

Regular Meeting of the OLSBA BOG on Wednesday, June 12, 2025, at 7pm via Zoom.

1. A quorum was verified by a roll call and the meeting was called to order by **Paul Yellen** at 7:33PM

BOG Officers:

Paul Yellen (**Paul Y**), President
Jack Thomas (**Jack T**), Vice President

BOG Members:

Jay Moynihan (**Jay M**)
Tim Larson (**Tim L**)
Bob Palazzo (**Bob P**)

- BOG Officer Rob Cappelucci and BOG Members Scott Rottinghaus & MaryKate Reynolds were not in attendance
 - Note: Jack Thomas is listed above as Vice President during the quorum but was voted in as BOG member during the meeting.
2. Receive and act on the letter of resignation from Greg Symon from the BOG effective June 3, 2025.
Motion to accept the resignation of Greg Symon made by **Tim L** /seconded by **Bob P**
Roll Call: YES – All (Tim L, Bob P, Jay M) NO- none Abstain- none
Motion Passes
 - **Jay M** made a request that a note be sent on behalf of the BOG thanking Greg S for his service to the BOG & WPCA
 3. Fill vacant BOG position created by the resignation of Greg Symon. Term ends June 30, 2026.
 - a. **Vote** to appoint John Jack Thomas (current VP) to the vacant position, term ending 2026, being reappointed at the Annual Meeting on 6/14/25.
Motion made by **Tim L** /seconded by **Bob P**
Roll Call: YES – All (Tim L, Bob P, Jay M) NO- none Abstain- none
Motion Passes
 - b. **Jack T** will be considered a BOG member for the remainder of the meeting and can participate & vote as such.
 4. **Vote** seeking to approve the minutes for the May 21, 2025 regular meeting of the BOG.
Motion made by **Tim L** /seconded by **Jay M**
Roll Call: YES – All (Tim L, Bob P, Jay M, Jack T) NO- none Abstain- none
Motion Passes
 5. **Vote** seeking to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2025 Special Meeting of the Association to vote on the SBR.
 - a. Moved to the annual meeting as it was a meeting of the full association.
 6. Treasurers Report and financials
 - a. **Rob C** not in attendance so no treasurers report. One will be given once he returns and at the annual meeting on 6/14/25.

7. Bills to be approved and paid:

<u>Date Rec.</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Budget Line Item</u>
	6/3/2025	J. Brendan Sharkey	BOG legal work	\$4,437.50	
	6/3/2025	Anthony's Prop. Svc.	May installment & driftwood removal	\$2,350.00	
		Bill Campbell	Ball field mowing	\$620.00	
	5/25/2025	Terry Donovan	Brightwater shower and fountain turn on	\$62.50	
	Added after agenda sent	Anthony's Prop. Svc.	Removal of Seaweed and shells	\$1,570.15	

- Any other expenses or invoices received to be presented for payment.
- **Vote** to approve bills as described on agenda and the bill that came in after the agenda was sent out.

Motion made by **Tim L** /seconded by **Bob P**

Roll Call: YES – All (Tim L, Bob P, Jay M, Jack T) NO- none Abstain- none

Motion Passes

8. Review of May 24, 2025 Special meeting of the association for the vote on the SBR (Supplemental Bond Resolution).

- Outcome was a “yes” vote and went smoothly. **Paul Y** spoke with Attorney Sharkey after the meeting who noted the meeting was run well and there were no procedural issues that could be brought up to question the meeting, ballots, or vote. **Jay M** noted **Jack T** did a terrific job in presiding over the meeting and thanked the members of the WPCA for their contributions.

9. Nominating Committee update

- Four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and three Board of Governors (BOG) positions are up for election at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following candidates:
 - Tim Larson - Re-election for a 3-year term
 - Jerry Vande Werken - To replace Scott Rottinghaus (term ending June 30; 3-year term)
 - Jack Thomas - To complete Greg Symon's 1-year unexpired term
- Officer Candidates: No candidate for President; Marty Merrit - Interested in Vice President; Rob C. - Continuing as Treasurer; Tracey C. - Continuing as Secretary
- Voting process: Party is nominated, seconded, and allowed to speak. Discussion follows, with additional nominations accepted from the floor. Floor nominations follow the same process. Voting will be conducted using authorized yes/no cards.

