

**Black Point Beach Club Association
Board of Governors
Annual Informational Meeting
Saturday, August 31, 2013
9:00 a.m.
6 Sunset Ave., Niantic, Connecticut 06357**

An Annual Informational Meeting of the Black Point Beach Club Association Board of Governors was held on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Black Point Beach Club Association Clubhouse located at 6 Sunset Avenue in Niantic, Connecticut.

Present Tom Kelly, Chair; Mary Cahill, Vice Chair; Dr. Brendan Fox, Nancy Flynn, Phil Hagaman, Jim Pillion, Jim Moffett

Also Present: Tom Sheehan, Association Manager
Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer
Ruth Ames, Tax Collector
Cathleen Special, Secretary

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chairman Kelly called the Informational Meeting of the Black Point Board of Governors to order at 9:04 a.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sheehan introduced Sergeant Joe San Juan and Resident Trooper Bill Blanchette. The officers were present to answer any questions that fell under their jurisdiction.

Mr. Kelly notified the members that the unaudited figures for the previous fiscal year were hanging on the bulletin board.

Mr. Kelly introduced Mr. Gene Massey, who gave a report on behalf of the BPBCA Millstone Committee. Mr. Massey summarized the efforts of the committee over the past year. The committee was formed when Millstone applied to expand their dry cask storage to cover all of their anticipated waste through the year 2045. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved the request. The committee appealed to the Connecticut Siting Council, but the CSC also approved the request. Since then, three new matters have arisen. Millstone has submitted a proposal to the NRC to amend its license to be allowed to operate when the water temperature in Long Island Sound reaches a maximum of 80°. The current license specifies a water temperature of 75°. The second matter has to do with the high burn-up procedures. Millstone has had preliminary meetings with the NRC regarding high burn-up procedures which are more efficient, producing more electricity for the same amount of fuel but also generating more radioactivity and more radioactive waste. Millstone has not filed a formal application yet, but it is anticipated. The third issue is the various failures of operations. The NRC found that the radiation gas monitoring system was not working. Millstone is repairing the system. However, in July and August they performed scheduled releases of excessive radioactive gases. They did so without the monitoring system in place. The committee met with Paul Formica, who is willing to bring up these matters with the Council of Governments.

Mr. Massey said that the Board is going to have to appropriate money if the committee is going to continue to be involved in these matters. The committee would do the bulk of the work but it would be necessary to hire a consultant and experts, which he estimates to cost \$10,000.

Mr. Kelly opened the floor to general comments from the members.

Peter McAndrew, 6 Sea View Avenue, asked the Board what the procedure would be for approving appropriations for the Millstone matter. He also asked that the Board receive membership approval before any money is appropriated. Mr. Kelly said there would be a Special Meeting in September to see if the Board is interested in pursuing the matter financially.

Beth Brucker, 28 South Trail, asked the Board to consider having a paper ballot at the May meeting for the membership to vote on the budget.

Joan Hayes, 51 Whitecap Road, agreed with Ms. Brucker and asked for a paper ballot at the May meeting.

Sally Cini, 28 Sea Breeze Avenue, raised the issue of the use of golf carts in Black Point and provided a brief background of the issue. She is interested in re-opening the matter with the town and invited members to contact her if they would like to assist her in the process.

Bob Dawes, 5 Park Court, alleged inappropriate actions were made by the Association Manager and wants the assurance of the Board that it will not happen again. Mr. Dawes questioned the salary of the secretarial position. Mr. Dawes submitted a Freedom of Information request regarding the beach maintenance contract. He suggested that the bid request provide more detail.

Will Fountain, 31 Whitecap Road, noted that there is a large number of golf carts in the Oswegatchie Hills Road area.

Wendy Bourget, 1 Osprey Road, said that parking implications should be considered when thinking about allowing the use of golf carts.

Sharon Sklar, 20 Sunrise Avenue, questioned the need for golf carts in a small community.

John Cellino, 60 East Shore Drive, stated that golf carts are beneficial to people who have difficulty walking and they save fuel, are safer, slower and smaller than cars.

Ms. Candlish, 5 Cottage Lane, thinks allowing summer construction was a poor decision. She has been listening to hammering all summer long.

Bob Shea, 31 Sea Breeze Avenue, spoke in support of golf carts. He said that when he drove his golf cart in Black Point, he was acting on information he received from someone at the East Lyme Police Department.

Officer Bill Blanchette of the ELPD apologized if misinformation was provided by his department. He read from the current State Statute that is applicable to the present golf cart matter. The current statute, CGS Sec. 14-300g, states that if a local traffic authority does not enact an ordinance to

permit such operation of golf carts, the operation of golf carts on highways is permitted only by golfers to get from one part of the golf course to the other. An ordinance permitting the use of golf carts has not been enacted in the Town of East Lyme. The Traffic Authority would have to enact a town-wide ordinance to permit the use of golf carts. As of right now, the Traffic Authority is not in favor of it.

