

**Black Point Beach Club Association
Annual Informational Meeting
Saturday, September 1, 2018
9:00Am
6 Sunset Ave., Niantic, CT 06357**

An Annual Informational Meeting of the Black Point Beach Club Association was held on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at 9:00AM in the Black Point Beach Club Association Clubhouse located at 6 Sunset Avenue in Niantic, Connecticut.

Present: Kevin Callahan, Chair; Cheryl Colangelo, Vice Chair; Will Fountain, Steve Beauchene, Bill McDowell, Phil Lombardo, Veronica Phelps and Mary Cahill, Ex-Officio.

Also Present: Carolyn Boyle, Treasurer; Ruth Ames, Tax Collector; Jim Moffett, Waterfront Supervisor; Maureen Lowney, Secretary

1. Call meeting to order and Attendance

Chairman Kevin Callahan called the Informational Meeting of the BPBCA to order at 9:04AM. Mr. Callahan asked for a moment of silence for Black Pointers or your own loved ones that passed away this past year. Then Mr. Callahan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Callahan introduced the Board of Governors and staff.

- Mr. Will Fountain - Grounds and buildings
- Mr. Bill McDowell - Fishing rules
- Mr. Steve Beauchene - Steel Pier and Zoning Ex-Officio
- Ms. Cheryl Colangelo - Kayak registration and 4th of July Picnic & Parade
- Ms. Mary Cahill - Ex Officio & Counsel to all Boards
- Ms. Ronnie Phelps - Recreation Club Liaison and inter beach socials
- Mr. Phil Lombardo - Land Surveys to identify, mark the association properties.

- Mr. Jim Moffett - Waterfront supervisor, Ms. Carolyn Boyle - Treasurer,
- Ms. Maureen Lowney - Secretary & 4th of July picnic, Ms. Ruth Ames - Tax collector.

Mr. Callahan thanked Mr. Moffett and Mr. Hickey for their work this past summer season. He also thanked the Board which works all year around and the year round employees.

Mr. Callahan reported that all lines, buoys and floats will be coming out of the water this month. Also the kayak racks will be removed at the end of the month. He stated that last year a fast moving storm came through in October and kayaks and some of the racks were lost.

Mr. Callahan asked for volunteers to help remove kayaks if a storm is coming. Also informed members that if their water craft is registered you will be notified if the water craft has been pulled out.

Mr. Callahan reminded the members that only those who own property in Black Point Beach Club Assoc. or who are renters in the Assoc. but are registered voters in the town of East Lyme may speak during the meeting. Members will be limited to 3 minutes, they cannot transfer minutes and will not be give another chance to speak till everyone who wants to speak gets at

least one chance. Wait to be recognized by the Chair and do not speak out while someone else is speaking.

He asked that members keep their questions and comments civil and respectful as at the BOG August meeting their had been some disrespectful, uncivil moments from some audience members.

Mr. Callahan mentioned that a recreation club survey was previously done by the BOG in 2007 and 2008 to gather information about how members were enjoying the program. This BOG was attempting to find out information about how people like the program the hours, days, games, outside games and give suggestions. He said the word Curriculum was used and several people thought it was meant in an academic manner. It is also meant as a set of goals articulated across the levels of club attendees and staff that outline the intended planned content and instruction plan across the age levels of children that attend club, including who, what, when, where, and how of the club.

Mr. Callahan informed the membership that the Zoning commission is looking for an alternate and if anyone is interested to please call or e-mail the Chair.

