

Benton Beach Corporation
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
May 10th, 2010

Present:

Joel E. Helander
Donna S. Chemacki
Todd Chemacki
Jennifer B. Ruiz
Ellen B. Fales
Kate Fales

Absent:

Lynne S. Ott (attended beach portion)
Carolyn B. Helander
Marjorie B. Spalding (Honorary Member)
Heather B. Collinson

Quorum: The meeting started at Benton Beach at 6:30pm and moved to the home of Joel Helander, Vineyard Point Road, Guilford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm with a quorum present.

Secretary's

Report: The minutes for the meeting held on April 5th, 2010 were read aloud and no corrections were noted. Jen made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ellen seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's

Report: Ellen reported that there had been \$0 in income received for the period and \$747.37 in expenses. The opening balance on 04/05/2010 was \$2973.55 with a closing balance of \$2226.18 as of 05/10/2010. There are still 17 out of 37 outstanding assessments. Joel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Todd seconded the motion and it carried. A copy of the report is enclosed.

Calendar

of Events: Please contact Kate (kate.fales@gmail.com or 401-932-5894 only) for event scheduling. Events scheduled so far include:

- Friday, June 11th - Saturday June 12th - Campout hosted by Justin Benton-Smith 4:00pm Friday-1:00pm Saturday 10-15 ppl.
- Tuesday, June 15th - Alpha Club Picnic hosted by Lynne Ott Starts @4:00 pm

- Friday, June 18th - Sunday, June 20th - Campout hosted by Eliot Benton 12pm Friday-12pm Sunday 25 ppl. max.
- Monday, June 21st - Campfire hosted by Sarah and Daniel Cabrera 7:00pm-10:00pm 10 ppl. approx.
- Saturday, June 26th - Sunday June 27th - Campout hosted by Todd Chemacki 12pm Saturday-12pm Sunday 10 ppl.
- Sunday, July 4th - Church Picnic hosted by Edwin Benton 12:00pm-7:00pm 25 ppl.
- Sunday, July 11th - Fales Picnic hosted by Ellen Benton Fales 12:00pm-6:00pm 25 ppl.
- Saturday, July 17th - Clapboard Hill Reunion Picnic hosted by Joel Helander and Carolyn Helander 2:00 pm-8:00pm 100 ppl. (Rain Date: Sunday, July 18th)
- Saturday, July 31st - Annual Benton Family Picnic Starts @1:00 pm
- Friday, August 6th - Sunday, August 8th - Campout hosted by Tim and Sharon Chemacki 12pm Friday-12pm Sunday 25 ppl. max.
- Friday, August 13th - Friday August 20th - Campout hosted by Ellen Benton Fales and Sandy Benton Schaefer 12pm Friday-12pm Friday 10 ppl. Max

Fireplace

Construction:

While at the beach, there was a spirited discussion among board members as to the location of the fireplace. Eliot Benton had pointed out some advantages to having the fireplace on the opposite side of the beach near the breakwater. The advantages and disadvantages to both locations were discussed at great length. The style of the fireplace was also discussed. After much deliberation the board agreed that it was best to keep the fireplace in the existing location. It was also agreed to keep a fireplace with all four sides for people to sit around. As summer is fast approaching, the board thought that it would be a good idea to consult with Mike Schaefer as to a fall build date instead of a spring one. Kate will write Mike a letter with the specific dimensions agreed upon by the board.

Pasture

Rental:

A letter was sent to the Hammarlunds to encourage early delivery of the cattle.

Fence Line &
Rose Bush
Eradication:

This workday was a huge success. 130' of fence line from the Etter/Klein property to the creek was done. The fence line of about 70' behind Roger Benton's former property (now owned by Billy and Wendy Zabel) was also mended for the season. Lastly, Bill Leete cut the rose bushes in the long lot and the roots were sprayed with Aqua-neat (similar to round-up). A huge thanks to all who participated in this work day, including: Tim Chemacki, Todd Chemacki, Ellen Fales, Kate Fales, David Ott & friends (dads from boy scout troop 474), Holly Whelan, Joel Helander, Lynne Ott, Sarah Cabrera, and Victor Cabrera. A special thank you to Todd who secured 20 cedar poles for the fence line, pointed them, and brought them to the site, saving us hours worth of work.

Technology:

Tim Chemacki attended the May meeting to discuss a Benton Beach website. The main goal is for the board to decide why we want the website and what to use it for. We would want to electronically disseminate information including but not limited to: the newsletter, the minutes, rules and regulations, and the calendar of events. We would also want the website to be password protected. Tim can register for a domain name for us and put it on a hosting site for free. He would be able to set up a template for the website and content could be edited independent of the template. This way others with management access to the website could edit the content without Tim having to do it all. The board agreed upon a "mission statement" for the website which states that: The purpose of the website is to serve shareholders, lineal descendents of Eliot H. Benton and their families and provide greater access to information about Benton Beach. Ellen made a motion for Tim to spend up to \$50 to purchase the domain name of the website (preferably bentonbeach.com) and get the website off the ground. Kate seconded it and it carried.

Mower: Lynne got the mower repaired by Giant Oak and it is ready for use.

Mowing

Schedule: Lynne Ott is coordinating the mowing schedule this summer.

Newsletter: Tim published the newsletter in early May. Please continue to send submissions at any time for future newsletters! Poems, articles, photographs, etc. are welcome. Any submissions should be sent to Tim (space.explorer@gmail.com).

Work Day: The annual Benton Beach Work Day will be on Saturday, May 15th. It will start at 8:30am.

Family

Picnic: The annual Benton Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 31st starting at 1:00pm. The downpour date will be Sunday, August 1st.

Beach

Signs: New signs indicating the beach as 'Private Property' will be put up at the workday.

Outhouse: The beach is a busy place in the summer. Therefore, hosts of events are responsible for the cleanliness of the outhouse both before and after an event. This includes cleaning the inside of the stall (cleaning supplies located on the shelf above the toilet seat). Also, if the sawdust pile under the seat is high, hosts should unlatch the back panel of the bin and use the wire rake located there to rake the pile towards the back of the bin.

Kaplan

Dock: Joel talked to Ricky Kaplan who indicated that they were thrilled not to be disrupting us.

Next

Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 14th, 2010 at 6:30pm at the home of Joel Helander on Vineyard Pt. Rd. in Guilford.

Adjourn-

ment: Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting as business was completed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Fales
Secretary, BBC

–Benton Beach Corporation–
Treasurer's Report
May 10, 2010

Income

Shareholder assessments received.....	None
(17/37 shareholders still outstanding)	
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$ 00.00

Expenses

Bill Leete, mowing pasture meadow, 4 hours @ \$80/hr, 4/24	320.00
Giant Oak Power, rider mower repair	392.57
Tim Chemacki, Spring 2010 newsletter	34.80
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TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$747.37

Recapitulation

Opening balance from 4/5/2010.....	\$ 2,973.55
Plus income (above).....	+ 0
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	\$2,973.55
Minus expenses (above).....	- 747.37
Closing balance in operating account (5/10/2010).....	\$2,226.18

Other Accounts

*Capital Account (as of 3/26/2010).....	\$18,870.16
Legal Account (as of 3/26/2010).....	\$ 4,785.50

*CD rolled over on March 29, 2010
New 1-year term at 0.9%

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Fales, Treasurer

