Benton Beach Corporation Regular Board of Directors Meeting May 9th, 2011

Present: Absent:
Joel E. Helander Heather B. Collinson
Kate Fales Todd Chemacki
Donna Chemacki Jennifer B. Ruiz

Lynne S. Ott Carolyn B. Helander (Honorary Member)

Ellen B. Fales

Marjorie B. Spalding (Honorary Member)

Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m., with a quorum present, at the

home of Joel Helander, Vineyard Point Road, Guilford, CT.

Secretary's

Report: The minutes for the meeting held on April 5th, 2011 were read aloud. Changes

to the minutes included changing 'Clapboard Hill Road' to 'Tanner Marsh Road' under Quorum. It was also noted that under Pasture Maintenance it should say that 'Joel and Sarah Cabrera' did a lot of research about Roundup. Lynne made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ellen seconded the

motion and it carried.

Treasurer's

Report: Ellen reported that there had been \$203.71 in income received for the period

and \$106.79 in expenses. The opening balance on 4/05/2011 was \$3317.45 with a closing balance of \$3414.37 as of 5/09/2011. Lynne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Kate seconded the motion and it

carried. A copy of the report is enclosed.

Lawn

Mowing: Forrest has done a great job mowing the beach so far.

Lawn

Mower: The hand mower was brought to Page's to be serviced and should be ready

soon.

Annual

Work Day: The annual beach work day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 14th at 9:00

a.m. Jobs that need to be performed include: cleaning out the beach house, staining some of the picnic tables, repairing a leg of one picnic table, repairing the hinges on the outhouse door, cleaning out the culvert under the bridge on the beach road, cleaning out the area behind the fireplace, raking the beach,

putting up the canopy, and putting out the dock.

Fireplace

Update: There should be two lags and one grate for the new fireplace. 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. The board also determined that the firebrick in the bottom of the fireplace is so tightly packed in with ash that it really doesn't need to be mortared in. It was also discussed that people need to be careful when they remove the ash from the floor of the fireplace that they also clean out the area at the center back that leads to the vent.

Regular Fence Line/ Fence Work

Day: A big thank you to everyone who attended the fence work day including Todd, Elliott, David, Joel, Sarah, Jen, Ellen, Kate, and Lynne who contributed food. The men replaced four or five cedar poles on the fence line parallel to the beach road at the east end of the property next to the barway. Elliott was innovative with his ideas to help string the fence line with three new pieces of barbed wire for about 150 feet. All the old rusted wire was also dismantled and taken away. Dead cedar trees from the side of the beach road were dragged to the brush pile in the meadow.

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 upto-date information about Benton Beach in a timely fashion. The website is: 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

Zabel

Fence Line: Russ Waldo Associates did come to stake the south end of 410 Vineyard Point Road and they set four concrete monuments to capture the three angles on the fence line. Bill Rayner delivered 15 red cedar poles to the meadow that are each 8 feet long with 6-8 inch butt ends. Next, Forrest will string the wire.

Bill Zabel will split the bill 50/50 with the BBC after the final cost of all the

work.

Pasture

Maintenance: The board discussed the relevancy of gaining more knowledge about pasture

maintenance techniques. It was suggested that board members possibly visit other farms (the Leete's came to mind) in the fall to learn more about both

pasture maintenance and cattle shelter.

Cattle: Ellen called the Hammurlands to inform them that the fence line south of 410 Vineyard Point Road will be done in the next few weeks and that the cattle can

come in then.

Family

Picnic: Mark your calendars now! The annual family picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd and high tide is at 5:48 p.m. The picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m. It will be an old-fashioned pot luck picnic. The time capsule from 1990 will be dug up during the family picnic. The downpour date will be Sunday, July 24th.

Calendar of

Events: Please contact Kate (<u>kate.fales@gmail.com</u> or 401-932-5894) for event

scheduling. Events scheduled so far include:

• Saturday, June 11th – Maxwell Ruiz Birthday Party hosted by Jennifer B. Ruiz; 20 ppl.

- Thursday, June 16th Veteran's Picnic hosted by Donna and Stan Chemacki; 10:00 am- 3:00 pm; 12 ppl.
- Tuesday, June 21st Alpha Club Picnic hosted by Lynne Ott
- Saturday, June 25th Sunday, June 26th Campout/Birthday Party hosted by Todd Chemacki; Birthday Party 50 ppl.
- Friday, July 1st Monday, July 4th Campout hosted by Eliot Benton; 4:00 pm Friday 11:00 am Monday; 20 ppl.
- Sunday, July 3rd Party hosted by Eliot Benton; 12:00 pm 8:00 pm; 50 ppl.
- Monday, July 4th Church Club Picnic hosted by Edwin Benton; 30-35 ppl.
- Saturday, July 9th (Rain Date: Sunday, July 10th) Region 6 CT Probate Judges Picnic hosted by Joel Helander; Starts at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, July 16th Sunday, July 17th Campout hosted by Todd Chemacki; 20 ppl.
- Thursday, July 21st Women's Retirement Group Picnic hosted by Lynne Ott
- Saturday, July 23rd (Downpour date: Sunday, July 24th) Annual Family Picnic
- Friday, July 29th Sunday, July 31st Family Campout hosted by Eliot Benton; 4:00 pm Friday 2:00 pm Sunday; 20 ppl.
- Friday, August 12th Sunday, August 14th Campout hosted by Tim and Sharon Chemacki
- Friday, August 19th Friday, August 26th Campout hosted by Ellen Fales and Sandy Schaefer
- Saturday, September 3rd Fales Family Picnic hosted by Ellen Fales

Property line

Trees: During the Fence Work Day some of the board members walked the meadow and tagged some of the scrub trees in hedgerows that needed to be cut. Care was taken to leave trees that will develop into groves as they grow.

Next

Meeting: The next meeting will be on Monday, June 13th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the home

of Joel Helander.

Adjourn-

ment: Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting as business was completed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Fales Secretary, BBC

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Treasurer's Report May 9, 2011

<u>Income</u>
Shareholder assessments received
Sale of Rider mower on Craig's List
TOTAL INCOME
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Tim Chemacki, postage, printing for newsletter
door
TOTAL EXPENSES\$ 106.79
Recapitulation
Opening balance from 4/05/2011
\$ 3,521.16
Minus expenses (above)
Closing balance in operating account (5/09/2011) \$ 3,414.37
Other Accounts
*Conital A account (as of 2/21/2011) \$10.529.56
*Capital Account (as of 3/31/2011)
(2011 budgeted amounts of \$497.00 now added to both accounts)

*CD cashed in on March 31, 2011. Currently holding in GSB savings acct. To be re-invested in 10 month GSB CD this week, as decided at BBC Board of Directors meeting on April 5, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen B. Fales, Treasurer