

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2023
7:30 pm
GNBA HELEN LENA CLUB HOUSE
31 WEST PATTAGANSETT RD, NIAN TIC CT,**

Present: Paul Formica, Lee-Ann Berger, Lou Piscatelli, Wick Mallory, Mary Ann Heenehan, Gerry Van Noordennen, Gail Shea

Absent: none

Also Attending: Louise Wilcox, Association Treasurer

1. Call to Order

P. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

2. Presidents Report

P. Formica welcomed the public and members of the Board. He provided his email and phone number for anyone to contact him; pmformica@gmail.com, 860-334-4991.

The duties of the Board members have been divided, liaisons to committees will be determined and communications to the association will be increased.

There are two applicants for the cottage rental. The bathroom floor has been repaired.

P. Formica has spoken to neighbors of the tennis/pickle ball courts/clubhouse to start conversations on how to address conflicts.

The 4th of July parade was a success.

3. Treasurers Report

L. Wilcox presented the budget. She is receiving tax payments. Zelle is working well and is beneficial to her as Treasurer. L. Wilcox will have an end of fiscal year report at the next meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. June 17, 2023

MOTION: (Van Noordennen/ Piscatelli) to approve the June 17, 2023, Special Meeting as amended.

Change regular meeting, to special meeting.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

B. June 22, 2023, Special Meeting

MOTION: (Heenehan/Piscatelli) to approve the June 22, 2023, Special Meeting as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

C. June 27, 2023

MOTION: (Heenehan/ Van Noordennen) to approve the June 27, 2023 Special Meeting as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

5. Zoning Commission Update

G. Van Noordennen informed the Board that they have one application to consider. The position of Chairman will be a rotating position. There is a vacancy on the Commission.

At the next meeting a contractor will be attending the meeting to address noise issues at a building site.

6. Communication

M. Heenehan is working with Annah Perch to make the website more user friendly with more information on the home page. She has updated the information on the website. The number of pictures will be reduced to allow for more pertinent information on the home page.

7. Geese/Survey

L. Piscatelli said the association is seeing more use of its resources. He cited the kayaks on the beach, pickle ball and parking as some of the issues that have come up. He said more people are living in the association year-round and he suggested getting feedback on how to deal with some of the issues.

L. Piscatelli distributed information from, Away with Geese. He received a quote of \$1,257, for a total of 3 lights to get rid of the geese on Mothers Beach and the Beebe property. He estimates there are approximately 50-70 geese on the properties creating a health risk. L. Piscatelli discussed the issue with the Beebe's and they are willing to help pay for a portion of the cost.

L. Wilcox said there were funds in the budget to pay for the lights. G. Van Noordennen said he used the system on his yard, and it worked, but he noticed there were also fewer ducks, egrets, and herons.

Al Lagana, 6 West Pattagansett, asked where the geese go after they are chased away.

Jim Beaulieu, 29 Griswold St., said the problem is the resident geese which attract the migratory geese. He said if you get rid of the resident geese, which has to be done in the winter then it would decrease other geese.

Michael Heenehan, 15 Ridgewood Road, said the best option is the lights, but wondered if the geese are just being moved around.

MOTION: (Piscatelli/Shea) to authorize the Board to appropriate funds not to exceed \$1,300 for the purchase of the Away with Geese lighting system to be placed in accordance with the instructions from the Away with Geese company and to discuss with the Beebe's the possibility of contributing to the cost.

If the system does not work within six months, the company will give a full refund.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

8. Recording Secretary/other Wick

W. Mallory thanked Sue Spang for agreeing to be the Recording Secretary. P. Formica informed the members that he checked with L. Wilcox to ensure there was adequate funds in the budget to pay a two-hour minimum, 1 hour drive time and the writing of the minutes.

9. Step Repair West Beach

P. Formica explained that the original contractor to repair the steps could not do the work so they hired another contractor who will be repairing the stairs the following week. The \$5,800 for the work was approved at the annual meeting.

10. Board Committees Discussion and Committee Reports

A. Liaisons

Board members volunteered to be liaisons for the following committees.

- G. Van Noordennen-Zoning, ZBA, Pond Committee
- M. Heenehan-Web site, IT, Beautification
- L. Burger-Courts, Women's Club and GNIC
- W. Mallory-Court, docks
- L. Piscatelli-Beach/ Harbor, Club House/Management
- P. Formica-Budget/Finance, Building Repair, insurance, Council of Beaches

B. Chairs/Members

Will be discussed at a future meeting.

C. Capital Improvements

There will be a formal committee set up for the club house and grounds maintenance development. There will be a notice posted on the website for volunteers.

D. Committee Reports

Michael Heenehan, 15 Ridgewood Road, Beach Comm., reported that the beaches have been cleaned, he hand raked the beaches when there was a lot of seaweed. A certification of permission was filed with DEEP to extend the permit for another 5 years, as the first step for a permit to apply sand.

Jim Beaulieu, 29 Griswold St., Pond Comm., informed the members that DEEP has lowered the amount of herbicides to spray on the water lilies but it is not enough to control the growth.

Gail Zuckerbraun, Court Comm. Said there is a pickle ball tournament July 29. She said there are people on the courts after dark which is creating a problem with the neighbors.

11. Public Comment

Michael Heenehan, 15 Ridgewood Road, said there should be someone responsible for enforcement; in the past, providing the cottage rent free to a person who would provide enforcement was an idea he agreed with.

Phyllis Burger said enforcement is not the issue, but security is. She said all people need to follow the rules.

L. Piscatelli said the review of the bylaws should be done.

Rich Carona, said most of the problems come between July 4th and Labor Day

L. Burger reminded the Board that last year the Association split the cost of a security officer with the Heights for two weekends.

Francais Henninger, 29, S. Lee, said the courts are a serious issue and the noise issue should be delt with.

12. Board Comments-none

13. Next Meeting/Future meetings.

MOTION: (M. Heenehan/Piscatelli) to approve the following 2023 regular meeting dates: August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

The Association meeting dates were discussed.

4. Adjournment:

MOTION: (Berger/ Shea) to adjourn at 9:25. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang
Recording Secretary

2023 BOG Meeting Dates

August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6.