly arks in the boat launch area, and he will call Mike if this occurs again.

Phil Hagaman, said new permits need to be obtained after 12 months during construction.

12. Executive Session:

**** Motion [6]**

Phil Hagaman moved the board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of personnel issues, inviting Sandy Sheehan, secretary, to join them.

Tom Kelly seconded the motion

Vote : 6 - 0 - 0 / Motion Passed.

**** Motion [7]**

Phil Hagaman moved that the board return to Regular session at 9:15 PM, with no action taken in executive session.

Vote : 6 - 0 - 0. Motion Passed.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business before them, Mr. Kelly called for a motion to adjourn.

**** Motion [8]**

**Dr. Brendan Fox moved that the BPBC Board of Governors Regular Meeting of July 28th, 2011 be adjourned at 9:20 PM.
Nancy Flynn seconded the motion,
Vote : 6 - 0 - 0. Motion Passed.**

Next BOG Meeting, Thursday, August 25th, 2011, 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sheehan, Secretary