10. Approval of request for the use of the beach on September 12, 2025

- a. This request is for an elopement ceremony of which the applicant is not a beach resident, but they have a sponsor from Sea Spray Road who is a legitimate owner and beach resident who can sponsor and accept responsibility for them.
- b. **Paul Y** would like to update beach use application form as it was created 10+ years ago. Current requirements include a certificate of insurance from the applicants with OLS named as an additional insured and clean up the beach after use.
 - i. **Jay M** volunteered to help update the criteria for beach use.
- c. **Vote** to give a permit for the beach use on September 12th
 Motion made by **Tim L** /seconded by **Jay M**
Discussion: Jay M asked about clarification on area of the scope of the permit. Paul Y stated once the permit is approved there is alcohol allowed on the beach and it is not specified where they have their event, but they cannot force people to move prior to the event for setup.
 Roll Call: YES – All (Tim L, Bob P, Jay M, Jack T) NO- none Abstain- none
Motion Passes

11. July 4th security preparations.

- a. OL First Selectman, Martha Shoemaker, scheduling meeting with representatives from Old Lyme beach associations, the Town of Old Lyme Resident Trooper Webber, Old Lyme police officers, and the Old Lyme Emergency Management Director Dave Roberge to come up with a plan for July 4th. BOG members are invited to attend.
- b. **Paul Y** provided an update on hiring outside security (USA Security) as in prior years for weekends & summer holidays (9pm – 1 or 2 am). He will reach out to contract with them if / when approved by the BOG. John M provided a suggestion to bring the security guards in earlier in the evening on the 4th, hire more guards for the roads, and to possibly erect a fence between OCB, and/or flood lights for the flat rocks.

12. Beach Security Update by Eric Bird, Gate closure schedule.

- a. Beach Security Update (Eric B): Currently 7 guards on duty and the jetty guard post will be reopened this year.
- b. Road Closure Schedule (Fri–Sun): Sea Spray (4x), Saltaire (3x), Brightwater (3x), Billow (3x). Gates will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday (6/19)
- c. **Bob P** noted the upper roads lack "Private Property" signs, leading to illegal parking.
 - i. Police cannot enforce without signage.
 - ii. **Jay M** suggested consulting OLS legal counsel on how to proceed.
- d. Beach Guard Responsibilities – guards are expected to enforce all rules in most situations. When someone breaks a rule, it is the expectation that they will remind the individual of the rule and politely request rule compliance.

13. Preparation for Annual Meeting 6/14/2025

- a. Meeting is at 10am on Saturday, June 14th.

14. Street sign giveaway, signs still need to be picked up.

- a. Paul Y has individuals who have not picked up signs. Please reach out if you have not picked yours up yet (paul.yellen@oldlymeshores.org).

15. Members update mailing addresses.

- a. Several mailings from the Sewer vote were returned as undeliverable and need to be updated for future information distributions.

16. WPCA update - Jay M provided an update on the WPCA:

- a. Short-Term Challenges
 - i. Sewer Bid: Can go out anytime; F&O has submitted a proposal for bidding services.
 - ii. Shared Project: Need clarity on coordination with other beaches.
 - iii. Protecting OLS Interests in CSA: Jay expressed concern about bidding before other parties are ready. CSA meeting is scheduled for early next week.
 - iv. Interim Financing: DEEP is proposing a 6-month extension with the State Treasurer.
- b. Cost Sharing Agreement (CSA): The state requires a signed CSA before releasing supplemental funding. Jay reviewed the agreement and recommended legal counsel review it due to the following concerns:
 - i. Representation: Town may add a voting member representing Soundview; First Selectman would serve as ex officio on the CSA Operations Committee.
 - ii. Transparency: CSA is not defined as a public agency—no requirement for public meetings, agendas, or minutes.
 - iii. Duration: Agreement could last up to 21 years; legal review is advised due to its long-term implications.
- c. The town will not process until the CSA is signed.
- d. **Vote** to authorize the president and Jay Moynihan on behalf of the BOG with legal counsel to review the draft CSA prepared by the Town of Old Lyme and comments provided by OLSBA and prepare a written overview and expectations for the BOG in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Work to be done in approximately 30 days and include a joint meeting of legal counsel with the WPCA and BOG.

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

Roll Call: YES – All (Tim L, Bob P, Jay M, Jack T) NO- none Abstain- none
Motion Passes

- e. **Jack T.** requested clarification on the OLS bid process. The shared project, Old Colony, and Miami Beach went out to bid earlier this year. Miami received no bids; shared project bids came in higher than expected. Bidders were granted two 120-day extensions (through October), but not all agreed to extend.
 - i. Miami Beach must re-bid
 - ii. The Town of Old Lyme requires a vote to proceed
 - iii. All Clean Water documentation and the CSA must be finalized by October
 - iv. OLS has resources and a proposal from F&O to proceed with bidding, but cannot award until other beaches are ready—may need another extension

17. Any other items to be motioned onto the agenda.

- a. None

18. Public Comments

- a. **Tim L** shared his condolences for the recent loss of a community member Rick Duhaime and noted his contributions to the association and community.
- b. The board members received comments from Paul Grammell, Jason Pope, and John Mandracchia on WPCA Board Membership and the voting process for Board Members.

19. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by **Tim L**/ seconded by **Bob P**

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

Motion Passes

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.