

Benton Beach Corporation
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
October 12th, 2010

Present:
Joel E. Helander
Kate Fales
Jennifer B. Ruiz
Heather Collinson
Todd Chemacki
Lynne S. Ott
Ellen B. Fales
Donna Chemacki
Marjorie B. Spalding (Honorary Member)

Absent:
Carolyn B. Helander

Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m., with a quorum present, at the home of Marjorie B. Spalding, 365 Vineyard Point Road, Guilford, CT.

Secretary's

Report: The minutes for the meeting held on August 16th, 2010 were read aloud. The following corrections were made: on page three, under Picnic Tables, "and inch" should be changed to "an inch". Lynne made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Jen seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's

Report: Ellen reported that there had been \$58.82 in income received for the period and \$1357.34 in expenses. The opening balance on 08/16/2010 was \$1970.56 with a closing balance of \$672.04 as of 10/12/2010. There are still 4 out of 37 outstanding assessments for a total of \$380.14 owed. Kate made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Heather 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) for event scheduling. Events scheduled include:

- Wednesday, October 13th- Campfire Drum Circle hosted by Sarah and Daniel Cabrera ; 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ; 10-15 people
- Saturday, October 16th- Annual Put the Beach to Bed Day ; 9:00 a.m.

Technology:

Tim Chemacki is currently putting up content on the new website, bentonbeach.com. Kate will e-mail Tim to get an update on how the website is going.

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

Firewood:

People need to be very reasonable with the usage of wood when having events at the beach. Please think about your usage of firewood. If you are having a large event or have multiple events please consider bringing your own firewood to the beach. We have gone through more wood this summer than any previous summer.

Fireplace

Update: Mike Schaefer constructed the new fireplace from September 27th to September 30th, assisted by Sarah, Daniel and Juan Victor Cabrera. The board will draft a letter to Mike and the Cabreras thanking them for their incredible time commitment. The fireplace is built on a 5-inch concrete slab. The fireplace was built mostly with pink granite from the Stony Creek Quarry. However it also includes custom cut take offs and bench slabs for the side arms. Firebrick was used on the inside of the fireplace but only about 1/3 of the way up. Ellen will talk to Mike about extending the firebrick all the way to the top of the fireplace so that the granite will not crack. There is also a fear that the granite needs to be mortared so that water will not run into the joints and crack the granite. Ellen will also ask Mike about this topic.

New Fireplace

Usage: Water must NEVER be used to put out the fire in the new fireplace since it will crack the concrete slab. Also try to avoid using sand, as the mix of sand and ash makes cleanout and disposal much messier and more difficult. When possible please plan accordingly to let the fire die down with supervision. Ellen will leave a metal bucket at the fireplace to dispose of ashes once they are cool. All ashes should still be disposed of in the ash disposal pile behind the boat storage area, NOT over the wall toward the meadow. She will also put up a sign reminding about usage of the fireplace.

Cabana

Repair: Edwin has put up staging to fix the cabana umbrella. He has bundled one batch of phragmites to demonstrate how it is done. The goal is to bundle the phragmites at the fall Put the Beach To Bed Day. Donna will touch base with Edwin before the day to get the exact steps. Edwin will then cut the phragmite bundles to the sizes they need to be.

Put the Beach

To Bed Day:

The fall workday will be on Saturday, October 16th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Ellen has sent out a reminder notice. The board will bring refreshments. The dock needs to be taken down and some of the picnic tables need to be put away. Todd and Donna Chemacki already took down the canopy in preparation for the predicted Hurricane Earl. James Devoe is planning on delivering three yards and possibly six yards of loam for Roger's Island. This will need to be spread and grass seed planted. Ellen will bring grass seed and hay to cover it.

Outhouse

Repairs: Ellen and Chip Fales put a new drain in the floor of the outhouse. Ellen talked to Kathryn about the side vents and the back triangle that are screened but covered with paneling. Ellen will bring more sawdust down for the workday.

Agreement

With Zabel's:

Bill Zabel mentioned to Joel that he might like to move the fence line back from where it is currently on his property. The board discussed having a plan in place with Bill Zabel before making next years budget, as we may need to budget for the cost of a surveyor. Joel will touch base with Bill Zabel to initiate getting a plan into place.

Cattle

Update: The cattle were taken out of the pasture on October 10th. The board would have liked to see them stay through the end of October.

Beach

Usage: Recently there was an event (campfire and campout) at the beach that resulted in damage to the beach. The event included a massive bonfire that burned through nearly half a cord of wood. The next day the old fireplace was discovered in a state of disarray, completely

toppled. The large sitting log above the fire pit had caught fire and was charred. Broken alcohol bottles were found in and around the fireplace and empty beer cans were found strewn in the meadow and over the beach. Pictures were taken to document this. The board engaged in discussion over this event and the consequences surrounding it. Also of great concern to the board, is the issue of underage drinking and the liability that this exposes us to. The board agreed to compose a letter to the individual expressing their dismay. Donna also had already spoken to the individual involved, who has agreed to help replenish our wood supplies this coming weekend by splitting some larger logs into firewood size. The board also decided to reserve the right to monitor this individual for future beach events. This event brought up discussion for a review of the rules and regulations of the beach. Todd made a motion to table this discussion for a later date. Jen seconded the motion and it carried.

Annual Shareholder's

Meeting: The annual shareholder's meeting will be held on November 27th, 2010 at the home of Joel E. Helander at 4:00 p.m. Notification of the meeting will be sent this week and proxies will be sent out on November 9th. As has been done every year since 2001 and in accordance with item # 5 of the "Guidelines for Board Structure/Nomination Process" ratified by shareholders on 11-24-01, notice is given to all lineal descendants of the late Eliot H. Benton that anyone interested in being considered for serving on the board of directors of BBC must contact any board member by November 7th, 2010. Dinner will be served after the business portion of the meeting. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. The board will provide main dishes, beverages, and paper goods. Part II of the taped interview with Eliot H. Benton, family patriarch, will be played. All proxies must be mailed by November 22nd, 2010.

Next

Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, December 6th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. **sharp**, place to be determined.

Adjourn- ment:

Kate made a motion to adjourn the meeting as business was completed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Fales

Secretary, BBC
 –Benton Beach Corporation–
 Treasurer's Report
 October 12, 2010

Income

Shareholder assessments received (1 shareholder).....	\$58.82
(4/37 shareholders outstanding for a total of \$380.14 owed)	
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$58.82

Expenses

Guilford Tax Collector, additional amt for 2010 taxes	2.86
Kate Fales, postage	20.30
Lowes, concrete and rebar for fireplace	167.80
Stony Creek Quarry- pink granite for fireplace.....	841.38
CT state annual estimated taxes for 2010.	325.00
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$1,357.34

Recapitulation

Opening balance from 8/16/2010.....	\$ 1,970.56
Plus income (above).....	+ 58.82
	\$2,029.38
Minus expenses (above).....	- 1,357.34
Closing balance in operating account (10/12/2010).....	\$672.04

Other Accounts

*Capital Account (as of 7/31/2010).....	\$18,928.36
Legal Account (as of 7/31/2010).....	\$ 4,788.19

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Fales, Treasurer