

PRINCESS POCOTOPAUG CORPORATION  
EAST HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

Minutes from  
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SPECIAL MEETING  
November 21, 2009

The special meeting of the Princess Pocotopaug Corporation was held November 21, 2009. President Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

**PRESENT:** Officers: James Brown, Mark Johnson, Lanette Zaborowski

Directors: Irene Curtis, Cathy Mayo, Nathan Obuchowski, Dawn Riedinger, Dave Zaborowski

Attendance: 45 members signed in

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 10/28/09 were accepted as posted.

President Mark Johnson presented the legal status of the PPA/PPC and informed the membership of the current research performed by Attorney Kearney. Mark discussed the following:

- The PPA/PPC was recognized as a special tax district in 1961
- Purpose of meeting is to vote in a legal Board without proxies per protocol of special tax districts
- Letter received from Attorney Kearney
- Intense involvement/research started in July and August to address the legal issues
- Current Board set (3) goals – Neighborhood Involvement, By-law revision, Communication
- Board doesn't want to raise taxes
- VP and Treasurer resigned – acting VP-James Brown and acting Treasurer-Cathy Mayo

Attorney Kearney gave a brief recap of PPA/PPC status – from inception to current day. Attorney Kearney stated that there is very little case law on special tax districts and arguing over what's legal will never get us to a solution.

President Mark Johnson stressed the importance of securing a legal PPC. Mark presented the two taxing options of a special tax district: 1) Tax per town property assessment-using a set mil-rate; or 2) Tax a flat rate per acceptance of a legislative act. The process will be handled in two steps. First step – vote in a legal Board; and Second step – proceed with a special legislative act (already in progress).

Open Discussion:

- Several members thanked the Board for their service
- Questioned the legality of increasing the Board to (9) regular board members
- In favor of a special Legislative Act
- South Beach must be added to the budget – town tax is due in January/2010 - \$5,500
- The Town of East Hampton doesn't believe the PPC community properties are tax-exempt
- In favor of the existing Board to continue for the remainder of their term
- Member doesn't feel they are getting any value for their \$200 yearly tax - e.g. provide more service for the tax with leave pick-up, etc. – several members disagreed – the PPC amenities increase property values
- Some felt neighbors have been misinformed by other neighbors who don't have the facts – stay involved with board meeting to obtain the facts
- Citing of legal statues - voting for a Board
- Per the current PPC situation, Attorney Kearney stated that there is 2 ways to vote:  
1) last vote w/out proxies, or 2) new vote

Open Discussion – Con't:

- The Association can use proxies and a special tax district cannot – both entities have different rules
- Suggest no back \$ owed – but go forward
- Tax per property assessment would be unfair
- Dock owners pay to use their dock
- If the PPC does nothing- it opens them up to issues
- The goal is to be as legally compliant as we can
- By-Laws committee did a good job revising the by-laws – additional revision w/be needed
- Fiscal year – July to June
- Must have a solid direction by May for either flat tax or assessment tax – Gail Hamm is willing to help us – she has already started the process
- Proxies were written into the by-laws 50+ years ago
- Board that runs (2) entities needs to be resolved
- It was suggested that the PPC lease property from the PPA
- Once legal, can transfer properties as applicable
- General agreement that we're moving forward in good conscience

Dave Zaborowski made a motion to close the open discussion. Judy Isele seconded. The motion was accepted.

Mark Johnson identified the following Board members willing to continue their term:

President - Mark Johnson; Vice-President – James Brown; Secretary – Lanette Zaborowski; Treasurer-Cathy Mayo  
Board Members – Jen Palma, Irene Curtis, Dawn Riedinger  
Alternate Board Members - Dave Zaborowski, Nathan Obuchowski

Judy Isele made a motion to retain the current Board as listed above – moving Dave Zaborowski and Nathan Obuchowski to regular Board members. Diane Gorrick seconded. The motion was accepted. (1 abstention; 1-nea)

President Mark Johnson called for the nominations for the Alternate Board of Directors:

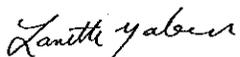
Nominees: Doug DeVeau – declined, Karl Polgitsch, Janet Poncini, Dick Edmunds, Heidi Tanca,  
Judy Isele-declined, Andy Perruccio

Jim Curtis made a motion to close nominations, Judy Isele seconded. The nominees listed above were accepted as alternate board of directors.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on 12/8/09 @ 6:30 – place TBD and communicated

Judy Isele made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Doug DeVeau seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lanette Zaborowski  
Secretary