

May 7, 2020

Greetings,

I want to begin by saying **Thank You** to all our members who have been on the front lines and continue to keep our day to day lives functioning during the Covid-19 pandemic. With the governor reassessing reopening on May 20, our Association may be further impacted over the coming months; please know we will be doing all we can to keep our beach open for all to enjoy while carefully following safety guidelines. We recommend giving each other at least 6 feet of space until we receive further guidance regarding beach opening.

Included is the proposed GNHA Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, approved by the BOG at the April online meeting. Comments on the budget may be sent via email to the President or Treasurer. Our May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 10 a.m. virtually via Zoom Meetings (a link will be posted on the website for association members to register); however, this will NOT be a meeting for the membership to approve the budget. Per the Governor's executive order, the BOG will finalize the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, taking into consideration any comments received via email prior to May 22, 2020 before approving on May 23, 2020.

With the understanding of the current economic situation and guidance from Governor Lamont's executive orders, the BOG removed all non-essential projects for the 2020-2021 season in an effort to keep taxes low. We are cognizant that members may have financial impacts due to Covid-19, so our focus will be on the overall maintenance and upkeep of our properties. The overall proposed tax levy is increased by \$3,338, due in part to decreased revenue, with a tax levy of 1.62 mills, as compared to 1.53 last year.

Beach Turnaround Decals:

Enclosed you will find two decals for accessing the beach turnaround. The decal must be placed on the driver's side front windshield so beach staff can easily identify members. As a reminder, decals can only be used to access the turn around. Parking tags can be used to access both the parking lot and turnaround. A parking tag can be purchased when paying your association taxes.

Beach Parking Tags:

Beach parking tags will be available for purchase when you pay your tax bill. Please be sure to keep your current tag UNTIL JUNE 30TH. **Please do NOT use the new 2020/2021 tag until July 1st, 2020.** With the limited number of parking spots, we can't allow members to use both tags, so please do NOT throw out your current parking tag UNTIL June 30th.

Playground:

The playground is closed until further notice.

Clubhouse:

The Clubhouse remains closed until further notice.

The bathroom renovations were completed successfully and look amazing.

Beach Cleaning:

Wind storms caused a lot of sand build up on the boardwalk – our beach cleaner was able to clean it. We will continue with our regular scheduled cleanings – we can adjust as needed if we deem it is not necessary twice a week.

Meeting Rules:

Over the winter, at the request of membership, the BOG met with a Parliamentarian to help bring guidance around how our association meetings are run.

In order to give the most people the best opportunity to be heard, the following rules are being enforced. These rules are in conformity with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (eleventh edition).

1. Checking In: When you enter, please have your ID ready. The secretary will check your name off the most current Grand List.
2. In order to be on the agenda you must conclude with a motion. If your topic does not end in a motion it should be in "membership participation".
3. Motions must be written out and there should be 3 copies. If you need a motion form, the BOG has some that can be available.
4. If you are able, please stand to seek recognition, or raise your hand.
5. After being recognized, please give your name before beginning to speak.
6. No one will be recognized to speak a second time on the same topic if anyone else wishes to speak that has not yet spoken.
7. Speakers will be limited to three minutes each time they speak.
8. The President will not vote unless that vote will make a difference - example would be in the event of a tie.
9. When it comes time to vote, please hold your hand up until the vote is counted.
We will do a serpentine count starting from the back corner and up to the front. This is a self countdown method. You will put your hand down after you count down.
10. All voting results will be announced.

Communications:

The BOG is working on creating an online form that will allow us to gather email addresses.. Without our ability to physically have meetings, we've realized that we need a way to communicate with our members. Until the form is completed and launched, please follow us on Facebook or check our website at www.gnhabeach.com

June Election Meeting:

With it being unknown if we'll be able to meet in June, we may look at combining our June election meeting with our end of summer August meeting. We are waiting to see if any guidance is provided from the state. Please check our website for updates on this in early June.

Safety:

- Until Governor Lamont relaxes the guidelines, please follow the social distancing rules in the neighborhood and on the beach. The DEEP Commissioner and Ledge Light Health District are currently keeping an eye on the beaches and capacity.
- Paddleboard/kayaks and jet skis are not allowed within any designated swim area per DEEP, nor should they be stored on the beach. We realize this is not ideal, and often it's children who love to take out their paddleboards and kayaks, but DEEP has advised us that they will be monitoring our beach and will fine anyone not in compliance.
- Per both the Town of East Lyme and East Lyme Police – there is no parking or unloading allowed at the seawall. Please use the turnaround for all unloading. We've implemented some new initiatives with our employees to help members unload to keep the traffic moving. Please be mindful that our parking employees are following these instructions; be respectful, as these young folks are doing as they are told. It is not appropriate to be confrontational with the parking employees.

GNHA Park & Recreation Capital and Non-Recurring Expense (P&R C&NRE) Fund:

2019-20 opening balance:	\$132,595.31
Expenditures approved 5/2019	10,000.00
Deposit from interest and budget surplus	1359.71
Current Balance	\$123,955.02

Thank you and we look forward to an enjoyable and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Shari Whittaker – President

