

**Black Point Beach Club Association
Board Of Governors
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM
Thursday, April 26th, 2012
6 Sunset Ave., Niantic, CT**

A Regular Meeting of the Black Point Beach Club Board of Governors was held on Thursday evening, April 26th, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Black Point Beach Association Clubhouse located on 6 Sunset Ave. in Niantic, CT.

Present: Tom Kelly, Chairman, Mary Cahill,
Tom Sheehan, Phil Hagaman, Nancy Flynn

Absent: Dr. Brendan Fox, Maribeth Stone

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

Call to Order

Chairman Kelly stated that a quorum was present and called this regular meeting of the Black Point Board of Governors to order at 7:09PM.

1. Attendance

Tom Kelly noted the members and staff in attendance as listed above

2. Approval of Minutes: April 14th, 2012 Emergency Meeting

Tom Kelly called for a motion or any discussion of the April 14, 2012 Emergency Meeting Minutes.

Point of Order:

Mary Cahill asked for an Amendment to the minutes of the April 14th, 2012 Emergency Meeting. There was a question with the count of votes.

Tom Sheehan read from his notes rescinding his appointment as beach manager at the start of the Emergency meeting.

Mary Cahill read from her notes: She expressed her opinion that meeting motion #8 was a legal motion to hire Tom Sheehan, and the board was not in error.

**** Motion [1]**

Tom Kelly moved to approve the Amended April 14th, 2012 Emergency Meeting Minutes of the Board of Governors.

Nancy Flynn seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 / Motion Passed. Phil Hagaman Abstained as he was not at March 24th, 2012 meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report, Carolyn Boyle:

Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer, reviewed the income and expenses vs. budget. The bank balance total is \$59,151.08.

4. Member Comments:

David Weiss, 98 East Shore, would like the Board to consider putting up a new sign at South Beach at eye level stating: "Not Allowed to Park or Fish" with current hours included on the sign.

Will Fountain, 31 White Cap, attended the last meeting where tables from the clubhouse were requested to be loaned for an event, and there seemed to be confusion as to the number of tables available. Mr. Fountain suggests a committee to obtain an inventory of what we actually own as an association. The committee should also develop a log of inventory and usage.

Sue Chonorov, 61 Sea View, would like to know where the new kayak racks will be placed and when they will be placed.

Barbara Johnston, 35 Sea Crest, would like to know where our flag is, and why we don't do a pledge of allegiance at the beginning of meetings. Mr. Kelly confirmed flag was in the Boardroom, and the Pledge is only done at the Annual meeting. Ms. Johnston also stated the material used for the new kayak racks is inferior, and requests to know where they will be placed, and feels they cannot be placed on South Beach. Ms. Johnston would also like an explanation of what is an Emergency meeting, and would like the opportunity to read the notes from the Emergency meeting.

5. Chairperson's Report & Correspondence, Tom Kelly:

Tom Kelly thinks Will Fountain's suggestion for an Inventory Committee is an excellent idea.

Correspondence:

3/29/12 Barbara Johnston / 2 e-mails regarding Kayak issues, including construction & placements/ also issues with printing zoning information

4/2/12 Sandy Sheehan / Delivery of get well gift to Gemma Dowd

4/3/12 Maribeth Stone / e-mail to BOG concerning BOG previous meeting motion, requesting an Emergency BOG meeting on 4/14/12

4/4/ Sandy Sheehan / e-mail to Tom Kelly questioning posting instructions for Emergency BOG meeting

