

GIANTS NECK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL JULY MEETING

OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024, AT 9:00 am

HELEN LENA CLUBHOUSE

31 West Pattagansett Rd Niantic, CT

BOG Members Present: Ernie Annibale, Laurie Corona, Lisa Doggart, Paul Formica, MaryAnn Heenehan, Gerry Van Noordennen. Absent: Lou Piscatelli

Tran Lin discussed the clubhouse

Not sure who asked about the defibrillator....minutes say Peter Griswold but I think it was Mario Harris? Peter Knowles?

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1. Paul Formica called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.
2. Paul Formica stated that the meeting's purpose was to highlight the great work that the committees and volunteers have been doing.
3. Paul discussed the treasurer's report in Louise's absence. It is attached.
4. Lisa Doggart moved to approve the minutes of last year's annual meeting. Gerry Van Noordennen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Committee Reports

Marilyn Jacobs gave an update from the zoning commission. The commission has been working tirelessly to update the zoning regulations for the first time in 20 years. The proposed new zoning regulations are posted online. Marilyn stressed the importance of every association member taking the time to review the regulations. On Thursday, July 24, the zoning board will be meeting. The zoning commission is looking for at least two new members. There will be two public hearings about proposed zoning regulations.

Mario Harris complimented Marilyn for working tirelessly to bring GNB into the 21st century. He also strongly suggested that every association member review the proposed regulations.

Trip Hartigan submitted a written ZBA report. There are no open applications.

Costas Loukellis reported that there is an opportunity to get 4.95% on a new capital fund account. Minutes of the May 1, 2024 meeting reflect this discussion (There was a decision

to part ways with Edward Jones due to administrative difficulties. Plans are to invest \$150,000 elsewhere, possibly in a money market or similar investment vehicle. Louise mentioned an alternative CD Option with Bank of America offering around 3.7% interest with flexibility in withdrawal terms). Kostas stated that the account that has been chosen is with MVP Bank, NY, CT, MA. Costas has a good friend who is a VP there. There are just documents to be signed before this change takes effect.

Russ Moore gave a Court Committee report. Quiet technology has been implemented on the court. Utilization of the court has been light. Last month, 35% of the booking times were used.

Terra Moore asked who kept the information about the activity from the cameras that had been installed. The answer was that the Court Committee and the BOG had access to the camera logs.

Mario Harris asked if rules of the court are clearly posted. Can a member of the public call the police to remove someone from the court? Paul responded that it depends on the level of police involvement needed. Paul thinks it's best to follow up on the issue that may happen in the court after it takes place. Mario thinks "smile, you're on camera" signs work.

MaryAnn said we should send a note to the Giants Neck Heights President letting them know there are cameras.

ACTION ITEM: Send a note to the Giants Neck Heights President notifying them about the cameras installed at the GNB court.

Andrew Young reported on the GNBA insurance. The latest proposal is for \$34,000. Unfortunately, the escalations have been high but seem to be leveling off.

Tom Doggart reported on Grounds and Maintenance. Fixed the association cottage last week. Installed the swing yesterday. Adding some pads to the areas of the playground that could hurt kids.

Kim Spano reported on Beautification. It is a small committee that works on the memorial garden. Kim stated that the beautification committee doesn't use any products whatsoever. Driving into Mother's Beach, inside the wall where the street is, there are a tremendous number of weeds growing. Tom Doggart said he would take care of it.

Jim Beaulieu stated that anyone who wants to do anything at the ponds needs to let the East Lyme Wetlands Enforcement Officer know so there are no wetlands issues. The sea level rise is causing a problem every year with the distribution of sand. There is beach erosion. There will be a Pond Committee meeting via Zoom on August 7.

Mary Ann Heenehan asked Jim to send an email letting the BOGs know who is going off and on the committee.

In response to a question about beavers, Jim said that beavers are always looking for a place to make their home. They tend to start and then leave because they can't control the level of the pond.

Laurie asked about the fencing plan approved in the budget. Jim thinks the fencing is not a pond issue. We need to decide who is responsible for the fencing project.

ACTION ITEM: There will be a conversation about who is responsible for the fencing project, and a decision will be made about who takes on the project.

Julie Cameron reported that the Adult Recreation Committee is trying to put together events that will bring the community out. They are planning a community day in the fall. She would like to have a bonfire on the beach. There was a discussion about how to get a permit, and she will call the Fire Marshall. She welcomed any suggestions for events. The adult recreation committee needs members.

Tran Lin discussed the clubhouse. Outside, there is a cracked recyclable can. Fire extinguishers need to be inspected in September.

A member asked about purchasing a defibrillator. Laurie Corona said the problem in the past has been maintaining it and who would take responsibility for it. Paul said they would investigate.

Pandy Wohler (on Zoom) said there is a defibrillator at a park in Rhode Island. There is a note to call 911 to get the code, which might be a solution.

Mario said he thinks the defibrillators cost around \$1,000. There should be one at the clubhouse and one at the beach. There can be trainings offered. The machine tells you how to do everything.

ACTION ITEM: Investigate the purchase of one or two defibrillators.

Another member mentioned the issue of children getting their hands on it.

Ernie Annibale has taken ownership of the thermostat issue. He's working on it.

Wick Mallory noted that there are two considerations to make for BOG members and thanked Laurie for stepping up.

Robin Knowles reported that the PWC currently has 90 members. Had a great cocktail party in July. Thanks to hosts. The year 2026 will be the 100th anniversary of the PWC so the group is trying to think of something fun to do. Looking for 100 members for the 100th year.

Mike Heenehan gave a Beach Committee report. He expressed thanks to people who have helped rake the beaches. Working with East Lyme Giving Garden has been great. The

people who helped out on Thursday made a 4-hour project a 2.5-hour project. They will continue to reach out to the community for help. Beaches are cleaned once per week. Contractors have some difficulty getting down to the beach at Mother's Beach. He is looking into a machine that can reach 60 feet and grab sand.

Robin Knowles thanked Mike for augmenting the sand. There is now a shovel to bring sand back to the spot that loses it. Mike received a complaint about a dog on the beach. Mike asks neighbors to speak up when they see someone doing something they aren't supposed to do and talk to them. Help Mike do his job.

8. Public Comments

Anne Calanquin stated she wants to exterminate the geese.

Mike Heenehan said the pond should not be void of waterfowl. He is concerned that the lasers are not solving the problem. Laurie said it used to be called the duck pond. Geese chase out the ducks. Paul said there needs to be a larger discussion to manage every detail.

Paul suggested getting the geese on the agenda for a larger discussion at a future meeting. Jim said it's a pond issue.

Page Heslin discussed the issue of parking on the roads. It's tough to get out of the driveway. Paul said he would come up with a form to put on the cars that are illegally parked.

ACTION ITEM: Create a notice about illegally parked cars to place in the windshields of the cars that are parked illegally.

9. Board Comments

10. Robin Knowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne Calenquin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Annah Perch

Acting Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING -SPECIAL BOG MEETING 7/31