

Minutes for the July 7, 2026, GPA Board of Director Meeting

Minutes recorded by board secretary Lisa Catanese

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Jim Cropley, Lisa Lowell, Raymond Perugini, and Bill Piotroski. Absent were Darby Pollansky (who is on bereavement leave from the Board), Jackie Roy, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Also present was Laura Young, GPA tax collector.

Audience of Members: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the June 3, 2026, Budget Meeting were approved. Motion by Raymond Perugini, second by Bill Piotroski, unanimously approved.

President's Report: Jim Cropley reported that new signs advertising meetings and events have been received and they look good. The rest of the picnic tables have been assembled, and there was a good crowd for the beach cleanup. One concern is that people are using the beach who are not GPA members. Raymond Perugini said he would look into identification badges, and Jim Cropley said Jerry Dallas expressed an interest in enforcing the residency requirement.

Later in the meeting, Raymond Perugini noted that there are two kayaks stored on the beach racks but the owners did not sign up for those spots. He said they may belong to residents who are delinquent on their taxes, which means they are not eligible to use the racks. Board members agreed that Raymond should post a note on those kayaks stating that they are illegally stored and need to be removed.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young said the issue of property ownership that was incorrect in Town records has been resolved. She submitted a report showing six habitually delinquent accounts, with nearly \$6,496 owed in taxes by these residents to the GPA.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lowell shared the approved budget for 2026-2027, which went into effect on July 1. She pointed out that per the discussion at the June 3 budget meeting, \$27,000 was moved from the checking account into the Capital Improvement Fund, which now has a balance of \$40,422, and the checking account balance is around \$4,000. Laura Young suggested that Lisa add the date on which she makes transactions to the spreadsheet she uses.

Committee Reports:

- **Beach/Beautification:** No report.
- **Member Involvement:** Raymond Perugini reported that Bill Piotroski ran the S'mores Night, and about 50 people attended. A suggestion was made to start it next year closer to the fireworks, maybe at 7:30. He also said that he is considering an ice cream social over Labor Day weekend.
- **Environmental:** Lisa Catanese said the weekly reports regarding water quality at the GPA beach showed that *e. coli* levels remain very low.
- **Fuel Oil Cooperative:** No report.
- **Paper Roads:** No report.
- **Website:** No report.
- **Welcome to GPA:** Lisa Lowell reported that Karen Burrington delivered two welcome baskets to new GPA residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Discussion on filing of GPA bylaws:** Jim Cropley said the filing cost would be around \$90, and that several lake associations already have their bylaws filed with the Town. Board members agreed that the GPA should file the bylaws, and Jim said he would go to Town Hall to file both the old and new GPA bylaws.
- **Possibility of having an arborist assess tree health in the park:** Jim Cropley said two large tree limbs, one with a diameter over three inches, came down in a recent wind storm. Board members agree that a true arborist is needed to determine if any trees or limbs are a hazard. Jim said he would get a quote for an arborist to come to the park.
- **Considering whether two signatures are needed on checks:** Board members expressed confidence in Lisa Lowell as GPA Treasurer and discussed whether two signatures on checks would help protect her and the Board. Because this would involve getting new checks, and due to the inconvenience of having to track down people for a second signature, Bill Piotroski made a motion that Lisa add a column to the spreadsheet labeled "approved by," and will obtain this approval from the GPA President for any checks over \$500. Second by Raymond Perugini, approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Planning for GPA picnic:** Jim Cropley will purchase burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and condiments. Raymond Perugini and Lisa Lowell will purchase the soda, water, and rolls. Raymond will contact Dave and Kelly Sutherland, who in the past had run kids' games, to see if they are available to do that again this year. Lisa Catanese said she would send out an email blast regarding the picnic.
- **Set date for the Annual fall meeting:** The GPA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 10, at 6pm at Coventry High School. Pam Cropley will ensure that the Lecture Hall is available.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Date pending.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.