

## **Minutes for the July 9, 2025, GPA Board of Director Meeting**

### **Minutes taken by board secretary Lisa Catanese**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Darby Pollansky, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Absent were Lisa Lowell, Teri Norman, and Raymond Perugini. One GPA member was present.

**Audience of Members:** None.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May 27, 2025, Annual Budget Meeting were approved. Motion by Eric Miller, second by Kevin Ryan, approved unanimously.

**President's Report:** Eric Miller reminded GPA members that if they are having a large gathering at the beach, they must clean up everything afterwards, including decorations.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Laura Young submitted a report showing that \$11,481 was billed in taxes for the 2025-26 budget year that started July 1. She pointed out that \$13,266 is owed to the GPA by delinquent taxpayers. She has placed liens on the delinquent properties, but with liens, the GPA will not recoup the back taxes until the properties are sold. The Board discussed sending another letter to the delinquent taxpayers informing them that we are ready to take the next step toward collecting what is owed and inviting them to reach out to Laura Young so the GPA can explore some kind of assistance for them. Lisa Catanese said she would draft a letter.

Laura Young also stated that the town's online GIS information incorrectly states that two GPA properties and one homeowner's property belong to the Town of Coventry. Eric Miller and Laura Young are in the process of correcting this GIS error.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Lowell sent a report saying that the GPA put a deposit on paving Chase Avenue.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Avery Shores Turnover:** The Board agreed that this can be removed from the agenda going forward, since the road is now turned over to the Town of Coventry.
- **Beach/Beautification:** Dave and Kelley Sutherland asked when the ramp that was put in for official vehicles to access the beach will be improved, noting that it is dangerous for people using assistive devices to walk on it. Pam Cropley said someone needs to clear out the spaces within the pavers, and then Jim Cropley would put down material that is porous but hardens. Dave Sutherland agreed to meet Jim at the beach the next morning to go over what needs to be done.
- **Member Involvement:** The next full moon kayaking will take place on Saturday, August 9, weather permitting.
- **Environmental:** Lisa Catanese stated that as board secretary, she receives emails from the Eastern Highlands Health District, which conducts weekly tests of the water quality around the lake, including at the GPA beach. Even though Patriots Park has been closed on occasion this summer due to high e. coli levels, the water at the GPA beach has been nowhere near the maximum limit.
- **Fuel Oil Cooperative:** Finished for the year.
- **Website:** No report.
- **Welcome to GPA:** Several newcomers have moved to the Gerald Park Association and should be receiving Welcome Baskets.
- **Bylaws and Park Rules:** On hold.
- **GPA Taxes:** On hold.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mary Ann Hansen paving agreement:** Mary Ann Hansen refused to sign an easement that was necessary in order to turn over Avery Shores to the Town unless the GPA agreed to pave Chase Avenue, a road that exists on paper only, so she can use as her driveway. (The other three individuals who needed to sign easements did so without asking for anything in return.) Paving by Custom will do the work for \$5,225, an amount paid for by taxes from all GPA members within Association. The prep work should be done by the end of July, weather permitting, and the paving is expected to be completed in August, and it carries a 5-year warranty.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Plans for Gerald Park Day:** Because a number of Board members are not available on the originally scheduled date for Gerald Park Day, the Board decided to move the event to Saturday, August 9 (rain date Sunday, August 10) from noon to 5pm.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, August 20, at 6pm. The Annual Meeting of the GPA will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 6pm at the Coventry High School Lecture Hall, and all GPA members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.