4/4/12 Mary Cahill / e-mail reply to Maribeth Stone's e-mail
4/4/12 Dr. Brendan Fox / e-mail reply to Maribeth Stone's e-mail
4/5/12 Maribeth Stone to BOG / e-mail regarding legal protocol for Emergency meeting
4/5/12 Gemma Dowd to BOG / Note of thanks for gift
4/5/12 Tom Kelly & Maribeth Stone / e-mail to Sandy Sheehan with information and instructions for Emergency meeting, with a copy of reply from Atty. Ed O'Connell concerning rescinding motions
4/6/12 Dr. & Mrs. Banever & 10 Other South Beach Residents / Letter given to Tom Kelly discussing their concerns for potential placements of Kayak racks, and request for additional input & discussions from members at the May meeting.
4/16/12 Barbara Johnston / 2 e-mails questioning Emergency meeting lack of agenda, administration committees responsibilities, and review of correspondence, as well as reason for Emergency meeting.
4/17/12 Barbara Johnston / e-mail to BOG stating not understanding FOI response from Maribeth Stone / 2nd e-mail forwarding information to BOG on upcoming FOI seminar to be held in May at Groton Town Hall Annex
4/18/12 Tom Kelly / e-mail reply to Barbara Johnston's questions from previous e-mails
4/19/12 Barbara Johnston / to Tom Kelly & Sandy Sheehan requesting clarification of what motion from 3/24/12 meeting was rescinded
4/20/12 Sandy Sheehan / e-mail reply to Barbara Johnston to confirm correct motion number rescinded

6 Tax Collector's Report, Richard Kimball:

Richard Kimball, Tax collector, reports 7 tax delinquencies. Two of the seven are for the same property owner.

7. Managers Report, Mike Manifold:

Budget: Changes in the proposed budget are as follows: Bringing the Beach Manager's Position back, Increasing the salary for the Secretary's position, Increasing ground maintenance for the top of Billow. Fund Maintenance is back to what it has historically been at \$40,000. Mill rate is 1.26 [there is a .22% drop in tax base]

Kayak Racks: Mike Manifold proposed sites at last months meeting, and there are strong objections from South Beach contesting the site. Suggestion from Phil Hagaman for kayak placements to be voted on at the May meeting / Choose a number of potential sites, and let the members vote on their top 3 choices. Mr. Manifold says we should put some racks in the backwater now so members could use the racks in May. Other suggested sites were mentioned, such as Sea View Boat Launch. Mr. Tom Sheehan said the original spots were chosen by the committee to be the least invasive and these were done with their best efforts. South Beach to date has had the largest number of kayaks, and therefore some should be at South Beach, and Mike Manifold suggested the S. Beach Pier.

Final Placement will be determined at the Annual Meeting by vote. Temporary Placement will be as follows for May: 2 Racks at the Backwater / 1 at the White Cap Right of Way / 1 at Sea View Boat Launch / 2 at South Beach Pier. Mr. Manifold also stated due to feedback and opposition, boat beach will not be moved.

Damaged sign on Tennis Courts: Our ZEO Officer is aware of the culprits identity, and Mike Manifold will notify them when to pay for replacement sign.

4th Of July / Tall Ship Celebration for July 6th: The update in newspaper reports 12 ships are now committed to this event. Nancy Flynn suggests we keep the 4th of July picnic and parade as in the past, and also potentially have a bonfire on the 6th. Mary Cahill says in addition to the bonfires, we should do what we did the last time the tall ships were in our Bay, and consider alternate suggestions for a barbecue during the day. Tom Sheehan suggests talking to the Men's club. Mike Manifold also suggested we ask our Kayak community to become involved with activities.

Clay Courts are scheduled for the first week of May.

Mr. Gilson is working on the playground and the Right of Ways. Mr. Casey is going to add playground mulch and regular mulch around the tennis courts.

Boat Docks are scheduled for late May and initial beach cleanup for early June.

Mr. Casey is ready to place the kayak racks in the next week.

Mike discussed the e-mail received from Bill Bayne, who has requested an alternative preparation for South Beach this year, bringing in a contractor to perform a "mass-sifting of the sand". Request also included spreading the newly sifted sand, as well newly acquired sifted sand. Mary Cahill asked if we need to get permission or a permit from DEP. Mike Manifold consulted a previous chairperson, and a permit is not needed. In addition, if sand is brought in, there is no guarantee it will stay. Mary commented that previous sifting efforts have improved the beaches.