Mr. Callahan informed the members that Ms. Ronnie Phelps would give a report on the recreation program

Ms. Ronnie Phelps - Report Rec. Program

Ms. Ronnie Phelps stated that she wanted to clear up mis information about the committee she is on. Her survey is not to evaluate Mr. Hickey or all the little activities that they did this year. She also stated that there is a rumor going around that she wants the job as Rec. director. She informed the members that she does not want the job as Rec. director and it would be a conflict of interest as she is committed to being a Board member for the next 3 years. Her job is to look at the club and to make sure it has the structure to carry on for the next 10 years. She stated that the survey she is doing is evaluating the Club Program and is not evaluating Mr. Hickey. That would be a whole different thing. That is not her committee. Ms. Phelps stated that what she is looking at is the policy, examples: how old should the child be, should they be toilet trained etc. The curriculum would be arts, crafts, field trips things the children would enjoy. The curriculum is going to support the mission statement which Ms. Phelps read

“The goal of the Recreation Program is to afford Black Point Beach Club members and their guests the opportunity to take advantage of a reasonably priced summer recreation program providing outdoor and indoor activities for children ages three through twelve. The Recreation Program provides the children of this Association the opportunity of forming friendships and learning basic water safety skills in a safe and caring environment.”

Ms. Phelps said it is important that we have health and safety rules now a days with liability. We have to make sure that the counselors are aware of blood born pathogens. They need to have that training, use rubber gloves. We also want to have the physical plan ready for children three years old need step stools to get up on the toilet. Do we have s step stool in each stall, that’s important. That’s what she’s looking at.

She said that they are still looking for input and that the surveys are at the back of the room. She wants all surveys returned by September 9, 2018.

As the liaison to the club program she thanked Mr. Hickey and the counselors for an amazing job this summer.

Mr. Steve Beauchene - Steel Pier Report

Mr. Beauchene stated that he has received 3 reports from GZA. The first report is the phase one assessment on the Main Groin, the second is the eel grass study and the third report is the memorandum of Findings. He informed the members that he was told doing nothing to the pier was not an option.

Mr. Beauchene said he will have the reports put on the web site for everyone to look at and if they have any questions they can e-mail Mr. Beauchene.

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

Ms. Kim Craven, 46 East Shore Drive, asked if the eel grass study could also be put on the web site and she asked who is on the committee.

Mr. Beauchene replied all 3 reports will be put on the web site. He said at this point there is no committee.

Ms. Theresa Alferi, 34 Woodland Drive, commented on the rec. program saying parents of children in the program should be on the committee and that she would like to be on the committee.

Ms. Phelps responded that the people on the committee have children or grandchildren in the program. She said there are no openings on the committee at this moment but there may be committees forming from that committee

Ms. Kelly Smith, 9 Nehantic Drive, asked which pier they were talking about.

Mr. Beauchene replied the pier that is between Indianola and White Cap.

Ms. Stephanie Elevado, 7 Sea Breeze Avenue, asked how long it would take to build a new pier and how long the new pier would last.

Mr. Beauchene replied the pier that is there now has lasted 80 years.

Ms. Beverly Melo, 6 Cottage Lane, asked about the other piers.

Mr. Beauchene replied that the company would charge \$17,000 to evaluate the other piers and they had told him the other piers seem to be ok.

Ms. Alice Baril, 17 Sea View Avenue, commented about the pier.

Mr. Beauchene responded that hopefully there will be a vote at the May meeting regarding the Pier.

Mr. Peter McAndrew, 6 Sea View Avenue, asked what the fees have been for the consultants to date.

Mr. Beauchene replied that the eel grass study was \$7,000.00 and \$9,000.00 for the initial survey.

Mr. McAndrew commended Mr. Beauchene for that work he has done. He asked if the members could get an idea of what their assessment would be.

Ms. Evelyn Frolich, 49 Sea Spray Avenue, commented that she was under the opinion that if a pier needs to be removed that the DEEP has grants for that.

Mr. Beauchene said he was not aware of that but will check into it.

Mr. Bill Bayne, 2 Osprey Road, asked why waiting till next spring for a vote on the piers and not starting work on it till next fall with storms coming up.

Mr. Beauchene replied the process takes time.

Ms. Sharon Orszulak, 26 Sea Spray Avenue, commented on renters being able to vote when they don't pay taxes.

