

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 20, 2017**

Present: John Wohler, Christine Paul, Brooke Mallory, Peter Knowles and Louise Wilcox

Absent: Tim Mahoney and Nazz Paciotti

Also Present: Irene Makiaris and Joan Malone

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Wohler called the May 20, 2017 Special Meeting of the Giants Neck Beach Association Board of Governors to order at 10:10 a.m.

2) AMENDMENT/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

There were no changes discussed.

MOTION (1): **Joan Malone moved to accept the Agenda, as presented. Seconded by Pandy Wohler. Unanimous vote for acceptance of Agenda.**

3) PRESENTATION OF AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET

Irene Makiaris presented the proposed budget worksheet on a By-Committee basis. She noted the draft budget worksheet that had been sent out to the Association in early May was updated to reflect the 2014-2015 year budget surplus impact on the 2016-2017 budget. This has no impact on the 2017-2018 budget but is used for comparison purposes. Carol Kiel asked about the prior year's surplus and Ms. Makiaris explained that it was in the revised numbers. Brooke Mallory asked about the West Beach stair rail and Ms. Makiaris responded that repair expense is in the current 2016-2017 budget so it is not in the 2017-2018 budget. Fran Wesoly asked what the security expenses were for and Ms. Makiaris indicated that is for the cable fee for the camera. Gail Shea asked if there was a plan for security beyond the camera and Mr. Wohler responded not at this time.

Gail Shea asked about the Zoning Board of Appeals revenue which is offset in full by expenses. Mr. Wohler responded that the Zoning Board of Appeals fees had been increased to \$500 per appeal at the May 2017 Board of Governors Meeting effective immediately to cover the cost of the three public notices required by the appeal process.

Ms. Makiaris indicated that the budget included \$65,000 to be transferred into the Capital Fund during the year.

Ms. Makiaris also reviewed that the mill rate under the proposed budget would increase to 1.85 and reflects an increase in the overall property assessments of approximately \$299,000 over last year. This mill rate increase is a 5.1% increase over last year.

Joan Malone then presented the Capital Fund items. Based on a projected \$230,000 cost for the lower pond hydro-raking, we need to appropriate another \$214,850 for this item. We also need to appropriate another \$6,150 for the Mother's Beach sand replenishment project to be done in the fall. The Board of Governors emergency fund needs to be replenished back to \$5,000 as the fund was used this spring to partially fund the Association cottage roof repairs. With the \$65,000 budgeted to be transferred from the Operating Budget, these projects would be funded with a little over \$7,000 left in the Capital Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Carol Kiel asked when the lower pond project would be done. Jim Beaulieu responded that there is a meeting at the Town of East Lyme in early June when he expects the timeline to be set.

4) REVIEW OF VOTING PROCEDURES

Peter Knowles reviewed the voting procedures including the Designation of the Member Representative and Request for Absentee Ballot. Mr. Knowles advised the time line as follows:

- May 29th is the deadline for the Designation of the Member Representative and Request for Absentee Ballot forms to be completed and returned to the Registrar at either voting @ giantsneckbeach.org or by mail to Registrar, Giants Neck Beach Association, P. O. Box 124, Niantic, CT 06357
- May 31 is the deadline for the final proposed 2017-2018 budget and June 17, 2017 Association Annual meeting agenda to be posted to the Association's website
- June 7th is the date that Absentee ballots will be mailed to those who requested them by May 29th
- June 16th is the deadline that the completed Absentee ballots must be received by the Giants Neck Beach Registrar to be effective.

5) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (2): Wick Mallory moved to adjourn the Giants Neck Beach Association Meeting of the Board of Governors of May 20, 2017 at 10:50 a.m. Seconded by Joan Malone. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Wohler, President
Giants Neck Beach Board of Governors**