

**Stanclift Cove Authority**  
**Regular Meeting - @ the Cove**  
**6 PM – July 13, 2023**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Miller @ 6:06 pm. Penny Miller, Aaron Jack and Melissa Roy in attendance  
Paul Sutter arrived at 6:10pm.

**Financials**

Financials dated 6/26 were sent to Don Stein via Ms. Miller. They will also be in the folder on our google drive.

**Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2023**

Minutes for the 6/22 meeting could not be approved because there was not a quorum of people who attended the 6/22 meeting. Will be tabled until our 7/27 meeting.

**Public Comment**

Evelyn Duffy 20 Bridle Drive Barkhamsted- Had a concern over the poison ivy on the hill. Is there something we can do to remove the poison ivy? She was concerned about children running over it and possible allergies. The board said they will discuss with our landscaper and MDC for possible ways to remove/prevent poison ivy. She was also concerned about the condition of some of the larger picnic tables. Would like to see some funds allocated to purchase new picnic tables. The tables over by the former restrooms are rotting.

**Communication:** Email from Marsha S. Marcinko- was read to the commission by Mr. Weber.

It has always been our policy that if a child has a life jacket on they can only go up to their belly button. If they are with a parent/guardian then they can go up to the parent/guardian's waist.

Barkhamsted East Volunteer Fire Department asked to use the beach for their annual picnic. Motion by Mr. Jack to approve use seconded by Ms. Roy. unanimously approved.

**Policy**

Vest- It has always been our policy that if a child has a life jacket on they can only go up to their belly button. If they are with a parent/guardian then they can go up to the parent/guardian's waist.

Flipping- Due to the possibility of head/neck/shoulder injury, anytime your head is the first thing entering the water vs feet first should not occur at Stanclift Cove. Diving (jumping in head first) is only allowed off the docks at times where the water level is high enough and has been approved by the guards/waterfront director.

Lightning/ Thunder- If there is thunder then everyone must vacate the water and the lifeguards must come down from the stands. If there is lightning then everyone must vacate the beach and go to the safety of

their vehicles. If anyone is not leaving the beach then two staff members (Supervisors/Lifeguard) will address the members and a notification will be made to the board regarding the incident. The board will then decide if the members pass will be revoked.

Pets- NO pets are allowed at Stanclift Cove. The flier will be changed for next year to say NO PETS.

### **Swim Lessons**

Going well- no issues.

### **Personnel**

Clarification for lifeguard duties/Supervisor duties.

Cleaning of the beach should be

Signs being put out should be done by supervisors. One of the supervisors is concerned because the sign is extremely heavy.

Raking of the beach and filling in holes should be done daily by lifeguards.

General trash pick up should be done by Supervisors, however, should a guard come across trash while raking the beach they should pick it up and throw it away.

Guards should be able to look towards the fishing area to make sure people are not past their knees.

Supervisors can address members regarding being up to their knees in the fishing area and to release any wildlife when they are done for the day.

Supervisors should also be speaking to anyone fooling around on the swings. Lifeguards do not need to monitor the swing area.

It was requested that when lifeguards do use the megaphone that they speak slowly and use as few words as possible. On the receiving end any long sentences end up coming across as garbled. Lifeguards should be coming off the stands to address an issue if it becomes persistent.

We discussed lifeguards staying after 7:30. How much liability do we have after the waterfront is technically closed and someone decides to go in and swim. It is posted in our flier at what time the waterfront closes as well as signage of no swimming when lifeguards are not present. Discussion was tabled until we could have more commission members present and we find out information regarding our insurance company. In the meantime guards should stay until the guests leave the picnic area.

### **August staffing**

As of this moment we are okay with Lifeguards. Waiting on more info to follow on additional guards who are interested to work for Stanclift Cove for the month of August.

## **Anything else to come before the board**

Ashley, the head lifeguard, asked if we could get a sign to put near the far border of the beach to let patrons know not to go past that point. Ms. Miller will purchase a sign.

Lion's club Donation- Due to the small amount of time needed to get the paperwork in for the grant it was not feasible for this year.

Discussion of people getting off the beach during a lightning storm- will be tabled for a special meeting on 7/19.

Social media post regarding policy for Thunder/Lightning.

Any staff involved in an incident with a patron will have to do a quick write up to the board regarding the incident. This should be done immediately. Can be done in an email or written on paper and photographed.

Penny spoke with Paul's Cutting Edge regarding covering the roots of the trees in the center island and he recommended adding topsoil and planting grass. That would be completed in the spring. No motion was made. More discussion at a future meeting.

Pump should be fixed at some point next week according to MDC.

Mr. Sutter has requested the possibility of doing a fundraiser for a new dock or other big ticket items. He will look into the possibilities and report back to the board.

Discussed the old bathrooms that are on the side of the beach. Brainstorming possibilities and will discuss at a future meeting.

Briefly discussed members who are using our parking lot to park and walk through the woods to fish. A concern over how much we are responsible for that member should they get hurt. The commission will reach out to MDC for guidance.

Mr. Sutter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm . Mr. Jack seconds. Unanimously approved.