

Minutes of Black Point Beach Club Annual Meeting - 05/28/22

Date and time: 05/28/22 9:00 AM to: 05/28/22 10:30 AM

Present: Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary, Steve Beauchene, BOG Member, John Cellino, BOG Member, Janet Bonelli, BOG Chair, Will Fountain, BOG Member, Tom Meggers, BOG Member

CC: Jim Moffett, Association Manager, Al Capozza, Treasurer, Ruth Ames, Tax Collector, Kevin Seery, First Selectman, Absent: Tom Cherry, BOG Member, Colleen Hayes, BOG Member

Location: Black Point Beach Clubhouse, 6 Sunset Avenue, Niantic, CT 06357

Link: <https://app.meetingking.com/meetings/379743>

Topics

1. Call to Order

Note Janet Bonelli, BOG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Note Kevin Seery, First Selectman, led the Pledge.

Note Mr. Seery introduced himself and reported some of the following:

The Community's hearts go out to the victims of the shooting in Texas.

The Board of Police Commissioners will be holding a school security review at their meeting on June 9th.

The State of Connecticut DOT has started their work on the Route 161 Corridor Study.

This will analyze both vehicular and pedestrian traffic from Society Road to East Pattagansett.

A public meeting will be held at Town Hall sometime in the fall, hosted by the DOT, to discuss this project further.

This year's budget referendum passed; with a total of 4.5% of electorates voting.

The process by which we pass our budget will be reviewed during the upcoming charter revision.

He believes the process could be simplified and reduce the large expense necessary for a referendum.

For any change to be made, a total of 15% of electorates are required to vote in order to approve changes.

COVID numbers and hospitalizations have started to go back down,

Town Beach passes are now necessary, and dogs are not allowed on the beaches and McCook's Point Park until after Labor Day.

Amtrak has not yet made a final decision on the type of fencing that they will be installing to replace the current fence; he anticipates that a decision will be made soon as replacement is scheduled for this Fall.

At an upcoming meeting the Board of Selectmen will hear a presentation from Dave Putnam, Director of Public Works, on the purchase of compost garbage cans for the beaches and downtown areas.

The first few cans are being purchased with the newly formed NIP Bottle surcharge funds received.

The first Vintage Market of the season was a big success; look forward to more events throughout the summer.

He encourages all residents to contact him with any questions, concerns, or comments.

2. Introduce the Members of the Board of Governors and Officers

Note Ms. Bonelli introduced the Board and staff members to the membership. She noted that Steve Beauchene, Vice Chair, and Will Fountain are leaving the Board this year and detailed the great amount of work they have done serving, much of it behind the scenes. She thanked them for their support and taking initiative whenever needed.

3. Charter Revision Update

Note Anita Schepker of the Charter Revision Subcommittee was in attendance and shared some of the following:

A home rule ordinance was previously passed several years back, and it was determined that there was no need to go before the Legislator after all.

She thanked everyone on the subcommittee for all of their hard work- Jennifer Bogue, Sharon Bruce, Larry Connors, and Brendan Fox.

Each home now has one vote.

Properties held in a Trust or LLC are able to designate a voting member.

 [Designation Template 050422 \(2\).pdf](#)

Note Ms. Schepker noted that Wendy Bourget was unable to be here today, so she announced the winners of the Cahill Scholarship Fund on her behalf:

Tom Sheehan, grandson of Tom Sheehan, has won first place.

Nicole Hahn and Luke Johnston, grandson of Barbara Johnston, have both tied for second place.

Ms. Schepker congratulated the winners.

4. Nominations to the Board of Governors

Note Ms. Bonelli called for Board nominations from the floor.

Note MOTION (1)

Rick Diachenko of 25 Sunrise Avenue moved to nominate Jim Mastria to serve on the Board of Governors.

Cindy Fountain seconded the Nomination.

Note MOTION (2)

Robin Meggers of 15 Sea View moved to nominate her son Peter Meggers to serve on the Board of Governors.

A member of the Association in the audience seconded the Nomination.

Note MOTION (3)

Jim Fox of 15 Blue Heron Road moved to nominate John Cellino to serve on the Board of Governors.

A member of the Association in the audience seconded the Nomination.

Note Motion (4)

Anita Schepker of 48 Indianola Road moved to nominate Colleen Chapin to serve on the Board of Governors. Sally Cini seconded the motion.

Note There were no further nominations.

