

Princess Pocotopaug Corporation

Board of Directors - Monthly Meeting

Weds, July 24, 2024 - PPC Hall (No Zoom)

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Vice President Jerry Fanfarelli called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Officers: Jerry Fanfarelli, Cathy Mayo

Board of Directors: Heidi Tanca, Dave Schuler, Renee, Dan. Seated: Lynda Fanfarelli.

V President Report: Jerry welcomes all to the meeting. Introductions were made around the room.

Public Participation: Resident Mike Carroll of 4 Cherokee Trail had questions about his tax bill. Heidi spoke about the increased costs of the PPC insurance. The PPC worked to collect large amounts of back taxes post Covid. For 3 years we applied thousands of those recovered funds towards the overall tax, which reduced everyone's tax. It was mentioned that one year the mill rate was .51. At the time, we knew this would eventually end and taxes would rise. Jerry detailed how Scottsdale Ins dropped us. PPC has unique needs as a Taxing District with 5 Community Properties. PPC district has 140 properties and a separate tax. It is not to be confused with a Property Tax paid to the Town of East Hampton. Jerry mentioned that these are town roads. He said in the 1950's no one wanted to pay to take care of the beaches/properties. President Ryan has been working to find the PPC another Insurance Broker. Mike also wondered about removing tree limbs overhanging his property. Discussion about this ensued with suggestions.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the June 19th meeting were presented. Heidi makes a motion to accept the minutes.

Dan seconded. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously. Motion carried.

The Secretary reports that 3 tax bills were returned by mail. Jerry assisted in correcting one.

Susan Laursen suggests all emails start with PPC in the subject line. This was well received.

Treasurer's Report: No report. June financials were sent to the officers and board members.

Communications, Announcements : Heidi Tanca of Wangonk Trail informs the board that her property will be sold in early August. Lynda Fanfarelli will move up to the Board of Directors to fill the position. A resident requests info about the health of a tree on PPC property. A branch hangs over the property. Discussion about getting an expert to look at the tree.

Property Report: Jerry reports that the town has cleaned the rain drains. Dave and others report that The North Launch grass needs work. Landscaping not up to par. Speed bumps still tabled. A sign cannot be attached to an Eversource pole. Gutter cleaning is needed at the hall. An outside cement wall needs caulking and could be the reason for water in the kitchen. Dan mentions to check the warranty as this was repaired a few years ago.

Social Committee Report: Upcoming is the Aug 10th Beach Band Jukebox 45 at South Beach.

Cathy welcomes the 4 new board members and thanks them for joining us.

Dockmaster Report No report

Old Business: North Beach lock not working. Same with South Beach. Discussion about the locks getting damaged by non residents. Considering new locks that are one sided. A No parking sign has been placed at North Beach. People still park there. Dan has secured a fence quote from Arrow Fence. \$7076. He suggests A smaller link so it's not so easy to climb. Dan volunteers to remove the fence there, which saves \$400.

Also to build the fence w/ larger poles. Discussion about another type of key card lock that requires electricity. Possibly hooking up to the Eversource pole at the beach. Fence One from S Windsor has submitted a quote. Jerry states that Ryan has a 3rd quote. The damaged picnic table at North beach may only need a new top. Dan and Jerry to follow up. Speed bumps tabled.

New Business: Volunteer Committees. Suggestions should be announced for those to participate. Discussion about dogs on the beach. A larger NO Dogs sign will be placed. Two solutions are to call the Police for the repeat offenders who use the beach as a dog park and also to call the Dog Warden.

Motion: Heidi made a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm Seconded by Dan. All in favor. The vote passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Cathy Mayo
PPC Secretary