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**March 18, 2025 LPA Board Meeting via Zoom    5:03 pm until 6:37 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call --  Present:**Jen Daly McFadden, Sam Orr, Peggy Roberts, Steven Dodd, Rosanne O’Hara and Curt Brockway.

**Absent:**Nancy Walker, Bill Gibson and Bryan Bentz.

Also attending were Mary Richardson, Ruth Peterle-Dzurac, Whitney Kubik, Bob Maurice and Aaron Raap.

**Presidents Report:**The most recentdonation check from George Smith has been received. The full gift will be in by the end of the fiscal year. Thanks again for your generosity!

We have yet to settle on where the full amount of the money will be spent. George expressed some wishes, which we will make sure are honored.

This meeting is being recorded as is the requirement under FOIA. The LPA by laws and ordinances will soon be posted on the public facing section of our website.

The Griffins have decided to step back from their leadership of the Community House Committee.  Edie Morren has agreed to take charge of facility bookings. We will check on the cleaning arrangements for this season.

Property owner Michele Poole has notified the board she is concerned about the safety of a tree on LPA property next to her house.  The large tree’s limbs hang close to a number of utility wires. Sam agreed to check on it and, if necessary, proceed with the process of determining whether the tree is healthy or dying.  More to come on this.

We still only have one proposal on the work at James/Oak street wall area. Neither have we heard back from DOCKO.  Jen will stay on this.

The Stonington Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to decide on a zoning change for 12 Skipper Street is tonight.  This change is being sought by the property owner to raise their seawall higher to better protect from storms.

There is no update on the Langworthy case.

April 26 is cleanup day at LP.

**Clerk Report:** Jim Krodel is nearing completion of a project to digitize past issues of The Chatterbox.  He has copies of all but the first three years and one other. This is will be helpful for our records.

**Treasurer Report:** Bill is away. All had copies of the report but there was little discussion on the financials.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Docks:**Steven reported the committee is moving ahead with plans to rebuild floating docks for Langworthy and Boulder. This will save LPA $48K. Materials will cost about $10-$11K out of the dock reserve. Thanks you.

There was discussion about whether to hire an outside party to install and remove docks and swim platforms in the future.

**Recreation:** New Chair Ruth (thanks!) reported she is meeting with many of those who have run activities in past.

She is planning to field a survey to association members asking for ideas for new activities.

Some of the ideas she mentioned were knot tying, CPR training, sailing scholarships, etc.

July 19 is the date for the 2025 block party.

Ladies lunch is August 8.

**Roads:**No report.

**Beaches:**No report.

**Nominating:**No report.

**Property:** People are playing pickleball using then two nets Bob has set out. Other seasonal equipment will go out next month.

The pump house and the space outside it will be needed for the construction of the floating docks.

**Community House:**No report.

**Insurance:** No report.

**Fire:** No report.

**Garden Club:** No report.

**Website:**No report.

**Pollinator Garden:** Dedication is scheduled July 5.

**Block Party:** No report.

**Coastal Resilience:**No report.

**Unfinished business:**

The tennis court work will begin right after Memorial Day.

Replacement of the plywood on the backside of the Community House will cost $600 for materials and will be done before the tennis court. There is also a pole on the far end of the tennis court that needs attention.

Painting will be done in April as long as the weather holds.

Bob and Curt agreed to look into finding someone to check the roof, which has a leak.

The HVAC system needs a decision too.

**New Business:**

**Trash Receptacles:** With the Town of Stonington changing its trash collection process, Sam spoke to the Solid Waste department about how this will affect the LPA-owned areas. After considerable discussion all agreed to remove public trash receptacles at the common areas and to notify people to take their trash home to their own trash cans.

LPA will keep a small number of Town receptacles for use at our larger activities like the block party and the wiffle ball game. We will see how this goes for the summer and address it again if need be.

**Encroachments on Hopkins Street:**  Jen reported that the litigation committee, in consultation with our attorney, has a proposal for how to remedy this encroachment issue. Rosanne, who is one of the property owners involved, agreed to recuse herself from discussion and vote.

Peggy moved to accept the proposed updates and encroachment removals from Lord’s Point Property on and between 33 and 36 Hopkins St.

Curt seconded. There was some discussion about whether this deadline allowed sufficient time to make the changes.  No changes or amendments were made.

Vote was unanimous in favor and passed.

**2025-2026 Budget Planning:** The board made a first pass at the new budget to be continued next month.

**Curt** moved to adjourn at 6:37 pm.  Sam seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Roberts