Mike Manifold also agreed with Will fountain's suggestion of establishing an Inventory Committee.

8. Committee Reports:

Mary Cahill quoted by-laws regarding ad hoc committees. Which may be established at any time during the year for a specific function. Mrs. Cahill also feels ad hoc committees are adequate vs. a standing yearly appointed committee.

Phil Hagaman suggests Association Manager should oversee Inventory Control & Assets Committee.

Committees will be discussed at organizational meeting.

9. Old Business:

Kayak racks discussion in above Manager's Report.

AED discussion will be addressed at future meeting when full BOG is present.

10. New Business:

Current Administration Committee will work on job description updates for Secretary, Tax Collector and Beach Manager. Sandy Sheehan submitted a suggested revision for the Secretary's job description and distributed to the BOG.

By-Laws may need to be reviewed and revised.

11. Member's Comments:

Will Fountain, 31 White Cap: Mr. Fountain will sent out options for organized kayak sessions, weather permitting. Mr. Fountain also did a survey on how many boats and kayaks were on our beach areas and backwater / the original placements for the kayak racks were based on this survey, to potentially open more areas.

Phil Lombardo, 3 East Shore, Expressed concerns regarding the number of times the Board mentions their discussions which will be carried over to executive session, and asks the Board to be cautious about things discussed that the Board doesn't want members to hear. Mary Cahill said personnel and legal issues are discussed in executive session.

Barbara Johnston, 35 Sea Crest: Job Descriptions should not be done in executive sessions / there is no job description for beach manager. East Lyme is separate from Black Point Municipality. Emergency Meetings are not an option in our By-Laws. The BOG is being unfair to kayak holders; how will allotment be done & will there be a lottery? Will it be first come, first served, will there be a charge, and in an emergency situation will there be a liability fee?

Beth Brucker, 28 South Trail: Ms. Brucker does not see what difference the members have using the tennis courts or kayak racks. Also, at the last OP Sail, Ms. Brucker and Andy Resnisky cooked all afternoon, and it was a hugely successful day at Black Point.

Richard Kimball, 38 Sea Crest: Has a problem with the Secretary's position being paid the same amount of money as the Tax Collector and Treasurer, which are financial staff positions. Tax Collector and Treasurer are bonded and should be paid more. Also has a problem with Tom Sheehan involvement in the increase in salary for the Secretary. Mr. Sheehan informed Mr. Kimball he left the meeting when the board discussed the Secretary's salary, and he was not involved in that decision or discussion.

Barbara Johnston, 35 Sea Crest: Appreciates what Mr. Kimball says, and she sees the Secretary's position as a whole different function, and should not get the same amount of money.

13. Executive Session:

**** Motion [2]**

Phil Hagaman moved the board enter into executive session at 8:20PM for the purpose of discussion of personnel issues.

Nancy Flynn seconded the motion.

Vote: 5- 0 - 0 / Motion Passed.

**** Motion [3]**

Tom Sheehan moved that the board return to Regular session at 9:40 PM, Phil Hagaman Seconded the Motion.

Vote : 5 - 0 - 0. Motion Passed.

**** Motion [4]**

Phil Hagaman moved to approve the Annual Budget in the amount of \$166,900.00 with a mill rate of 1.26.

Tom Sheehan Seconded the Motion.

Vote : 5 - 0 - 0. Motion Passed.

Mary Cahill suggested that the Beach Manager's job description title be changed to Waterfront Supervisor, and all Board members were in agreement.

The Waterfront Supervisor will report to the Association Manager and will be hired by the Association Manager.

14. Adjournment:

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

**** Motion [5]**

Nancy Flynn moved that the BPBC Board of Governors Regular Meeting of April 26th, 2012 be adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Mary Cahill Seconded the motion,

Vote : 5 - 0 - 0. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Sheehan, Secretary

