

Minutes - Regular Meeting of the OLSBA Board of Governors on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7 pm via Zoom

I. A quorum was verified by a roll call and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

President Diane Duhaime welcomed all attendees. The following officers and governors were present:

Officers

Diane Duhaime (**Diane D**), President
 Paul Yellen (**Paul Y**), Vice President
 Rob Cappellucci (**Rob C**), Treasurer

Board of Governors

John Mandracchia (**John M**)
 Jay Moynihan (**Jay M**)
 Tim Larson (**Tim L**)
 MaryKate Reynolds (**MaryKate R**)

- Governors Gregory Symon and Scott Rottinghaus were not in attendance.
- 19 attendees were on the Zoom meeting.
- A moment of silence was observed on this anniversary of 9/11
- Any member interested in serving as the Association Secretary, with compensation up to \$3,500 for the year, please send an email to participation@oldlymeshores.org.

II. **Vote** seeking to approve the minutes for the July 24, 2024 Regular Meeting of the BOG
 Motion made by **Tim L** / seconded by **John M**

Roll Call: YES - All NO- none Abstain- none

Motion **passes**.

III. **Treasurer’s Report – Rob C** provided the Treasurers report, including a screenshare of OLS financial statements as of August 31st, 2024 which are now reported on only an accrual basis.

IV. Nominating Committee recommendation to the BOG for filling the Water Pollution Control Authority board seat that was left vacant as of July 31, 2024 by the resignation of John Cunningham, WPCA Treasurer.

a. **Vote** seeking to appoint **John Mandracchia** to the WPCA for the term ending on June 30, 2025.

Motion made by **Jay M**/ seconded by **Tim L**

Roll Call: YES - All NO- none Abstain- none

Motion **passes**

V. **Vote** seeking to approve payment by Treasurer of expenses or bills received, including:

<u>Date Rec.</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Budget Line Item</u>
8/27/2024	8/24/2024 8/24/2024 8/23/2024 8/1/2024	Rick Duhaime, Beach Committee	Payment to Town of Old Lyme Transfer Station	\$25.50 \$33.75 \$23.25 \$29.25	Miscellaneous
8/23/2024	On the 23 rd of each month through July 2025	MailChimp (paid by personal credit card; reimbursement to Diane Duhaime)	Standard Plan – 500 Contacts	\$20.20 per month	Information Technology

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		Rob C	Postage & envelopes for tax mailing	\$191.10	

Motion made by **John M**/ seconded by **Tim L**

Roll Call: YES - All NO- none Abstain- none

Motion **passes**

VI. Committee Reports

If interested in joining any committees, please send an email to participation@oldlymeshores.org

A. Beach:

- Beach Cleaning:
 - Paul Y and George Finley will be meeting with Anthony's Property Services to discuss contract for next year and negotiate rates (anticipating increase in rates from current contract for same basic services).
 - Suggestion from members prior to meeting: cut back to cleaning beach to 4 days per week to decrease expenses. John M and Rob C voiced their opinion to keep cleaning 7 days during July and August and possibly cut back during June and September.
- Boat/watercraft Storage:
 - There has been an issue with boats / watercraft being left on the beach impeding on beach cleaning and beach usage at the end of Sea Spray and Billow. Systemic problem of boats being brought to beach in spring, not being used, and left on the beach all summer.
 - A modest registration fee (~\$20-\$30 per year) was proposed to store watercraft to try to reduce the amount left on the sand. It was suggested this fee could also be used to fund building new racks for more storage options.
 - Planning to push the racks back closer to sea wall in 2025 and possibly build one new rack for end of Billow depending on cost.
- Sand Removal:
 - Mr. Garvin will be removing sand after Columbus Day, and OLS would hire a contractor to push sand down near low tide mark. Sand will probably be removed by Mr. Garvin in spring also.
 - Tim L asked about the possibility of using extra sand in any upcoming construction for the potential sewer project.
- Stormwater Runoff: Pipe off Billow Rd. clogs frequently. If storms are anticipated John M and Rob C have offered to help Beach Committee dig out the pipe to avoid clogging. John M and Paul Y have determined a way to locate the pipe if it is covered with sand.
- **Vote** seeking to appoint Cheryl Patafio to the Beach Committee.

Motion made by **John M** / seconded by **Rob C**
Roll Call: YES - All NO- none Abstain- none
Motion **passes**.

B. Entertainment

- The movie night for Labor Day weekend was cancelled due to personnel shortage, but overall movies were successful this year. The Cartells band was great. Ideas were shared for band and other types of entertainment for next summer.

