

## **Minutes for the July 11, 2019**

### **Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting**

**Originally planned at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School, 1776 Main Street, Coventry, CT – moved to the GPA Beach due to scheduling difficulties**

John Petrovits called the meeting to order at 7:22pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Harvey Barrett, Steve Belanger, Lisa Catanese, Jim Cropley, Sharon Morel, John Petrovits, Sharon Powers, and Dave Sutherland.

**Audience of Members:** Several community members were present.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 20, 2019, GPA Budget meeting were approved with no amendments.

**President's Report:** John Petrovits reported that:

- New swim floats have been purchased and will be saved for next year, or put into use immediately if the current ones fail.
- One final resident will be taking advantage of the Avery Shores property turnover opportunity.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Tax bills for 2019-20 recently went out.

**Treasurer's Report:** Since it is early in the budget year, only \$1,200 of this year's budget has been spent to date.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Avery Shores Turnover:** Attorney Walter Twachtman is working on a presentation to the Town regarding the turnover of the Avery Shores road.

**Beach and Beautification:** GPA members have voted to add funds for material for beach renovations in this year's budget, and volunteers are needed to complete the work. This is extremely important to keep costs within our budget. The work will begin the weekend of Oct. 5-6 and may need to be continued the weekend of Oct. 12-13. Anyone who can volunteer their time, even for just an hour or two, is asked to send an email to [geraldparkcoventry@gmail.com](mailto:geraldparkcoventry@gmail.com) with the days and times they are available to help.

**Environmental:** This summer's first lake hydrilla treatment will be Thursday, July 18. No swimming that day to allow the boat free range of the lake.

**Fuel Oil Cooperative:** Any GPA resident who would like to participate in a group purchase to have fuel oil delivered for the heating season at a significant discount should contact Harvey Barrett at [lakefront2244@att.net](mailto:lakefront2244@att.net). Harvey is looking into the possibility of three deliveries this year instead of two. Savings for this bulk purchase have been as high as 15 cents or more off each gallon. The more people who participate, the greater the savings.

**Gerald Park Day:** To be held from noon to 4 pm on Saturday, July 20; rain date is July 21. Board members divided the responsibilities among themselves for the purchase of food, set-up, games, decorations, clean-up and more, and will gather around 10am to set up at the beach. Special thanks to GPA resident Linda Blakesley for offering to help as well. All GPA members are invited to come to Gerald Park Day and are asked to bring a dish to share.

**Website:** Lisa Catanese will add information about needing volunteers for the October beach work on the website.

**Welcome to GPA:** No new residents.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A failing tree at the end of Avery Shores must be taken down. Two estimates were obtained, one for \$4,200 and one for \$6,500. However, there now is some question as to who owns the property on which the tree is located. Harvey Barrett did some investigating and believes the tree is on the property of the homeowner who initially complained about the tree, who is a resident of the adjacent lake community. Harvey will pursue this further with the town, and John Petrovits will send a message to update the homeowner.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A GPA member expressed concern about some overgrowth of shrubs intruding into Avery Shores. In the past, the town has regularly cut back these shrubs. Harvey Barrett said he would discuss this issue with the town's tree warden. It's possible that the rainy weather pushed back the town's schedule for work of this type

**Next meeting:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be September 5, 2019, at 7pm at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.