

Benton Beach Corporation  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

Absent:  
Heather B. Collinson

Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m., with a quorum present, at the home of Carolyn Helander, 404 Clapboard Hill Road, Guilford, CT.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the meeting held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were read aloud. Changes to the minutes included changing the title date from '2010' to '2011' as well as the day of the next meeting from 'Monday' to 'Tuesday'. Lynne made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Todd seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ellen reported that there had been \$1587.74 in income received for the period and \$1037.11 in expenses. The opening balance on 2/07/2011 was \$2766.82 with a closing balance of \$3317.45 as of 4/05/2011. Kate made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Lynne seconded the motion and it carried. A copy of the report is enclosed as well as a copy of the 2010 Year-End Financial Report. There was also discussion about what to do with the Capital Fund account since the CD it was in matured in March. The last CD interest rate was .9%. There was discussion about possibly putting it into a conservative money market fund but in the end the board concluded it was best to keep the fund in the most conservative place possible which would be a CD. Lynne made a motion to put the Capital Fund into a 10-month CD for 1.0% with Guilford Savings Bank. Kate seconded the motion and it carried

Lawn Mowing: Ellen drafted a memorandum of understanding to Forrest Helander regarding the mowing of the beach for the 2011 season and Forrest accepted.

## Lawn

Mower: Ellen put the old rider mower on Craigslist in late March and it was sold in 3 days for \$100. Ellen will take the hand mower to Page's to be serviced in the next few weeks.

Technology: Don't forget that there is now a live Benton Beach website, created by Tim Chemacki. The website is designed to help family members get the most up-to-date information about Benton Beach in a timely fashion. The website is: [www.bentonbeach.com](http://www.bentonbeach.com)

The site is password protected and the username and password should only be shared among family members. They are as follows:

Username: bbcfamily

Password: sticktogether

New content should be up on the website in the next month or two.

Newsletter: Tim Chemacki will publish a spring edition of the Benton Beach Beacon in mid April.

## Zabel

Fence Line: At the last Board of Directors meeting it was discussed that a survey needed to be done on the fence line and Joel has already contacted Russ Waldo Associates. They had already agreed to survey our common boundary for \$1000 (cost split evenly between BBC and Zabels), which would include staking and putting in three concrete monuments. The fence line will need red cedar poles to go about every 10' of the 253' fence line. We are now waiting for the surveyor (Waldo Associates) to come in to stake the fence line. It is on their docket and should be done in the next few weeks. Forrest Helander was the only family member to respond to the inquiry for setting poles. Joel will follow up with Forrest as to the timeline, based on Waldo Associates.

## Regular

Fence Line: A few members of the board did partake in the fence walk on March 5th. The conclusion of the walk was that there is a section of the fence line parallel with the beach road that needs to be repaired. This spot is currently only reinforced with rope. The family fence work day will be on April 30th starting at 8am with a rain date on May 1st.

## Pasture

Maintenance: At the last Board of Directors meeting the need to cut and spray the rose bushes in the Long Lot again this year was discussed. However, new information and concerns were brought to the table by shareholders about the negative impact of the herbicide Roundup (which was sprayed on the rose bushes last year) to both humans and the environment. There has been a lot of new literature in the last two years that talks about the dangers of the surfactant POEA which is what the active ingredient from

Roundup, Glyphosate, is suspended in. Joel did a lot of research on this topic and put together literature for the board to read before any decisions were made about spraying the rose bushes with Roundup again. Ellen made a motion to suspend the spraying of Roundup for this year while still cutting the rose bushes. Lynne seconded it and it carried. Joel will contact Bill Leete to see if he can cut the rose bushes on a date at his convenience.

#### Annual

Work Day: The annual beach work day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Reminder notices will be sent out a few weeks before the event.

Cattle: Ellen drafted a letter to the Hammurlands again this year to encourage them to bring the cattle into pasture in early May.

#### Beach

Maintenance: The board would like to express their appreciation to Edwin Benton for his tireless work in redoing the polynesian umbrella. The board would also like to thank Daniel Cabrera for tying up the outhouse door which came unhinged in high winds recently.

#### Fireplace

Update: Ellen talked to Mike Schaefer who is talking to a fabricator for the grates for our new fireplace. After he gets the measurements he will get a price.

#### Family

Picnic: Mark your calendars now! The annual family picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and high tide is at 5:48 p.m.

#### Calendar of

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

- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – BBC Fence Day; Starts at 8:00 am
- Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – BBC Work Day; Starts at 9:00 am
- Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Maxwell Ruiz Birthday Party hosted by Jennifer Benton Ruiz; 20 ppl.
- Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Alpha Club Picnic hosted by Lynne Ott
- Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Campout/Birthday Party hosted by Todd Chemacki; Birthday Party - 50 ppl.
- Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> - Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Campout hosted by Eliot Benton; 4:00 pm Friday - 11:00 am Monday; 20 ppl.
- Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Party hosted by Eliot Benton; 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm; 50 ppl.
- Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Church Club Picnic hosted by Edwin Benton; 30-35 ppl.
- Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date: Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>) – Region 6 CT Probate Judges Picnic hosted by Joel Helander; Starts at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Campout hosted by Todd Chemacki; 20 ppl.

- Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – Women’s Retirement Group Picnic hosted by Lynne Ott
- Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Family Picnic
- Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Family Campout hosted by Eliot Benton; 4:00 pm Friday - 2:00 pm Sunday; 20 ppl.
- Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Campout hosted by Tim and Sharon Chemacki
- Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Campout hosted by Ellen Fales and Sandy Schaefer
- Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fales Family Picnic hosted by Ellen Fales

Property line

Trees: At the last Board of Directors meeting discussion was had about the fact that Bill Gunther, who owns the property west of 410 Vineyard Pt. Rd., approached Joel about the possibility of cutting a few cedar trees on Benton Beach property. The board looked at these trees during the fence walk. There was concern that these trees are the only fully grown trees in the area now that Zabel’s have cleared their property and that the cattle use them for both shade and scratching. The board agreed to deny Bill Gunther’s request to cut down these trees. However, Joel talked with the Hammarlunds who indicated that groves of trees should be created, not hedgerows, which is what many of the cedar trees in that area are creating now. Board members will arrange to go to the meadow on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to make a plan as to where groves should be created.

Next

Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. beginning at Benton Beach and moving afterwards to the home of Joel Helander.

Adjourn-

ment: Todd 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

Treasurer's Report  
April 5, 2011

Income

Shareholder assessments received .....	\$ 1,587.74
{28 (of 37 total) assessments received for 2011}	
 TOTAL INCOME.....	 \$ 1,587.74

Expenses

Transferred 2011 budgeted amt (10%) to Legal Acct	497.00
Transferred 2011 budgeted amt (10%) to Capital Impr. CD	497.00
Kate Fales, Postage (Feb. mtg. & Shareholders mtg. mins.)	43.11
 TOTAL EXPENSES.....	 \$1,037.11

Recapitulation

Opening balance from 2/7/2011.....	\$ 2,766.82
Plus income (above).....	+ 1,587.74
	<u>\$ 4,354.56</u>
Minus expenses (above).....	- 1,037.11
Closing balance in operating account (4/05/2011).....	\$ 3,317.45

Other Accounts

*Capital Account (as of 3/31/2011).....	\$ 19,538.56
Legal Account (as of 3/31/2011).....	\$ 4,789.59
(2011 budgeted amounts of \$497.00 now added to both accounts)	

\*CD cashed in on March 31, 2011

Currently holding in Guilford Savings Bank savings account pending Board approval for further investment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Fales, Treasurer