C. Finance

- Currently working on a policy for the Capital Reserve Fund account. Finalizing in 30-60 days and will report to the BOG for review and approval.
- **Vote** seeking to appoint Steve Osowiecki to the Finance Committee.
Motion made by **Tim L** / seconded by **MaryKate R**
Roll Call: YES - All NO- none Abstain- none
Motion **passes**.

D. Infrastructure

- New signage update: Went out to bid, decided on Sign Pro, and Sign Pro has been paid the initial payment. The rest will be paid after signage installation to OLS's satisfaction. Installation expected this fall. .
- There are eight new benches with two at the end of each street. These were donated by OLS residents which saved the association ~\$6500. Thank you to those who donated.
- Paul Y installed no parking signs at the end of each street, and the beach rules missing from Billow Road have now been posted.
- Considering updating Rules Ordinance to add an Egregious Nuisance Remedy Clause to possibly include (STILL CONCEPTUAL):
 - Repeated \$25 per day violations of Hammer Law (e.g., more than two in one summer) = egregious nuisance
 - Proposed \$300 to \$400 per day egregious nuisance remedy with an inflation index built in – this \$ remedy would be independent of the Charter's \$25 per day remedy
 - Right for Association to obtain immediate injunctive relief at member's cost and expense.
 - Suspension of beach, bench and/or voting rights until all fines, fees, and taxes owed in excess of \$1,000 are paid
 - The update would require a lawyer to review before BOG approval.

E. Security

- Beach and gate attendants are now done for the season.
- The new security firm used for weekends went well this season and the need for next year will be evaluated.
- Security on the Fourth of July will be discussed with the Federation of Old Lyme Beaches as well as the Town and police in upcoming months.
- Gates:
 - Next year gates will be closed for Juneteenth Holiday and Billow will be exempted from holidays.
 - Planned closures (preliminary plan): Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during July; Saturday and Sunday during August

F. Service Manual

- The Committee members currently have too many other responsibilities to commence work in earnest on the Service Manual. The manual is intended to orient new Officers and Governors, and serve as a useful informational resource for Officers and Governors during their service terms.

G. Voting Operations

- The Committee is ready for the Fall Meeting this Saturday
- Directory:
 - Polly Merritt Maglio and MaryKate R have offered to work on updating the directory.
 - May utilize MailChimp to gather data from membership.

- Plan to distribute in print form only (not accessible via our website) and possibly distribute a pdf version to members via email.
- Annual Fall Meeting Saturday, September 14th @ 10am at the Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium.
 - No volunteer for running the Zoom so there will be no listen-only option.

VII. WPCA Activities

- a. At the August 15, 2024 meeting of the OLSBA WPCA, the WPCA approved the Chairman to sign, and recommended that the Association President sign, the New London Agreement for Sewage Treatment. The State of Connecticut will not allow the sewer project to go out to bid unless the New London Agreement and Cost-Sharing Agreement are fully executed. The August 11, 2012 OLSBA Board Resolution Appropriating \$9.7M for Sewer Project authorizes the OLSBA President to execute agreements and take certain other actions on behalf of the Association without further approval from the BOG.
- b. **Symbolic Courtesy Vote** approving President to sign the New London Agreement for Sewage Treatment
Motion made by **John M** / seconded by **Tim L**

Discussion:

- Tim L (WPCA Chairman) stated this is a critical element in getting the sewer project out to bid and clarified that the WPCA will be working on a document to present to membership on the project with estimated costs but will not be ready for the fall meeting on 9/14.
- Jay M (WPCA Board Member) provided additional updates/points of concern on the stormwater runoff project regarding funding; the interim financing repayment timeline for the sewer project; and noted his concerns on the Town of Old Lyme and their lack of agreement with New London which is a prerequisite of the sewer project moving forward.
- Diane D addressed questions raised during the discussion, noted the agreement is completed except for minor changes being proposed from the Town of Old Lyme, gave some history about the prior agreement with New London and the three beach associations and the Town of Old Lyme dated September 14th, 2021, and clarified that the courtesy vote was put on the agenda to make sure the agreement was highlighted for the attention of the Board and the community.

Roll Call: YES – **Tim L, John M, MaryKate R** NO- **Jay M** Abstain- none
Motion **passes.** (3-1)

VIII. Fall Meeting – Saturday, September 14, 2024, 10 a.m. in the Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium, located at 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT 06371

IX. Other Business

X. Public Comments

- a. No public comments

XI. Motion to adjourn **MaryKate R** / seconded by **John M**

Roll Call: YES – All NO- none Abstain- none
Motion **passes.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.