

**Black Point Beach Club Association
Board of Governors
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Friday, June 24, 2016
6:30Pm**

A Regular Meeting of the Black Point Beach Club Association Board of Governors was held on Friday, June 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Black Point Beach Club Association Clubhouse located at 6 Sunset Avenue in Niantic, Connecticut.

Present: Robin-Murdock-Meggery, Chair; Kevin Callahan, Vice Chair; Jim Pillion, Will Fountain. Bob Shea, Steve Beauchene, Cheryl Colangelo, Mary Cahill, Ex-Officio
Also Present: Tom Sheehan, Association Manager; Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer; Ruth Ames, Tax Collector; Maureen Lowney, Secretary

1. Call meeting to order; Attendance

Ms. Murdock-Meggery called the Regular Meeting of the BPBCA Board of Governors to order at 6:30 p.m. A Quorum was present.

a. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Murdock-Meggery called if there were any omissions or corrections on these minutes. There being none she called for a motion to accept the minutes.

**** Motion [1]**

Mr. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2016, as presented. Ms. Colangelo seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0. Motion passed.

b. Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2016 Annual Meeting.

Ms. Murdock-Meggery called if there were any omissions or corrections on these minutes. There being none she called for a motion to accept the minutes.

**** Motion [2]**

Mr. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on May 28, 2016, as presented. Mr. Beauchene seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0. Motion passed.

c. Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2016 Organizational Meeting.

Ms. Murdock-Meggery called if there were any omissions or corrections on these minutes. There being none she called for a motion to accept the minutes.

**** Motion [3]**

Mr. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on May 28, 2016, as presented. Mr. Pillion seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0. Motion passed.

2. Public Comments

Ms. Sandy Sheehan, 18 Indianola Rd., commented that she has had an overwhelming response for tickets for the Black Point Beach 4th of July picnic. Ms. Sheehan said most people were taking the maximum of 6 tickets whether they needed that many or not.

Mr. Pillion thanked Sandy and Tom and commented that this is the first year with tickets for the picnic and it is an experiment .

Ms. Kim Craven, 46 East Shore Dr., asked about a letter she sent to Mr. Sheehan regarding her sea wall and the BPBCA walkway.

Ms. Craven commented that the painted bike racks look nice, but asked if the association had permission from the town to paint the stop sign posts.

Mr. Sebastian Sanzaro, 9 East Shore Drive, asked about the new boat launch and if algae would build up on it. Mr. Sanzaro also asked if we needed the new railings.

Ms. Jane McLane, 24 Sea View Avenue, commented about the overgrown hedges at corner lots and the hazard it creates for drivers.

Ms. Kim Craven, 46 East Shore Drive, also commented on the overgrown hedges.

Ms. Barbara Johnston, 35 Sea Crest Avenue, commented on the overgrown hedges and the plantings in the right of ways. Ms. Johnston stated they are a hazard for drivers.

3. Reports

• Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Boyle

Ms. Boyle presented financial reports through June 22, 2016.

Ms. Boyle stated that she needs all bills in by June 30th for the Boat Launch and the work that has been done on the beaches.

Ms. Murdock-Meggers called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**** Motion [4]**

Mr. Pillion made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Beauchene seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0. Motion passed.

- **Tax Collector - Ruth Ames**

Ms. Ames reported that \$205,673.98 is to be collected in taxes for this fiscal year. To date \$102,987.38 has been collected.

Ms. Ames reported that there is still \$98.47 owed from last year.

Ms. Murdock-Meggers asked for a vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 passed

- **Boat Launch Report - Kevin Callahan**

Mr. Callahan reported that the work on the Boat Launch has been completed. He stated that the boat launch has a broom finish which should help with the algae, but will still get algae. Mr. Callahan also commented that the boat launch is not big enough to be wheelchair accessible as you would need to have a five foot radius.

- **4th of July Picnic - Jim Pillion**

Mr. Pillion reported that they have recruited some volunteers, but they could use a few more.

- **Association Manager's Report - Tom Sheehan**

Mr. Sheehan presented his report (attached). Mr. Sheehan reported that the July 4th Annual Parade line up will start at the clubhouse grounds at 10:00Am, and the parade kicks off at 11:00Am sharp. Volunteers should arrive at the clubhouse between 10:00Am and 11:00Am. Mr. Sheehan responded to a member's comment, saying that a town truck stopped and thanked him for painting the fire hydrants. Mr. Sheehan also responded to a public comment saying the railings had to be replaced for safety and liability reasons.

Ms. Murdock-Meggers asked Mr. Sheehan to let the new guards know that paddle boarders need to be on the other side of the swim lines.

- **Chair's Report - Robin Murdock-Meggers**

Ms. Murdock-Meggers asked Mr. Pillion if he would like to continue as the Ex-Officio to the Zoning Board. Mr. Pillion said he would like to continue as Ex-Officio. Ms. Murdock-Meggers appointed Mr. Steve Beauchene as the Ex-Officio to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ms. Murdock-Meggers asked how to accommodate the kayaks and paddle boards. She said you can't accommodate everyone. She thought the kayak racks should stay where they were and not expand. Mr. Fountain commented that there was a build up of sand by the racks at Sea View and that it needed to be leveled off. Ms. Murdock-Meggers commented that the location of the kayak racks were voted on by our members by a paper ballot. Mr. Pillion suggested we form a Kayak committee. Ms. Murdock-Meggers asked Mr. Fountain and Ms. Colangelo to come up with some recommendations.

