

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Regular Meeting

June 14, 2010

Approved Minutes

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2010 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum, CT by Vice President Catherine Serino.

Present:

Laura Jenner, President

Warren Minkler

Catherine Serino, Vice President

John and Dorothy Church

Alan Stokke, Treasurer

Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector

Mary Shea, 1-year Board Member

Celeste Benoit, 2-year Board Member

Scott Sherman, 3-year Board Member

Announcements:

Welcome new board members: Mary Shea and Scott Sherman.

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of April 26, 2010. Motion carried to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

B. Treasurer Report

Al brought to our attention a mistake made where he inadvertently used the wrong account to pay a personal expense which caused an overdraft in the HLA checking account. He resolved and deposited \$1129 into the HLA checking account to cover the check (\$1,078.01), insufficient funds fee (\$44) and service charge (\$6.99).

Correspondence submitted for the records.

Treasurer Report submitted: For the month ending April 30, 2010 fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Expenditures for the month of April: Electricity \$161.53, Quarterly Stipend (Bill Carson) \$500.00, (2) Lien releases \$20.00 and Miscellaneous Expenses of \$10.38.
Total expenditures for the month of April: \$691.91.

Treasurer Report submitted: For the month ending May 31, 2010 fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Transfer of \$975 from the General Reserve for the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) survey work.

Expenditures for the month of May: DAM/EOP Survey \$975.00, Barton's Landscaping (remainder of plowing & sanding) \$3,875.00, Benevolence to Haddam Volunteer Ambulance Service & Fire \$200.00, Legal fees \$609.58, Cahill Septic Service \$250.00, Permit for weed control \$169.00 and Miscellaneous Expenses of \$11.33. Total expenditures for the month of May: \$6089.91.

Motion made to accept the Treasurers report as filed. Motion carried.

C. Tax Collector Report

Meet with Bill Carson and Peter Curran regarding Tax Collection duties.

Received and deposited a total of \$194 (tax year 2009/2010); \$94 from Resnick and \$100 from McAllister

As of May 1, 2010, (11) properties were delinquent on taxes. The following (3) properties had been turned over to the Attorney: 1.) Howes 93 Shore Drive; 2.) McAllister 34 East Shore Drive; and 3.) Waz 100 Shore Drive. Howes and Waz are currently paid up for the tax year 2009/2010. McAllister is paying \$100 a month to get caught up on back taxes. Lien to be released on Howes property.

Motion to accept Tax Collector report as stated. Motion carried.

D. Septic Report

Fiscal 2009 Septic Service: Cahill invoice submitted to Treasurer. Two properties remain delinquent: 1.) Lyon 24 Third Avenue, and 2.) Douglas Meyer 17 First Avenue. Notices will be sent to delinquent property owners to comply by 6/30/2010. Non-compliance after 7/1/2010 will result in fines to the property owner.

Reports submitted for Septic Systems cleaning in fiscal year 2009 and fiscal year 2010. For this fiscal year 2010 there are total of (27) properties; of which (6) have already been serviced. Invoice from Cahill Septic Service submitted; it was noted that the septic services done for on the recent properties apply to the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2010.

E. Road Committee

Road commissioner and/or committee needed.

Celeste submitted specifications from the Town of Haddam regarding road standardization (Town of Haddam regulations).

1. Shore Drive Drainage Project

For the new fiscal year (ending 6/30/2011), \$10,000 allocated for road drainage reserve plus \$6,650.00 (total money allocated for 2011 is \$16,650.00). Plan is to move forward with stage-1.

2. Fairview Road Project

In response to the motion carried from the annual meeting Laura made a request to Cathy to oversee this project and come up with an action plan to bring Fairview Road up to standards. Tasks include:

- Action plan to up-grade
- Survey required to ensure property boundaries
- Form action committee
- Road standardization (definition of; relative to HLA)
- Bylaw update
- Charter amendment

To be noted: The board of Governors represents the members of the association; we are responsible for the association. It is important that this project is addressed correctly to prevent future drainage issues and ensure the job is done correctly, within boundaries and newly defined specifications of road standards.

Cathy accepted the responsibility to oversee the project. Discussion tabled.

3. Other

Road catch basins are scheduled for vacuum service on Sunday, June 20, 2010.

Road sweeping pending, need to put out to bid; Nelson is no longer available.

F. Lake Committee

Lake Commissioner and/or committee needed.

Lycott scheduled to treat lake this week.

Other lake business:

- East Shore Drive; tree down in lake at East Shore beach. Celeste to follow up with homeowner.
- West Shore Drive beach; cable is down and vehicles have been entering/existing to launch boats. Recommended lock and cable.
- Wysocki at West Shore Drive has been observed (and confronted) as launch boat/canoe with motor. Motors of any kind are prohibited (subject to fine).
- New noodles needed for cables across beaches. Mary to follow up.
- Lake on-schedule to be lowered this fall 2010 (October). Lycott recommends lower for freezing of weeds.
- Proposal made to have Lycott survey the aquatic life late summer; and submit proposal for next step.
- Foreign boats being launched into our lake threatens our lake of invasion species and our efforts (and money spent) to eradicate weeds. Members need to be aware.

G. Bylaw Committee

No report; committee needed.

H. Audit Committee

No report; committee needed.

I. Old Business

- John Church raised question about annual meeting correspondence submitted by John Baulski in regard to Shore Drive & East Shore Drive Drainage projects. In reference to "...my engineer"; being a personal recommendation (no cost incurred by HLA).

J. New Business

- MS Office Professional version; Access 2007 needed for Tax Collection. Request made to purchase software package for Tax Collection purpose and use to all officers.
- New web site; publication of meeting minutes (approved minutes vs. summary). Problem reported with webmaster response (undelivered).

Motion made that our current bylaws (the version in effect) be put on the web site and any old versions removed from the web site. Motion carried.

K. Agenda for Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm (*6:30 pm for board member only picnic*) on **Monday July 26, 2010** at Celeste's residence on 98 East Shore Drive in Higganum, CT.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by Laura Jenner.

Minutes submitted by: Charlene Baulski
Approved: By board vote on July 26, 2010