



NPA Board of Governors Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Google Meet

Board Members (Present)	Board Members (Absent)	Members of the Public (Present)
Alan Budkofsky	Brian Drutman	
Judy Salm	Steve Daren	
Gail Kislevitz	Merle Bernstein	
Kate Wells		
Steve Breen		
Peter Reilly		

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Budkofsky

Agenda Item: Public Comments

None

Agenda Item: Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of April 25th, 2023.

Chairman Budkofsky asked if there were any changes to the proposed minutes from the previous meeting on April 25th. Peter Reilly noted a clerical error related to the date of the draft of the minutes. The date of the previous meeting should be updated to July 21st, 2022, to July 21st, 2023.

A motion was made by Kate Wells to approve the revised minutes. The motion was seconded by Gail Kislevitz. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

Agenda Item: Treasurer's Update

Peter Reilly summarized the information in the Treasurer's report noting that the Christensen family had recently submitted their 2022 NPA tax payment. This leaves Gloria Woerheide as the sole member with an outstanding balance. Kate Wells mentioned that Gloria is in the process of selling her property and that the new owner was aware of the delinquent tax payment and understands the account will be brought current at the upcoming closing.

Agenda Item: 2023 Season Discussion – Beach Crew Plan

Peter Reilly summarized the work Judy Salm was doing to prepare the Beach Crew for the upcoming season. Judy has recruited 11 team members to provide maintenance and security for the upcoming season and implemented the Buddy Punch time capture application to facilitate and support the payroll process associated with paying the Beach Crew this summer. This will automate the time capture process and eliminate the manual, handwritten timecards used previously.

Pending Board Approval



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No vote required.

Agenda Item: Discussion and response to Mayor Passero's request for community input on the work required because of the gas main work recently conducted by Eversource.

Gail Kislevitz provided the Board with a summary of the conversation between Brian Sear, Director of Public Works for the City of New London and Gail and Peter Reilly. Mr. Sear has communicated that the City of New London is hearing from many community members about the destruction to Mott and Elliott Avenue and that he and Mayor Passero were interested in receiving feedback from the community to assist in defining a work plan for repairing the damage. The City of New London is committed to repaving the entire width of Mott and Elliott Ave even though Eversource is only required to fix the damage they created. In addition, the City of New London is open to repairing any sidewalks on Mott and Elliott while this work is being done even though Eversource is only responsible of repairing the damage created when running the new high pressure gas lines. Mr. Sear also mentioned that he has heard a desire for the installation of granite curbing from some NPA community members, even though his recommendation is to not do this on Mott and Elliott due to the narrowness of the road, the curves, and the impact to available parking in the community.

Chairman Budkofsky voiced concern that the Board is not responsible or authorized to take a formal position on the topic as he outlined that per the Charter the Board is only responsible for oversight of the beaches and seawall. He recommended that Peter Reilly and Gail Kislevitz submit the information gathered from the community to Mayor Passero and Mr. Sear and only communicate that the Board is supportive of repaving the roads and fixing the sidewalks as soon as possible.

No vote was taken.

Agenda Item: Umbrella Bylaw

Gail Kislevitz shared a picture of an umbrella with one pole but 3 sides inquiring whether this would be approved for use on the beach. Many members of the Board felt that the example provided by Gail met the "one-pole" requirement, however, voiced concern for the added burden this may place on the Beach Crew to manage the use of tents in keeping with the current Bylaw. Judy Salm noted that although the example provided met the "one-pole" requirement that their appeared to be stakes or weights attached to the two side panels which appeared to make the "umbrella" more closely resemble a "tent." Judy Salm requested clarification as to what mechanism (stake or weight) was in use to help clarify if this was in keeping with the existing Bylaw.

No vote taken.



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Agenda Item: New Business

Gail Kislevitz raised the issue with the reduction in sand on the beach in front of the Regan and Waesche homes and inquired as to what could be done as the current lack of sand appears to be exposing the seawall to the tide. Chairman Budkofsky noted that during certain months the tides do impact the volume of sand on each of the beaches and at times exposes more or less of the seawall. This happens to some extent to all NPA beaches and there is little the community can do without great expense. In the past it was noted that at one time concrete was used to bolster/protect the seawall in front of the Grant's home and that back in the 1950s or 1960s sand was pumped from Long Island Sound onto the beach, however, this is viewed as a temporary, expensive fix.

No vote was taken.

Agenda Item: Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date was set for 9 AM on Saturday, June 24th on the deck at 14 Neptune Court (Bernstein Home).

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Gail Kislevitz made a motion to adjourn; Judy Salm seconded. The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion.