

**Black Point Beach Club Association
Board of Governors
Annual Informational Meeting
Saturday September 3, 2016
9:00Am
6 Sunset Ave., Niantic, CT 06357**

An Annual Informational Meeting of the Black Point Beach Club Association Board of Governors was held on Saturday September 3, 2016 at 9:00AM in the Black Point Beach Club Association Clubhouse located at 6 Sunset Avenue in Niantic, Connecticut.

Present: Kevin Callahan, Vice Chair; Jim Pillion, Bob Shea, Will Fountain, Cheryl Colangelo, Steve Beauchene and Mary Cahill, Ex-Officio.

Also Present: Tom Sheehan, Association Manager; Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer; Ruth Ames, Tax Collector; Maureen Lowney, Secretary

Absent: Robin Murdock-Meggers, Chair

1. Call meeting to order and Attendance

Chairman Kevin Callahan called the Regular Meeting of the BPBCA Board of Governors to order at 9:03AM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Callahan introduced the Board of Governors and staff.

Mr. Callahan reported that the Boat Launch restoration was completed in June. He stated that the Board had asked for \$100,000.00 to restore the boat launch. The final cost was \$109,000.00. The north side wall was found to be unsafe and the gangplank was under water, also the south side wall was also dangerous as rebar was sticking out. Docko recommended doing these two items at the same time as the boat launch.

Mr. Callahan reminded the members who forgot to pay their taxes that they are overdue.

Mr. Sheehan encouraged members to provide off season contact information in case there is a problem with their property. There were 4 broken water pipes this past winter.

Mr. Sheehan noted the following dates as we prepare to close out the 2016 summer season.

September 6th, Daily Beach Grooming will cease. Weekend Grooming will continue until September 25th, 2016

Week of September 12th, Water equipment will be removed and placed into winter storage.

Week of October 23rd, Kayak racks will be placed into winter storage.

All water vessels must be removed or they will be left on the ground.

Week of October 31st, Tennis courts will be closed for the season, and the clubhouse will also be closed for the season.

Mr. Sheehan asked members who have any water vessels at the beach to please remove them by the end of the day today, before the storm this weekend.

Mr. Callahan stated that Ms. Beth Brucker will put a message on the web site asking for any changes for the phone book, phone numbers or name changes. Ms. Brucker donates her time and resources to produce the phone book which she distributes to all the members free of charge.

2. Mr. Callahan opened the floor to general comments from the members.

Ms. Pat Vozella, 49 Sea View Avenue, asked if it would be legal to publish names of delinquent tax payers. Ms. Ames said yes you could legally, but not a very good practice.

Mr. Bob Villecco, 16 Osprey Road, asked the Board about the status of the property on West Lane.

Ms. Cahill said it is in Limbo. The town of East Lyme and the property owners have been notified that we own a 1 foot strip and will not let them pass over that strip as the road is very narrow and we could not allow that much traffic on that road.

Ms. Ann Farley, 39 Sea Crest Avenue, asked if anything was being done on the blighted properties. Ms. Cahill stated that she has been in touch with the town and filled out the proper paperwork regarding those properties. The town has come out and taken pictures of those houses, it is now in the hands of the town of East Lyme. We have done all we can do.

Ms. Kim Craven, 46 East Shore Drive, stated the boat launch looks great and noted that people are fishing and diving off the new pillar on the right side and thinks this could be a safety issue. Ms. Craven noted that the raft at the Sea Breeze Beach use to be out further and asked if it could be put back there next season. She said that in the Beach Patrol job description they have sweeping duty. She knows it is hot and knows the guards are in the water on floats speaking to people. Could they please sweep the walkways so people don't slip. Ms. Craven also stated that at one time the beach manager used to be scheduled to be on each beach at certain times so members could talk with him. It was helpful in the past.

Ms. Craven asked if the Board of Governors could have two public comments one at the beginning and one at the end of the meetings. She also stated that she thought that it was a good idea to use the White cap parking lot off season to store boats, but thought it could be a liability to the association.

Mr. Frank Christiana, 10 Nehantic Drive, voiced concern about speeding cars.

Ms. Donna Manuck, 19 Sunset Avenue, remarked that the new shuffleboard courts look beautiful and asked if we had the equipment. A member responded that the courts are not quite ready. Maybe ready in the spring.

Mr. Tom Kelly, 21 Billow Road, asked about storage of boats off season at the White Cap parking lot.

Ms. Wendy Bourget, 1 Osprey Road, also asked if the Board of Governors could add a second public comments section to their meetings. She also asked if water craft owners could remove their vessels today before the storm, so they don't damage the seawall or homes on the water.

Ms. Andrea Hagaman, 49 Nehantic Drive, thanked the Board of Governors and the Beach Manager.

Mr. Phil Lombardo, 3 East Shore Drive, also supports two Public Comment sessions.

Ms. Wendy Pagani, 32 Sunset Avenue, thanked Garrett Hickey for a wonderful job with the recreation program.

Ms. Barbara Villecco, 16 Osprey Road, asked if the South Beach pier could be swept daily as seagulls are smashing rocks on the pier so you can't walk out there barefoot. Mr. Callahan said you cannot sweep geese droppings into the water. Ms. Villecco said it could be swept, picked up and thrown into the trash.

Ms. Wendy Bourget, 1 Osprey Road, commented on the Cahill Educational Scholarship and wanted to remind people that the applications will be available after January 1, 2017 and the deadline for 2017 will be in early April of 2017.

Ms. Sally Cini, 28 Sea Breeze Avenue commented about the amount of sand on the ramp at Sea Breeze making it very slippery. She stated it could be a liability issue.

Mr. Sheehan said the raft was moved this year because of a large rock. Regarding the speeding issue he stated that 2 summons for speeding were issued by the East Lyme Police and in both instances the speeders were Black Point Beach members. Mr. Sheehan also said that they need a fence around the shuffleboard courts to keep the bikes off of it. Mr. Sheehan agreed with Ms. Craven that the offseason boat storage at Whitecap is a liability. Mr. Sheehan said every time you leave the beach you take sand with you. He said being available on the beach at certain times since he's been in his position he's never been aware of it. He's available all day long by cell phone.

Mr. Will Fountain commented about having stickers for kayaks, paddleboards and dinghies hopefully by next spring to help identify the owners of the vessels.

Mr. Bill Greenwood, 56 Whitecap Road, complimented the Manager for all the improvements at Woodland Drive.

Mr. Callahan stated that Mr. Kenny Mattson was very instrumental with getting the wall done.

Motion to Adjourn

****Motion 1**

Motion made by Mr. Rowe to adjourn the Board of Governors Informational Meeting at 9:46AM. Seconded by Mr. Lillis. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lowney, Secretary