

Beaches and Rows Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 – Main Beach

Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Volunteers and members' roll call and introduction of new volunteers and guests

In attendance: J. Garrett, M. Nichols, T. Nixon, C. Shaft, J. Stubbings, L. Salerno, K. Patterson

Absent: J. Slauenwhite, K. Hinch, K. Feldman

Guest: A. Fichtel, G. Golden, C. Rockoff

Approve previous meeting minutes – July 8, 2026 – Motion to approve by J. Stubbings and seconded by C. Shaft. Minutes approved unanimously.

Reports from Steward or Committee members regarding Beaches and ROWs-

- 1) Main Beach – Suggestion to trim/prune back bushes by the rocks at the center of the beach. Ropes at the edge of the beach are in poor condition. Discussion regarding installing posts and sturdy rope. Goose droppings are being cleaned up as needed.
A. Fichtel shared: At Main Beach, there is a boat owner whose boat is filled with water. A post and chain system that can be considered by us is in place at another site in town. Al shared the location. He suggested that we completely secure the beach with rope/chain. Group discussion regarding signs and language regarding rules. G. Golden Fichtel has a photo of a sign from Lake Hayward with language for consideration.
- 2) Elsmere – Nothing to report at this time.
- 3) Francis – Nothing to report at this time. Pontoon boat within the property lines remains. G. Golden Fichtel shared that a new gravel driveway is in the area of the right of way. K. Patterson will check where the survey pin is relative to the driveway.
- 4) Oakland – The hedge on the left side may need trimming. The agreement with the owner is that the owner can do trimming. T. Nixon will reach out to the resident regarding this. Goose droppings are an ongoing problem. Concern regarding a resident who is bringing a pontoon boat to the swimming area of the beach and their dog on the beach.
- 5) Meadowbrook – 3 boats were given red tags. No other new issues to report.
- 6) Cove –Stewards continue to clean leaves from the water's edge. Steward reports that a new resident was cleaning weeds out of their waterfront and not removing them from the water. This results in the weeds migrating to the cove. M. Withey will communicate with the resident. One boat is upright and holding water, and the owner will be contacted. Paddle boat and red kayak without a current boat pass sticker and will be issued a red sticker. Recommendation made to move the no parking sign in the parking area to the center of the entry space. Contractor has been contacted.
- 7) Lollipop Beach – Some boats tied to the left side of the extension to the beach are filled with water. Stewards have identified boats without stickers and have issued red stickers.
- 8) Ryan Terrace – Sand in the water needs to be raked to the shore. Steward will send an email looking for help. Shrub needs to be trimmed.
- 9) Manion – Nothing to report.

Correspondence from residents (if any)

No correspondence received.

New Business

Informational – K. Patterson shared that next week Main Beach dam is being inspected as part of regulatory requirements.

A. Fichtel shared that CT Water has removed the pump house in the Main Beach area. Al is proposing that the ALD purchase the land.

An individual on a motorcycle near the dam created an incident. A. Fichtel intervened, but the individual has not been identified. Beach Pass checkers have been notified.

Motion to adjourn – C. Shaft moved to adjourn, and K. Patterson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Next meeting date: **Sept. 9, 2026** – location TBA

Submitted by Mary Withey

Action Item #	Action Description	Date Assigned	Status/Closure	Completed
26.01	Cul-de-Sac Plunge Pool	03.12.25	Deepwood cul-de-sac should be cleaned this spring.	YES
26.02	LOLLIPOP & MAIN BEACH – Porta Potties	01.01.2026	The contract has been signed – 03.11.2026.	YES
26.03	LOLLIPOP & MAIN BEACH – Update signs in bulletin boards	03.13.2026	This will be completed the week of 05.04.2026	YES
26.04	MANION ROW – cross member on boat rack needs repair	03.13.2026	The contractor has been called	YES
26.05	LAKE WIDE – meet with contractor to discuss spring trimming & clean-up	03.13.2026	Teri will call Joe to schedule a time to meet	YES
26.06	LAKE WIDE – Spring clean-up Including benches	03.11.2026	Spring clean-up will be completed once the weather warms up	WIP
26.07	LAKE WIDE – plunge pools will be looked at to determine if a clean-out is needed	03.11.2026	This will be completed during the lake-wide walk-through	YES
26.08	LAKE WIDE – Put signs back up	03.11.2026	This will be completed once the weather warms up	YES

26.09	MAIN BEACH – trim limbs and replace panel on porta-potty	04.11.2026	Estimate received and approved	YES
26.10	ELSMERE – plunge pool	04.11.2026	Estimate received and approved	YES
26.11	MEADOWBROOK – plunge pool	04.11.2026	Estimate received and approved	YES
26.12	LOLLIPOP – trim bushes behind boat racks	04.11.2026	Estimate received and approved	YES
26.13	COVE – plunge pool	04.11.2026	Estimate received and approved	YES
26.14	ELSMERE – removal of planter, etc. on ALD property – deadline 05.24	04.11.2026	Estimate received and approved	WIP
26.15	ELSMERE – Knotweed needs to be covered with a tarp	03.24.2026	Email to resident (Day) on 03.24 and 05.02 requesting permission to cover Knotweed close to/on his property	PENDING
26.16	MAIN BEACH – Volleyball Net	05.03.2026	The contractor will be called to set up	YES
26.17	LOLLIPOP – cut back weeds by the stairs		Contractor will be contacted.	YES