

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2022
7:30 PM
HELEN LENA CLUBHOUSE
31 W. PATTAGANSETT ROAD
NIANTIC, CT**

Present: Page Heslin, Lee-Ann Berger, Wick Mallory, Bill Christopher

Absent: Lili Plisic, Peter Knowles, Lou Piscatelli,

Also Present: Louise Wilcox, Irene Makiaris, Tom Doggart, Pandy Wohler

1. Call to Order

P. Heslin called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

2. Presidents Report: no report

3. Treasurers Report

L. Wilcox, Treasurer, provided the treasurers report

4. Maintenance Committee – discussion of outstanding and potential projects

T. Doggart reported that he has not been able to complete the project to rebuild the stairs to the beach at the end of Griswold and S. Lee Roads. \$16,000 was approved by the Association last year, but the total cost with railings is now \$27,000. He would like us to request approval for another \$11,000 to complete the project. Looking forward, there are two more issues he wants to raise for the Board. First, the outside deck on the Association Cottage is in poor repair and will need substantial work in the next couple of years. Second, the boat ramp near the dock has a large hole (about three feet in diameter) in the concrete that needs to be repaired. P. Heslin asked if he could get a quote from the same person that will be working on the stairs, and he will do so.

W. Mallory brought up the subject of the groyne near West Beach and the conflicting views on whether it should be repaired. The cost to repair it would be significant (at least \$100K, likely more) and require approval from DEEP (which reportedly hates groynes and is not approving new ones). There are no guarantees that any such repairs would improve the condition of West Beach. The cleaning of the beach was discussed as it is very rocky. The contractor is able to sift out the large rocks if we want him to do so. Following discussion, the Board decided it did not want to move forward with any project relating to this at this time. There are higher-priority projects needing attention, particularly given the high cost of repairs and lack of scientific consensus with respect to the likely affect on adjoining beaches. W. Mallory noted that the DEEP doesn't let you submit an application for a permit without first requesting permission to do so, which they have 90 days to grant or deny. He noted that we could request approval to file for a permit without committing to moving forward with the project. P. Heslin noted that if the decision is to not move forward at this time, there is no reason to request permission to file an application for a permit.

MOTION: (Christopher/Mallory) to submit the paper work to DEEP for approval to submit an application for a permit. Vote: FAILED. In favor-Christopher, Mallory. Opposed-Berger, Heslin. Abstaining-none

5. 2022/2023 Budget Planning

P. Wohler reported on the proposed budget. She stated that if the budget is passed as is, the mil rate would increase by 1.4 mil. She will adjust the proposed budget by adding \$11,000 for the stairs. There is \$126, 823.00 left in the unappropriated fund.

The summer security for July 4th will be split with the Heights. There will be no security for Labor Day.

P. Heslin presented the timeline for budget adoption:

Wednesday, May 11:

BOG Meeting – finalize proposed budget (7:30 PM)

Saturday, May 21:

1. Informational meeting for Association Members (10:00 AM)
2. BOG meeting (immediately following)

Saturday, May 28:

1. Deadline to submit requests for absentee ballots
2. Deadline to submit Designations of Member Representative

Monday, June 6:

BOG meeting (7:30 PM)

Tuesday, June 7:

Mail absentee ballots to those requesting them

Wednesday, June 8:

Post and circulate final proposed budget and Annual Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 17:

Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots in Post Office Box

Saturday, June 18:

Annual Meeting (9:00 AM)

P. Heslin will send out the schedule in an email blast and post on the website.

Irene Makiaris will pick up refreshments for the meeting.

6. Club House Grounds Development

The deck on the club house needs work. P. Heslin sees the improvement on the deck as part of a larger overall grounds development project, which could include stairs from the deck which would lead into a walkway, retaining wall and pavilion. The plans and vision will be laid out to the Association at the June meeting. The funding and stages will be determined by the feedback from association members.

7. Committee Reports

The club house is open. The online version to sign up for court time is working well.

8. Public Comments-none

- 9. Approval of minutes from meetings held on March 24, 2021; April 22, 2021; June 8, 2021; June 19, 2021; July 8, 2021; August 16, 2021; September 16, 2021; and October 20, 2021**
MOTION: (Christopher/Berger) to approve the minutes of March 24, 2021; April 22, 2021; June 8, 2021; June 19, 2021; July 8, 2021; August 16, 2021; September 16, 2021; and October 20, 2021. Vote: APPROVED unanimously

10. Adjournment:

MOTION: (Christopher/Berger) to adjourn at 8:32 Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

2022 BOG Meeting Dates: June 6, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 12, November 14