Minutes for the November 4, 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, Bill Piotroski, and Darby Pollansky. Absent were Jackie Roy, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Also present was Laura Young, GPA tax collector, and Kelley Sutherland.

Audience of Members: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 10, 2026, Annual Meeting were approved. Motion by Darby Pollansky, second by Raymond Perugini, unanimously approved.

President's Report: Jim Cropley said he will discuss his items later in the meeting.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young presented a report showing a 91.46% collection rate, which exceeds the expected collection rate of 90%. She also presented a report showing newly delinquent and habitually delinquent taxpayers, with notes about when she sent reminder notices to them.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lowell presented a report that showed spending is on track for this fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

- **Beach/Beautification**: Jim Cropley will ask the person who has been mowing the lawn to also get rid of the leaves. Then some GPA members could rake up the acorns, and then he will be able to put seed and straw down on the right side of the park. Since the town is expected to do drainage maintenance on the left side, we will wait until that is completed before seeding that area. In addition, the Little Free Library discussed at the Annual Meeting is being installed at the park.
- **Member Involvement**: Raymond Perugini discussed a few events being considered for the winter, including a snowman-building contest. He and Lisa Lowell will meet with Dave and Kelley Sutherland to plan details.
- **Environmental**: Lisa Catanese said the biweekly reports regarding water quality at the GPA beach have concluded for the season and will resume next year in early summer.
- **Fuel Oil Cooperative**: Bill Piotroski reports that Ben Emanuele is no longer coordinating this effort, since an online search for fuel oil prices can provide the same information as he finds. He also said certain people in the co-op had been unpleasant to him, making it difficult for him to continue. Bill reported that Ben will compose an email that can be sent to all co-op members explaining the situation.
- **Paper Roads**: No report.
- **Website**: No report.
- **Welcome to GPA**: Lisa Lowell reported that Karen Burrington has not delivered any Welcome baskets lately.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on having an arborist assess tree health in the park:** Jim Cropley reported that an arborist he knows who will do this for free for us has been very busy lately, since many trees have come down in recent storms. Because this isn't urgent, it's fine to wait until he is available to do the assessing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Paving of Avery Shores and GPA parking area:** Jim Cropley reported that the town is replacing catch basins and lifting manhole covers this fall, and they plan to pave next fall. The town has offered to pave the parking

area and fix the curb at the GPA beach as well. Jim will get a price for doing this, although the work may not be necessary.

- **Seeding and soil for the park lawn:** Discussed under Beach and Beautification. Funds for doing this work are available in the two beach-related line items in the budget.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next GPA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, at 6pm via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.