5. Proposed 2022-2023 operating budget and mil rate for the Association- Al Capozza

Note Ms. Bonelli turned the meeting over to Al Capozza, Treasurer, to present the budget.

Note Mr. Capozza noted that members received a copy of the proposed budget with the meeting call and that the proposed mill rate is 1.49. He briefly reviewed the proposed budget and discussed it with the Membership.

 [budget sheet.pdf](#)

Note Ms. Bonelli called for a show of hands of the Membership and the motion to end the budget discussion and vote, carried.

Note Ms. Stevens, Ms. Schepker, Ms. Ames and an additional volunteer collected the ballots and tallied the votes.

6. Master Plan Update

Note Dr. Beauchene and Ms. Bonelli led a discussion regarding the Master Plan and gave an update.

Note Dr. Beauchene noted that Mike Zuba attended the BOG Meeting on May 26th, 2022, to discuss the Master Plan.

 [SLAM Attachment.pdf](#)

Note The Board shared some of the following:

The Company, SLAM, who's crafting the plan are going to pull together some information, but a lot of the information is going to be collected through community outreach.

This will be achieved through smaller meetings and workshops.

They will consider what the key driving goals are and what the things that are of value to Black Point going forward.

They want to get an understanding of not only what has been happening here, not only from a demographic standpoint of having new residents moving in, but if there are issues with zoning, building, and parking traffic flow.

They will evaluate what our assets are.

They want to determine if there is anything that is going to require attention in the next few years.

They also want to identify things that we might want to protect.

Five major topics- which they have deemed buckets, will be explored through community workshops.

An online survey will be forthcoming, and they encourage all to participate.

The buckets that will be explored are-

1. Recreation
2. Capital Assets
3. Land Use
4. Community Values
5. Waterfront & Beaches

The Board encouraged anyone interested in any of these topics to provide their name to become part of the associated workshop.

Note The Membership and the Board further discussed the Master Plan.

7. Members Comments

7-1. Black Point Phone Directory Update by Peter Baril

Note Mr. Baril gave an update on the Black Point Beach Club 2022 edition of the Phone Directory and Resource Guidebook.

Note Mr. Baril imparted the following:

He, Joel Strzegowski, and Bob Guenther have been revising and making additions to the 2019 edition since mid-January.

They cross referenced the 2019 edition created by Beth Brucker with a copy of the most recent grand list that they received from Ruth Ames.

They've currently made contact with 80-85% of the owners and have been collecting up to date local numbers along with cell numbers for the directory.

They believe the remaining 15% consists mostly of

seasonal members who are just beginning to arrive for the summer. He said their goal is to complete their list by mid-June or July, and at that point it will go to print.

He encouraged people to provide their updated contact information if they haven't already done so.

The directory will include a street map, alpha owner list, an owner list by street name and house number, and they will be using Quality Printers out of New London.

The resource portion of the guidebook will have several sections and their goal is to inform both new and existing owners; a brief history of Black Point will be included along photos, with various Black Point Boards, rules for the beaches and golf carts, and available activities.

He said people may be excluded if they choose to or may leave out their phone number.

7-2. July 11th, 2022, Golf Outing Info

Note Tom Meggers reminded the Membership that the Annual Charity Golf Outing will be held on July 11th, 2022, at the Great Neck Country Club in Waterford.

Note Time: 12:00 Shot Gun start – Reception / Raffle / Awards to follow

Golf: \$135.00 per person – Deadline to sign up with payment July 5th.

Reception only: \$35.00 per person

All proceeds to benefit the Cahill Black Point Education Fund Scholarship

7-3. Story Night by the Men's Club

Note Jim Schepker detailed how they're planning a Black Point Storyteller Night and are seeking storytellers.

<https://www.blackpointbeachclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/MensClubStorytellerApp.pdf>

Note <https://www.blackpointbeachclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/MensClubStorytellerFlyer.pdf>

8. Budget Vote

Note The membership casted their votes on the budget.

Decision Yay- 92, Nay- 4, The FY 2022-2023 budget has passed.

9. Board of Governors Election

Note Results:

Colleen Chapin- 86 votes

Jim Mastria- 82 votes

John Cellino- 82 votes

Peter Meggers- 38 votes

Decision Elected:

1. Colleen Chapin- 1st three-year term
2. Jim Mastria- 1st three-year term
3. John Cellino- 1st three-year term; previously filled one year of a vacated term.

Note Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary