

GNHA Board of Governors Meeting
October 3, 2024
6:30pm
Clubhouse

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ADDENDUM

Discussion/Response to Terence Donovan and Gian Lombardo letters regarding the June 29, 2024 meeting and the election of board members.

Carroll M. Williams
TOWN CLERK

The following items will be instituted to improve the meeting process for the future specifically, but not limited to the Election meeting.

At the October 24, 2024 BOG meeting, the Board will create a process for the Nominating Committee.

The BOG will document a revised check in process to include the following items:

a. Check-in time will be up to 30 minutes PRIOR to any meeting. Example: If the meeting starts at 9am- check in will be from 8:30am-9:00am. Grand List and for an election meeting, verified Members will be given a numbered ballot for voting.

b. Upon commencement of the meeting, the Secretary will remove the sign-in sheet, and all no election ballots will be distributed. This new process will be fully communicated prior to the meetings, through the GNHA website and email.

c. If a member enters the meeting after it has been called to order, they will be allowed to sign in on a separate sign-in sheet to participate in the meeting, but they will NOT be allowed to vote, as they did not receive a ballot or a colored card. A large part of the issue was ballots were not handed out at the time of check in, during the June 29, 2024 meeting. Therefore, to avoid this in the future, we feel putting these processes in place will mitigate that from happening again. This revised process will also ensure that all members are respectful of the meeting times, as it is disruptive for members to come into an in-progress meeting.

The BOG will enlist the help of 4-5 members to assist in the check-in process, set up at the entrance to the meeting. This will ensure that only verified Members will receive ballots and/or colored cards.

The BOG will not schedule Tax Collection during an Association meeting again in the future. This caused excessive confusion since members attempted to pay their taxes during the election.

The BOG will purchase and use a Ballot Box for the elections.

The BOG will meet and propose new language for Section 2 Voting as the Board has determined that the wording, "One vote may be cast at Association meetings by a member or by one representative of an owner, a firm, or a duly created trust fund who is appropriately

authorized to do so.” was interpreted to allow votes to be cast by an individual who is acting on behalf of a member who is absent. The revised language will be sent to the GNHA Lawyer to review. Notice of amended Bylaws will be included in the annual mailer which will be mailed or electronically distributed per our Bylaws two weeks prior to the Annual May meeting: The proposed amendment will be discussed and voted upon in the June membership meeting. The amended bylaws will require a 2/3 majority vote and will become effective immediately.

In addition to setting these new processes up and putting them into place, the BOG has agreed to contact the Town Clerk of Easy Lyme to discuss any other items (included, but not limited to, a possible re-election) in order to mitigate any issues and avoid further confusion and disruption in the future. To ensure an accurate voting process, continuous review will be conducted and if necessary, further changes will be made.

Certified letters will be mailed to Terence Donovan and Gian Lombardo outlining the above.

Cheryl L. Kardys
Secretary