

Rogers Lake West Shores Association, Inc. PO Box 644 , Old Lyme, CT 06371
May 12, 2014

Present were:

President	Dave Evers	
Vice-President	Richard Dakin	
Treasurer	Lynn Roberts	
Secretary	Liz Rubitski	
Board Members:	Carolyn Ross	
	Brian Pendleton	Richard Smith

Dave Evers called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Liz made a motion to discuss the Old Business item of Lyme garbage removal first as there were several association members in attendance for this purpose. Lynn seconded. All approved.

President Evers explained that the board was looking into our finances as we are incurring more expenses now because of some decisions made by the Town of Old Lyme – specifically to no longer pay for plowing the association roads and the potential for our grant (\$5100 per year) to be taken away starting in 2015. The rate for the RLWSA taxes has remained 1 mil and we do not want to have to raise it. Much discussion followed.

- The board had planned to send a letter to all Lyme property owners telling them that the garbage removal was under discussion and to invite them to a future meeting to solicit feedback
- Several Lyme residents explained that they don't feel the service should be taken away from them and the board should look for other ways to cut costs. Some of their suggestions:
 - Charge people that live on association roads for the snow removal
 - Look for ways to make the clubhouse more efficient and less costly
 - Try and get the Town of OL to keep the grant
 - Get rid of the ROWs
 - Change the taxes from a mil rate based on property assessment values to a flat rate
- Board members responded to the suggestions
 - Charging people that live on association roads for their plowing doesn't make sense because the association owns the roads and we have a duty to maintain the roads – this is very different from a property owner's garbage collection
 - Regarding the clubhouse, the board is modifying the rental contract to increase prices, and is actively looking at several ways to reduce expenses by consolidating insurance policies, changing electricity suppliers, managing cleaning supply expenses etc.
 - The Town of OL has created a committee regarding the grants and Richard Dakin from the RLWSA board is on the committee so we are actively trying to keep the grant.
 - Getting rid of the ROWs does not seem feasible as the logistics of getting rid of them are complicated and the benefits to all property owners of having the ROWs outweighs their expense

- Changing from a mil rate system to a flat fee system is not something we are sure is legal and would be complicated because there are people that only own small parcels of land with no home
- President Evers summed up the discussion by reminding everyone that this is not something the board is taking lightly and we are still looking into the legalities and options. He encouraged people to continue to provide feedback and even form their own group to look into garbage removal options as Jansky may not be the best option for them.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 7, 2014 minutes read by Liz Rubitski
 Motion to approve by Lynn Roberts; all approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Lynn provided treasurers reports – Liz motion to accept; all approved
 - Checking account balance is ~\$8000 but this does not include some recent bills for cleaning and insurance
 - CD is up for renewal - Lynn motion to renew; all approved
 - Lynn will find out from Quality Data Services when they need the mil rate to send out tax bills

ROADS

- Carolyn called power company, they are coming to look at wire on Tamiami the tree can then be removed
- Dave got estimate for repair of potholes from Kris Teixeira for \$1220, Liz motion to approve; all approved
- Dave will look at a silver birch tree on the corner of Osceola and Rogers Lake Trail that is hollow
- Carolyn will check into wires on Delta as a member reported a wire on a tree

ROWS (Right of Ways)

- There is a big frost heave at end of Devitt Loop, the property marker and the fence are affected, the ground is now very uneven and there is a big drop off; Dave will look into it and see if its something we can fix ourselves or not

CLUBHOUSE

- Dave has an estimate to get rid of the a limb on wires at the clubhouse \$200 – Carolyn motion to go ahead with the removal; all approved
- Kristin is working on oil and insurance rates
- Basketball hoop crank is broken, replacement in closet, Carolyn will ask her husband if he can fix it
- At some point we need to look at the new stove that was donated to us and see how to make it fit into our kitchen

OLD BUSINESS

- Lyme garbage removal already discussed (see above)

NEW BUSINESS

- Dave reviewed the maintenance contract he received from OL Outdoor Services; tabled until further bids are received

Richard Dakin motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rubitski

Appendix I

RLWSA Meeting May 12, 2014

Sign in sheet

Everett Lee

Cheryl Lee

Beth Bonjour

Roy Bonjour

Bill Cook

Debra Carney

Jeff Gagnon

Jay Maus

Jayne Keeling

Eric Bombard

Heidi Harger

Wanna Olsen

TIM O'ROURKE

Joan Overfield

Dennis Overfield

PAT DEAN

ANN COCKS

Edwin W. Kelly