Monica Burnett, 35 Bellaire Road, asked if insurance would cover a claim involving a golf cart if they are not legal. Mr. Blanchette was doubtful.

Patty Dawes, 5 Park Court, said that she often sees people ignoring stop signs and the speed limit and noted that other communities that allow golf carts have speed bumps.

Ms. Cahill encouraged anyone who is interested in changing the law to join Sally Cini in going through the proper channels to make the change. Until the law is changed, anyone who is using a golf cart is breaking the law.

Bob Shea, 31 Sea Breeze Avenue, noted that if the proposed ordinance had been enacted, it would have applied to beach communities only.

Rich Diachenko, 25 Sunrise Avenue, said that, in his opinion, the Black Point community seemed more alive and active this year and thanked all those involved in making it happen.

Ken Mattson, 5 Indianola Road, thanked Mr. Sheehan for an excellent recovery program after Storm Sandy.

Shevon Hickey, Sunset Avenue, disputed the accounts of Mr. Dawes regarding the actions of Mr. Sheehan and expressed concern about members making comments at public meetings that could damage someone's reputation.

Ned Cosgrove, Chair of the Zoning Commission, reported that the Association is in need of a new Zoning Enforcement Officer. The position pays \$7,000 per year. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who is interested, please contact him, Tom Kelly or Tom Sheehan.

Sue Chodorov, 61 Sea View Avenue, asked that the existing kayak racks be modified by replacing the horizontal supports with pipe covered in larger diameter PVC pipe. A photo board was given to the Board for their reference. Also, the racks and the area around the racks are very crowded. She would like to add a kayak rack and paddleboard rack to Sea View.

Sharon Sklar, 20 Sunrise Avenue, asked what the next step will be in the requests regarding the racks. Mr. Kelly said he will ask Mr. Sheehan to see if the existing racks can be modified, and the Board will discuss appropriating money for additional racks.

Ann Farley, 39 Sea Crest Avenue, offered tote bags and painted buoys for sale by the Women's Club. The tote bags are \$15, and the buoys are \$20.

Jim Mastria, 8 Bellaire Road, commented that the Association should not spend money on the dry cask storage matter. It is not an argument we could win. Mr. Massey replied that no money was

spent and are not doing anything more about it.

Kim Craven, 46 East Shore Drive, said that a man and woman have been on private properties, without permission, taking pictures.

Diane Zukowski, 36 Sunrise Avenue, said that someone from Bartol was outside her house and asked to give her a quote on air conditioning.

Beth Brucker, 28 South Trail, said that anyone on private property is trespassing and the police should be called.

Ann Farley, 39 Sea Crest Avenue, asked what the ordinance is regarding solicitors.

Paul Vozzella, 49 Sea View Avenue, asked if rental of the clubhouse included the grounds as well. Mr. Kelly said that the matter is going to be discussed by the Board.

Ms. Candlish, 5 Cottage Lane, is not familiar with the clubhouse rental rules.

Cindy Fountain, 31 Whitecap Road, suggested notifying the membership via the internet when the clubhouse is rented and not available for use by members.

Mr. Sheehan said that clubhouse rental will be discussed and the rules will be clarified.

A resident of 92 East Shore Drive asked that people who have bushes by stop signs please cut them back.

Kevin Callahan, 22 Sea Crest Avenue, spoke favorably of Tom Sheehan.

Bob Dawes, 5 Park Court, said that he did not want the issue to come to this meeting. He attempted to address it at other meetings with the ELPD and the Board.

Kim Koss, 48 Bellaire Road, is Mr. Sheehan's daughter. She said that she respects that Mr. Dawes had a concern and was within his rights to have it addressed. However, he had several forums to state his opinion, including with the ELPD, and nothing was validated. In her opinion, any comments going forward are slanderous.

Patty Dawes, 5 Park Court, stated that when Mr. Dawes brought the matter to the other forums it was not discussed. She defended her husband as an honest man and supports him 100%.

Carolyn Boyle thanked everyone for the patience and support with the House & Garden Tour. They are deciding on what to do with the proceeds. They have already made donations to some women-oriented charities. Please contact her or Ann Farley if you have ideas for the Women's Club or would like to join.

Mr. Kelly thanked the members for attending and reminded them to keep up to date with the Association's website, blackpointbeachclub.com, or our Facebook page. Mr. Kelly also thanked the police officers for taking the time to attend the meeting and answer questions.

Mr. Kelly wished everyone a safe and happy winter. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Special, Secretary