

**Stanclift Cove Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Stanclift Cove, Barkhamsted**  
**July 15, 2015**

**Present:** Chairman Dan Pinton, members: Kim Fiducia, Daria Hart, Penny Miller, Carlene Jerram (in at 6:15 pm), Barkhamsted First Selectman Dan Stein, MDC Representatives Carol Youell - National Resources Administrator and Scott Rogers - Forester, about 20 members of the public.

Absent: Troy Mogielnicki

**Meeting opened:** 6:02 PM, **closed:** 7:58 PM

**Discussed:**

**1. Projects/Improvements-**

- Completed 2nd Dock
- New Picnic tables delivered (2)
- Beach sand recovered
- Public concern re: trees marked for removal (\*the primary issue)

Dan Pinton introduced Carol Youell and Scott Rogers, employees of MDC Barkhamsted and local community members. Both Carol and Scott reviewed their long background in forestry and opened discussion with their recommendation that multiple identified trees be removed from picnic area due to safety concerns. Trees were selected for removal based on their professional assessment of the health and overall condition of the trees, and the potential risk factors associated with falling limbs and trees due to the compromised.

Members of the public expressed their concerns about:

- the number of trees that were marked for removal,
- the validity of the selection criteria
- the time frame of the removal
- the lack of a fully developed post-removal plan for planting new trees

Don Stein commented to members of the public that MDC allows Barkhamsted and New Hartford to use the Cove for recreation, and recognized these parties may be held liable for injury to property or persons due to fallen trees and/or tree limbs, thus must act responsibly to avoid this risk. Members of the public requested a decision be postponed until further information/recommendation from a professional (i.e., arborist) could be obtained. Don Stein agreed to contact CT State DEEP Forestry in Pleasant Valley to request an assessment/recommendation.

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**2. Budget-**

- Board members reviewed and discussed 2015 budget and projections for 2016.

**3. Calendar 2015 -**

- Board members discussed holding an additional meeting prior to October quarterly meeting (date tbd).

**MOTION:** by Hart, second Jerram to use fund from the Stanclift Cove Account to obtain a second professional opinion (Arborist) regarding the identification of specific trees that pose imminent risk of injury.

*Unanimously approved*

**MOTION:** by Hart, second Jerram to purchase two additional picnic tables at a cost of \$250.00 each.

*Unanimously approved*

\_\_\_\_\_ **MOTION:** \_\_\_\_\_ to close the meeting at 7:58 pm

*Unanimously approved*

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Fiducia  
Recording Secretary