

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Membership**  
**JULY 15, 2023 9:00 A.M.**  
**31 WEST PATTAGANSETT ROAD, NIAN TIC, CT**

**1. Call to Order:**

Paul Formica called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

**2. Presentation and Acceptance of Agenda**

**Motion:** Paul Formica made a motion to table voting on the minutes of the June 17 meeting. Wick Mallory seconded the motion. **Vote: Approved**

**3. President's Report**

- a. Paul Formica gave an update on the steps at West Beach, stating that concrete had been poured and the railing is going up.
- b. Repairs were made to the cottage, including new plank flooring, toilet flange replacement, and other improvements. The cottage has been rented, starting August 1.
- c. Paul is looking for volunteers to review bylaws.
- d. Department of Public Works is coming to look at catch basins.
- e. DEEP will be doing work at the volleyball court this week.

**4. Treasurers Report**

In the treasurer's absence, Paul Formica gave members an update on the bank account balance which stated bank balances totaling \$258,270. Property tax revenues were \$142,149.

**5. Board Updates**

- a. Lou Piscatelli provided an update on the geese problem. Geese are off the pond due to the blinking lights that have been installed, but they have moved to Mothers Beach. There was discussion about the best possible solutions, including blinking lights on Beebe's property, neighborhood dogs being given permission to be off leash to scare geese from the beach, and looking into other companies that provide solutions. The blinking lights will be tested for 6 months.
- b. Communications – Mary Ann Heenehan reported that she is doing everything to improve communication. There are now Liaisons to each committee which are listed in the directory on the website. A new suggestion/concerns/feedback button has been developed to have a direct line of communication go directly to the Board. Looking into the text messaging option. Looking into a solar message board and social media.
  - Jim Beaulieu, 29 Griswold, asked to see a final budget by line item on the website. This was voted on 5 years ago but hasn't happened. Paul Formica will make sure that happens as the finance liaison.
  - Kerry Orshal would like immediate communication via text for last-minute information such as whether the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was canceled. Getting communication to our community is lacking. Terra Moore agreed. Robin Knowles asked for clarification about how to get information to the website and/or This Week at Giants Neck Beach.

c. Zoning – Gerry Van Noordenen reported that due to recent noise complaints, the zoning commission has drafted a contract for the homeowner and the contractor will sign to state they are abiding by the rules. The zoning enforcement officer will then be able to shut the project down until there is a solution.

- Anne Calanquin asked that there be consideration given to contractors blocking the road all day.
- Mario Harris stated that the purpose of the letter of agreement that has been drafted is so the homeowner is responsible for the contractor.

## **6. Member's Discussion**

a. Court – Paul Formica met with several of the neighbors who live around the court and there were legitimate concerns. He proposed to establish another committee, there are currently 12 people who have expressed an interest in being involved. A meeting will be convened. There are also flooding issues, and the deck has shown some wear.

- Lou Piscatelli shared that he has purchased noise-reducing balls and rackets to test if they work to deactivate the noise. Lou asked for feedback from people who tried them.

- There was a good deal of discussion about the pickleball predicament. Several members noted that enforcing the times the court is open and closed would help. Several members noted the sense of community that the new court has brought through pickleball and tennis.

- Trip Hartigan noted that the bylaws state that a committee can be larger than 5 people at the discretion of the President.

b. Beach – Paul Formica reported that people are cleaning the beaches and are working to resolve the issue of debris resulting from heavy rains over the next few days.

- Jim Beaulieu noted there is a flooding issue and gates can't handle more than 4 inches of rain.

- Tom Doggert asked if there is anything broken that he doesn't know about. No one responded.

- Fran Wesoly reported that there are 13 vacancies on the docks and July 15 is the deadline for people putting their boats in the water. He encouraged the dock committee to free up those spaces for the 22 people on the waiting list for a spot.

- Caryn Joachim stated that since last year there appears to be an obstacle course of new rocks and boulders at West Beach that make entering the water very difficult. She would like to know if this is association property.

- Robin Knowles asked the Board to look into storage options for the kayaks. The space for sitting on the beach is getting smaller due to an abundance of kayaks.

- Jim Beaulieu noted that there are two illegal floats in the water.

**MOTION: (W. Mallory/L. Berger) to adjourn at approximately 10:20 am.**

Respectfully Submitted

Annah Perch,

Meeting's Recording Secretary