Ms. Veronica Casey, 19 Sea View Avenue, stated that renters have the right to vote. Her house is in a trust and she pays taxes but cannot vote. However a renter who votes in town can vote even though they don't pay taxes. She stated it is a state law and that Black Point changed it a few years ago. Ms. Casey said she went to the first selectman in town about it and he went to the state. She said nothing can be done about it.

Ms. Diane Zukowski, 36 Sunrise Avenue, said the reason that Black Point Beach Club Assoc. has to follow it is because we are a quasi municipality where some of the other beaches are not. We pay taxes to the Association unlike other beaches that pay fees to their Associations.

Ms Cahill commented that because we have our own Zoning Commission we are a Quasi Municipality. If we got rid of our Zoning we would loose out quasi municipality status.

Mr. Bob Guenther, 17 Bellaire Road, also commented on the voting status.

Ms. Carolyn Boyle, 4 Sea view Avenue, commented that it is long term renters who vote in town and that we don't have many of them.

Ms. Wendy Bourget, 1 Osprey Road, also commented on the voting status.

Mr. George Kennedy, 19 Indianola Road, commented about golf carts having to have a parking tag to park in the Association parking areas.

Mr. Callahan responded that there are not many parking spaces so it needs to be limited to 1 parking tag per house.

Mr. Dave Murray, 39 Sea Breeze Avenue, asked if a water fountain could be installed in the clubhouse for the kids.

Mr. Callahan replied that they would look into it.

Mr. Peter McAndrew, 6 Sea Spray Avenue, asked how the summer went with a Waterfront Supervisor instead of an Association Manager.

Mr. Callahan said the summer went very well. After the evaluations of the employees they will discuss what they want to do moving forward.

A member asked if a list of the Board members with their duties and contact information could be put on the web site.

Mr. Gene Massey, 10 Brightwater Road, thanked the Board for a great summer.

Ms. Beth Brucker, 28 South Trail announced she will once again print an updated Black Point phone directory. If any one has any changes please e mail her by February 1, 2019.

Ms. Wendy Bourget, 1 Osprey Road, told the members that the Cahill scholarship applications will be on the website in February hopefully by February 1, 2019. She asked the members to please check the web site the beginning of February.

Ms. Kim Craven, 46 East Shore Drive, asked about the beach grooming.

Mr. Callahan informed her that daily grooming will stop after this weekend, and will be groomed on weekends only till the end of September.

Ms. Craven asked why the selection of committees was not discussed or posted on the web site and why some people were asked and others not.

She also gave her opinion that the Association should hire a management Company to do our taxes, recording, treasury, send out notices, advise us, have contractors that they negotiate with.

Ms. Sally Cini, 28 Sea Breeze Avenue, stated that she had lost her parking tag and it took a week to get a replacement as she didn't have a contact. She suggested, since the Board members don't want to give out their phone numbers which she can understand, having a phone or answering machine that members could call if they have a problem and that someone would check that machine everyday or so and respond to the member.

Ms. Ann Farley, 39 Sea Crest Avenue, commented that Ms. Beth Brucker pays for the Black Point phone directory out of her own pocket. She also mentioned that she saw an ad in the newspaper where someone was looking to rent out a room .

Mr. Fox, the Chair of the Zoning commission replied that if anyone sees something like that to contact him or the Zoning enforcement officer.

A member said she appreciated the work Mr. Jim Moffett did this summer and was glad to see a presence on the beach. She commented on the golf carts stating there is one parking tag per house. She asked what had happened about the idea of additional parking for the golf carts at Nehantic.

Mr. Callahan replied that it would be a safety issue for cars backing out if they allowed the parking on the south side of Nehantic. On the North side we don't own the land all the way to the fence. The new owner has agreed to meet with the BOG to see what we own and if any thing can be done.

Mr. Callahan adjourned the meeting at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lowney, Secretary