Ms. Murdock-Meggery commented that she has talked with Mr. Murray, the zoning officer, about the hedges and bushes he is aware of them as is the town of East Lyme. She stated that she will be following up with Mr. Murray.

- **Ex Officio to Zoning - Jim Pillion**

Mr. Pillion reported that the Zoning Board will be moving two alternates up to replace the two vacancies coming up on Aug 1.

****Motion [5]**

Mr. Pillion asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Jim Fox and Mr. Jim Mastria to the Zoning Commission for three year terms. (replacing Mr. Ned Cosgrove and Ms. Sharon Sklar.) Mr. Beauchene seconded the Motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Motion passed

- **Ex Officio to the Zoning Board of Appeals - Robin Murdock-Meggery**

Ms. Murdock-Meggery stated there was nothing to report.

4. New Business

Ms. Murdock-Meggery reported that members have contacted her about cleaning up the playground and about outdated equipment.

Mr. Shea stated that the BPBCA needed a maintenance vehicle for Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Gilson to carry supplies. Mr. Shea suggested a golf cart at a cost of \$4,700.00. Mr. Shea would be interested in a motion tonight. The cart would accommodate passengers and materials. The cart would be owned by BPBCA for use by our personnel. Ms. Murdock-Meggery stated that this had been voted on last year. Ms. Boyle stated that Mr. Gilson is not an employee he is paid \$40.00 per hour for his services and Mr. Sheehan is given \$125.00 per month allowance for his vehicle. Ms. Boyle stated that we are over our budget and it would be fiscally irresponsible.

****Motion [6]**

Mr. Shea made a motion to purchase a vehicle not to exceed \$4,700.00 for maintenance use for Black Point Beach. Mr. Pillion seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Pillion said the golf cart was a good idea but not the right time to do it.

****Motion [7]**

Mr. Shea made a motion to withdraw his motion. Mr. Pillion seconded the motion.

Mr. Callahan asked about re-stacking the boulders and rocks to protect the fence and seawall between Sea Breeze and Sea View.

5. Old Business

None

6. Communications
Made available (log attached)

7. BOG Response
Responses given during reports

8. Executive Session

Ms. Murdock-Meggers asked for a motion to enter Executive Session.

**** Motion [8]**

Mr. Pillion made a motion that the Board enter Executive Session at 8:20Pm to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Shea seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Motion passed

**** Motion [9]**

Mr. Shea made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:39Pm. and return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Pillion seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Motion passed

9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Murdock-Meggers called for a motion to adjourn.

**** Motion [10]**

Mr. Shea made a motion to adjourn the BPBCA Board of Governors Regular Meeting of May 27, 2016p.m. at 8:40pm Mr. Pillion seconded the motion.

Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lowney, Secretary

Manager's Monthly Report

June 24th, 2016

- 1. First and Foremost Black Point and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ken Mattson, Indianola Road, who asked permission to do some plantings on the Main Beach right of way. He planted a few flowerbeds, and helped me to paint the bike rack now at Main Beach, as well as to relocate the no parking sign. In addition, he and his wife insisted on paying for the expenses associated with this project, as well as donating his time and labor to complete the project. He stated "I just want to give back to Black Point, because we love it here".**
- 2. Also, Ken volunteered to help me with various projects, and this is a list of what has been completed:**
 - a. Every Traffic signpost from Billow to Sea Crest on East Shore drive has been painted.**
 - b. Nehantic Boat Ramp has been painted.**
 - c. All bicycle racks have been painted on Nehantic Dr, Sea Breeze Ave, Osprey Rd, and the clubhouse.**
 - d. Bench on White cap as well as bulletin board painted.**
 - e. Basketball bench painted**
 - f. New Plexi-Glass installed at Clubhouse Bulletin board**
 - g. Ken is currently painting fire hydrants.**
- 3. There is no way all of this could have been accomplished without Ken's help. In addition, we intend to keep going with Improvements to the playground area, plus additional Projects. We would appreciate any help from our members who would like to volunteer their time for various upcoming projects. We hope to complete the painting by the end of next week, so volunteers to help would be welcome. Please let me know if anyone would like to help.**

4. The right of ways is now being mowed every 2 weeks, and the Clubhouse passed the Fire Marshall's Inspection
5. Weekend Police coverage started June 17th, and will continue through Labor Day weekend.
6. Thank you to the Men's Club for their purchase and installation of 2 benches at the bocce court. The old benches will be recycled to the shuffleboard courts.
7. A very sincere thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help with the 4th of July picnic. Anyone who wants to lend a hand setting up and decorating the clubhouse on Sunday evening, July 3rd would be very welcome, at 4:00PM.
8. Volunteers for the 4th should plan on arriving at the clubhouse between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated.
9. The parade line up will start at the clubhouse grounds at 10:00 AM, and the parade will start at 11:00AM sharp.
10. Today, June 24th, the Nehantic right of way ramp leading to the jetty has been resurfaced by Classic Concrete. Plus, we discovered a major crack on the steel pier on Main Beach, and thankfully Mike Nebelung was instrumental in getting the cement to this repair site, which was then completed by Classic Concrete.
11. Also. Today, June 24th, Mike installed the gangplank for the boat ramp dock today.
12. W have new beach patrol staff this year, including Vann Moffet, Margaret Keithline, and Mia Salvemini. All three are former counselors of our recreation program, and I ask that everyone please make them feel welcome, as well as supporting them in their efforts on the beach this year.

Tom Sheehan, Association Manager

