

Oak Grove Beach Community Association
July 10, 2023

Members Present: Jim Weaver (JW) Ryan Williams (RW), Stacey Stevens (SS), Maddalena Scrivano (MS), Chris Jagel (CJ), Tom Gardner (TG) , Mark Kooney (MK), Byruce McIntire (BM) and Dan Hines (DH).

Special Guests, Marcy and John Swietzieter, Cindy Kooney, Heather Cymbal, Pam Stevens and Katie Fischer

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by JW at 7:00 pm. JW gave the treasure report by Allison Murphy.

Pond account \$2221.28
Operating account 9,402.81
Saving Account 12,000

Old Business:

The Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday July 15 at 4:00pm. MS has purchased all the hamburgers and hot dogs and will finish the shopping on Friday. Three tents, four tables, two grills and two garbage pails will be provided by various members. Board members will meet at 3:00 pm on Saturday to set up.

August 5, Waffle Wagon at 7:30 pm and the SC (MS) will set up and distribute 2 tickets per family. Movie will start at 8:45 pm.

Emergency existing off South Dr, table to next meeting.

A beach sign located at 10-14 Shore Road, SS and PS will be purchased, with a budget of \$ 150.

250 lbs mooring has been placed at the NBYC, ownership needs to be determined, otherwise MK will sell on FB marketplace.

Allison has volunteered to distribute any information using the OGB email list, for billing, social events and emergencies.

Pond:

The 5th treatment has been completed. A 6th application is scheduled later this summer. CJ voiced a concern to the manufacturer (Ecological Labs, Ft Myers) and they are willing to provide additional supply to make sure that the process is working. Not sure if there will be any additional cost. Also the company will test water samples that CJ will provide.

Short Term Rentals- John S shared that the town will be establishing a committee with the beach associations and how to better manage and support the beach communities. A 7 day minimum is preferred. OGB has 6 houses on Shore Road that are either VRBO or Airbnb. Parties and parking are major issues along with inadequate means of egress.

OGB needs to change from recommended to mandatory in our by laws.

Beach Cleaning:

Cindy Kooney, Katie Fischer and Heather Cymbal, voiced their concern about the condition of the beach.

Marcy and John, concerned about Mike Neblung work ethics.

CK passed out DEEP information and contacted the DEEP to report non compliance.(**see email below**) We are currently red flagged unless we comply with beach cleaning as Neblung is our contractor and is cleaning below the mean low tide mark along with pushing seaweed back into the water.

Mike Neblung needs to be notified of the DEEP non compliance. Board is concerned about the possibility that he may resign. We will wait until after the picnic to notify.

The board has no other reasonable contractor for beach cleaning as Anthony Riutto of Old Saybrook quoted us \$500 a cleaning. We currently pay \$100 a cleaning. RW voiced a concern that a significant increase in our mill rate will be needed to offset this cost. **We currently have no reasonable option for beach cleaning.**

JW will be attending a meeting on 7/11 at 3:15 pm at the town Parks and Rec department with Jim Barrone (Crescent Beach) Dick Morris (NBYC) and a representative from the town for the possibility of purchasing an extra Barber rake from the town. This group of individuals will discuss and JW will report back with all the details on Wednesday 7/12 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Email: Cindy and Mark Kooney from DEEP, 7/8/2023

Hi Cindy,

Thank you for having Mark meet Katharine and me today and show us the site. As we told Mark, at this point in time we wouldn't want to issue a Notice of Noncompliance (NON), as it would be against the beach association, and it sounds as though it is the contractor who is doing work that is out of compliance with the state statutes, as well as the association's wishes. If receiving an NON would be helpful to the association, to have in writing, that a violation was identified by the State of Connecticut we can do that.

Please keep me posted on how Monday's meeting goes. It would be great if the education and awareness raised helps resolve the issue! I must warn though, that if the work continues on, we will have to issue an NON regardless.

The guide has a lot of helpful information, but here is a quick link to the General Permit for Coastal Maintenance which might be of help- [General Permit for Coastal Maintenance \(ct.gov\)](#).

This link provides the statutes we use and more information about coastal permits and what is regulated by the state- [Coastal Permits Fact Sheet](#).

Finally, questions about Connecticut's No Discharge Area Program for boating may be directed to Kate Brown at 860-447-4340 or kate.brown@ct.gov.

Have a great weekend and let me know if I can be of any more help.

Thank you,
Katie

