

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
REGULAR MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

Present: **John Wohler
Brooke Mallory
Christine Paul
Louise Wilcox**

Absent: **Tim Mahoney
Peter Knowles
Nazz Paciotti**

Also Present: **Page Heslin, Secretary
Joan Malone, Treasurer**

1) CALL TO ORDER.

John Wohler called the September 9, 2016 Giants Neck Beach Association Board of Governors Regular Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2) PRESENTATION OF AGENDA FOR ADOPTION.

**MOTION (1): Ms. Paul moved to adopt the September 9, 2016
Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Mallory. (4-0)
Unanimous.**

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10, 2016 MEETING

Approval of the August 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes were tabled until a quorum of those present are at a future meeting.

4) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mr. Wohler had nothing new to report.

5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Malone reported the Operating Budget has \$130,230.13 and the Capital Budget has \$168,805.64. Taxes collected to date are \$118,527.69. Twelve properties are still outstanding with taxes still due totaling \$7,035.39. Ms. Malone will transfer \$60,000.00 from the regular account to the capital account in September.

Ms. Paul asked if the renters in the Association Cottage are current in their rent? Ms. Malone replied she has just received the August rent. Mr. Wohler asked if there are any

other items that will change our surplus as of June 30, 2016. Ms. Malone replied there is not.

MOTION (2): Ms. Wilcox moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ms. Paul. (4-0) Unanimous.

6) COMMITTEE REPORTS

POND COMMITTEE - Mr. Beaulieu reported both pond treatment contracts are complete and there is a receipt for the billing for the chemical treatment. We received approval for the upper pond management permit through August 25, 2021. We do not have a permit for access within 100 feet of the lower pond. At the next Pond Committee Meeting, they will determine whether it is needed.

Anything within 100' of wetlands has to come before the Inland/Wetlands Commission. When the Inland/Wetlands Commission walked the pond, they noticed individuals have been dropping grass clippings. The Town Engineer showed us what we need to do around the wetlands. Ms. Mallory asked how much was the permit? Mr. Beaulieu replied \$160.

Mr. Beaulieu stated that a gentleman from the hydro dredging company discussed the lower pond with our engineers and he informed us he can clean the pond. The permit allows him to only remove 2 feet of material, regardless of how much material is there. Mr. Wohler asked how long will this work take? Mr. Beaulieu replied the mechanical dredge will draw the pond down. He needs 2' of water to operate. The preliminary work will be done in early spring. Work cannot be done from March to May so as not to interfere with wildlife. The material needs to be dewatered before it can be hauled away. Ms. Mallory asked, when you treat the upper pond, do you also treat the lower pond? Mr. Beaulieu replied if the upper pond is treated it will also go into the lower pond. We need to remove the phragmites. Mr. Wohler asked what is the timeframe? Mr. Beaulieu replied we expect to have the permit before the state this fall and the permit for the beach by spring. The permit has to be reviewed by the state, Army Corps of Engineers, the Town Inland/Wetlands Commission, Shellfish Commission and Office of Long Island Sound and should take upwards of a year. Then DEEP can sign the permit. The engineers will prepare the drawings in the next couple of months. Ms. Mallory asked if the engineers will come before the Association to present a plan to clean up the pond. Mr. Beaulieu replied our engineer will come before the Association. Mr. Wohler suggested that he come to the May Association Meeting.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE - Ms. Wilcox showed a sign she prepared for the Clubhouse stating that there is no parking at the Clubhouse unless someone is participating in an activity at the Clubhouse. She agreed to post the signs.

Ms. Wilcox reported the deck was looked at and there was an informal discussion. It was recommended to consider replacement of the flooring, top rails and lattice. Mr. Wohler

suggested increasing the length of the deck across the back of the Clubhouse Ms. Wilcox will get some proposals to replace the deck with a more permanent product. She stated the bushes have been cut back. She will reach out to Rick who takes care of the brush on the Association and GNIC property. She was informed in the past the Board would call the owner and the owner would pay someone to take care of them. Ms. Wilcox felt this needs to be done on a yearly basis. Ms. Wilcox felt it was important to check our lot line if abutting properties are encroaching on the Clubhouse property.

7) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Beaulieu stated we have many regulations and yet he had to pick up glass on the beach. He felt for the safety of beachgoers there should be absolutely no glass. Mr. Wohler felt residents and/or renters need to adhere to the rules and regulations. Mr. Beaulieu felt it is important to set the rules and regulations for renters. Ms. Malone felt, when a resident brings a guest, they also need to obey the rules.

Ms. Paul informed the Board that there is brush that obstructs drivers' view at the corner of Griswold and Bridebrook. Ms. Medley complained about it and it still has not been cut down. Mr. Beaulieu stated the problem is it's on poison ivy. We will need to ask Tom Daggart (Maintenance) to take care of this item.

Mr. Wohler stated the next Board of Governors Meeting will be now held on October 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. At that meeting, we need to set the 2017 Board of Governors meetings; the Cottage Task Force plans to make its presentation; and review the preliminary budget.

8) ADJOURNMENT.

**MOTION (3): Ms. Wilcox moved to adjourn
the September 9, 2016 meeting
of the Board of Governors
at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by
Ms. Mallory. (4-0) Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary