

EPOA Board Meeting

August 14, 2010

Present: Bob Ingram, Anne McKenna, Jim Lyons, Paul Mattatall, Ande Craugh, Stan Wondolowski, Dorothy Wondolowski, and Bev Mattatall

The meeting was called to order at 9:07am.

There was a motion to activate the alternates – Paul, Stan and Dorothy. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

President's remarks - Bob said that he would like to apologize for the lack of direction and leadership this spring and summer and that he was grateful for the support of the old timers. He said that the cookout was a success. We had scheduled it for July 10 but there was rain and damp and it was held on August 7. There were possibly 75 people plus at the cookout. We made some contacts with new and potential members.

Secretary's position – Linda tucker has asked for a leave of absence, as she needs to go to Ma. And help care for her father. We need another signer on the checks. Peter will send out the email blasts. Bev is willing assume the duties of the secretary until Linda returns. There was a motion to have Bev assume the secretary pro tem position and have signing power on the Northway Bank account. There was a second and the vote was unanimous. The minutes of the May 15, 2010 meeting of the board were reviewed. There were two typos (sandwich(es) and a to that needed to be added to a motion (to). There was a motion to accept them as amended. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

Bev will fix the typos and send them to Peter to post on the website.

Treasurer's report - There is a balance of \$7035.27. Ande presented a list of expenditures and deposits with detail. We have a form from Peerless Ins. That needs to be returned.

There is a question about the number of people we list on our liability insurance.

Currently we have 50 people for events. We do not know what it would cost to add on another 30 people for several events. The 50 cover most of our activities. The average attendance is surely 50 or less. We should also check with other carriers to see what they require.

Bob has been getting the number sign plaque requests filled. The cost of the numbers for the addresses is outrageous. They charge \$5 per number for the reflective ones that we use. We could see about buying the numbers in bulk rather than the specific ones as needed. The cost for the most recent plaques was \$369. Jim suggested that we get a price from another sign company in Bartlett. The prices at Gemini Sign are high. We will look in to other sign companies in NH and Ma. The beach cookout cost the EPOA \$149. Jim inquired on the membership numbers – do we have the same number of members as we usually do at this time of year or are we behind? He asked Ande to compare the numbers at this time last year to the number we have now. The cost of the sand from Coleman's for the playground was \$182.96 delivered. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Tici had sent info about the SkiNh program. She received the mailing 4 days before the tickets went on sale. There was too little turn around time to do anything about it. We wondered if the current participants got an earlier notice. In the past she had sent out a notice to members in the spring asking them to preorder tickets so that she would know what to purchase. Many people are using the Liftopia website since we stopped the ski ticket program. They have significant discounts there.

Not all the board members are getting all the emails. Bev will circulate a sheet to get the accurate info for board members so that we all have it and we can create the email group so that everyone is listed and receives the info.

Beautification – all the areas look beautiful. There were extra expenses this year because the Vietnam memorial stone had to be moved and more plantings were necessary. There was a motion to allocate \$150 for beautification.

Water/Environment – We did the state testing in June and July. We are scheduled to do the last testing on August 17. Paul has been doing the weekly testing of the three main beaches. One week Boulder Beach was 38 bacteria (NH limit is 88) but the next week it was back down to 1. We purchased a marine battery for the electric motor for the state testing. There was a motion to appropriate \$61.17 for the battery that was seconded and the vote was unanimous. There was a motion to allocate up to \$120 to purchase two coolers for the state testing that was seconded and the vote was unanimous. There was some discussion about the recent large fish that were caught on Middle Pea. We will mention the success in the newsletter. We should make members aware that the fish and game come in and if they find people fishing without licenses there is a large fine. Licenses can be purchased at Wal-Mart or Elvio's. We should publish the link to Fish and Game on our website.

Bob would like articles for the newsletter right after the Lobsterfest. We discussed what else should be put on the website and the newsletter. These include: fishing license info, photos of the gardens, painted signs by the mailbox, the cookout, the new DPW supervisor – Wendell Dicey, the Adopt-A-Highway date for Oct 16, the work on the playground and new sand, and the plans for canoe racks.

There is nothing being planned about more tree cutting at this time. We would hope to get permission to cut down or top some of the trees at the Vista for a better view this fall or next year.

We got an estimate for \$150 labor and \$150 materials for each canoe rack from Jim Everett. The commissioners do not want to put another one on Boulder Beach, as it would take up space from the beach. Bob spoke to Gloria and she said that the DPW crew was too busy to do the construction of the racks for us. It is too hard to get volunteers to do the work. We discussed putting a new rack at Thusis, Geneva and Porridge Shore and Eideweiss beaches. Stan made a motion to allocate \$600 to get two additional canoe racks this year locations to be agreed upon by the commissioners and the EPOA. Jim questioned the cost and time for installing the racks, feeling that the price was a little high. We will ask Pete to ask at Habitat if there is anyone interested in the job and get a price from them. We will look for another bid before going ahead with the job.

Bathroom repairs – Ande and Pete have not had time to pursue the purchase of toilets, vanities and sinks. The lodge will be shut down after Oct 12 for the winter. We will shoot to get this job done in Sept or Oct.

Mailbox area painting – Peter put a GFI outlet in there. Ande needs to get some more paint. There was a motion to allocate up to \$100 for paint and supplies to complete that job.

T-shirts – There was a motion to allocate up to \$160 to order more t-shirts. We are out of x large gray and have no youth size because of mice nibbling at all the little sizes.

New Business – Jim said that he feels strongly that we should pay to have things done rather than relying so heavily on volunteers (mostly board members). He cited the

beautification work and said that we should hire a person to do the weekly work that needs to be done to maintain the gardens, perhaps having a committee from the EPOA to oversee the work, choose the plantings etc. Stan suggested that the people who are interested in the gardens should put together a plan to present for next year. We should be budgeting for the total cost of our projects rather than just the materials. When we do the labor ourselves it does not reflect the true cost to the members, as there are no labor fees. We could ask Dave Rowe if he is interested.

We also discussed that we should seek a plumber to do the bathroom work. We will get two estimates for the next board meeting.

Social – We discussed having some shared dinners. Because of board members schedules and the date of Yom Kippur we decided not to have one in September. We will have a steak-shared dinner on Oct 16 at the Lodge, asking the commissioners to hold off closing it until after that date. We will try to schedule some shared dinners for the spring.

We discussed the menu for the Lobsterfest and decided to eliminate the potatoes, onions and sausage in the cooking cans and substitute baked potatoes and cole slaw for these items. Bev will make the cole slaw and finish the rest of the shopping. We will have a door prize drawing with 4 Pirate's Cove tokens, a Weber charcoal grill, two Eidelweiss t-shirts and a Banners gift card that Jim generously donated again this year. We will also do the 50-50 raffle. We need to make sure that we have the permit for the cooking fire from 4 to 6. Rich will be an advisor but will do no lifting or other work. The next meeting will be held on September 18 at 9 am.

There was a motion to adjourn at 11:12am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Mattatall, sec pro tem