

Fenwood District Board of Directors

June 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Tom Tokarz, President; Ed Rajotte, Vice President; Michelle Peckham, Clerk; Peter Delisa; Laura Gregory; Deb Mapes, Phil Cahil. Absent: Mary Jane Sullivan, Treasurer; Bill Gauteri.

The meeting was convened at the Cahill residence due to rain, which prevented the meeting from being held at Fenwood Beach as scheduled.

Tom Tokarz called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

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There was a motion made by Laura Gregory to approve the May 2021 Minutes as documented. Seconded by Peter Delisa. Abstained: Phil Cahill, who was not present at the May 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report presented at this meeting. Report will be provided at the July 2021 Meeting.

President's Report – Fenwood Beach

Tom Tokarz reported several work groups have gathered to prepare the beach for the 2021 Summer Season. The umbrellas have been placed at the picnic tables; the tables are secured in place by posts and will remain in position near the wall; the shower has been turned on; and the grill grates are in place. The grill has been repaired with a new concrete base. The beach sand has been groomed and debris removed by Anthony's Property Services.

The raft was removed from winter placement on the sea wall, broken parts replaced, the rope attached with necessary thimbles, and the raft was placed in position in the water on June 11th by the Old Saybrook Harbormaster. Many thanks to Mike Canter for determining the proper rope placement on the raft.

The portable toilet was not used last year due to regulations regarding COVID 19 safety precautions. Tom Tokarz reported on his recent communication with Mary Jane Sullivan, Treasurer. He stated that there is a budget surplus of approximately \$1,000 due to a lower insurance premium cost than projected, which would be more than sufficient to cover the rental cost of the portable toilet for the summer. The rental period would be the remainder of June, plus July and August; to be removed after Labor Day. The portable toilet cost is \$150 per month and can be cancelled at any time. The portable toilet would be rented from Finkelday Waste Removal and will be placed in the usual location away from the Beach sidewalk. It will be cleaned once a week by Finkelday.

A motion was made by Tom Tokarz to approve the rental cost and placement of the portable toilet. Seconded by Deb Mapes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Tokarz reported that he was contacted by the Old Saybrook Police Department which has a new Community Policing Officer, is looking to reach out to various town groups, and might attend a Fenwood

Board Meeting. Tom said he contacted the office, but he had not heard back from them prior to the June Board Meeting.

Fenwood Beach Rules and Regulations.

Beach Passes and Parking Passes: Michelle Peckham reported that Beach Passes and Parking Passes have been distributed to new residents who have requested them through the Fenwood website or in person. Board members discussed designated parking locations on Fenwood Vista and Fenwood Drive.

Golf Carts: Tom Tokarz said he has been asked about golf cart regulations. Michelle Peckham said there is a brief overview in the Fenwood Directory on use of golf carts. Laura Gregory confirmed this information is not listed on the Fenwood website. There was agreement to include on the website the same information as in the Directory. The Board discussed that more detailed instructions on golf cart registration and use can be obtained from the Old Saybrook Police Department. There was a discussion regarding golf cart parking near Fenwood Beach. Parking is allowed on the wide areas of the beach walkway, but not on the narrow area near the Fenwood Beach stairs. Peter Delisa pointed out there used to be a small sign posted, 'No Golf Carts Beyond This Point'. He offered to obtain a replacement sign.

A motion was made by Laura Gregory to obtain and place a sign designating the end of the golf cart parking area. Seconded by Deb Mapes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Tokarz said he plans to send out an email reminder to Fenwood residents in July regarding Beach Rules and upcoming 2021 Summer Fenwood Beach Social Activities.

Fenwood email list and Directory.

Michelle Peckham said the email list and Directory have been updated with contact information for new residents. She recommended the Fenwood District contact form should be sent out again this year to each homeowner so that residents can update their contact information which will then be printed in the 2021-22 online Fenwood Directory. Those who do not wish to have their contact information included in the Directory will be able to indicate on the form. Residents who wish to purchase a paper copy of the Fenwood Directory will be able to request one using the form. It was agreed that Michelle Peckham will update the contact form and will contact Mary Jane Sullivan to discuss mailing the form out along with the tax bills again this year. There was a discussion about the method of password protecting the Directory so that only Fenwood District residents can access it. Further work on this issue will take place again this year.

Laura Gregory indicated that her term on the Board of Directors will be ending next year. It will need to be determined who will fill the role of Web Master along with maintaining the Fenwood Facebook page. She is willing to continue if the Board determines the person fulfilling these roles does not need to be a Board Member. Further discussion will take place on this during upcoming months.

Social Committee

Tag Sale: Tom Tokarz reported that unfortunately the neighborhood Memorial Day Weekend Tag Sale was not as large as planned due to the rainy weather. There are no further plans for a District wide Tag Sale this summer.

Fourth of July Bike Parade: The Laundry's plan to coordinate the kids bike parade again this year which will commence near their home and take place on an identified route around the District. The Social Committee will place outdoor signs with more details.

Newcomers Welcome and Picnic at the Beach: More details will be provided and date to be determined regarding this event which is being planned for August. All are Welcome to attend.

Golf Tournament: Tom Tokarz reported that plans are being made for a second annual Golf Tournament which is expected to take place at the Fenwick Golf Course in September.

Motion made by Tom Tokarz to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 AM. Seconded by Phil Cahill. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Saturday, July 10th 9:00 AM at Fenwood Beach.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Peckham
Fenwood District Clerk