

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
Re-Scheduled to March 8, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES

OPENING:

President Laura Jenner called the rescheduled regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:06 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at Burr Hill Elementary School.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Lloyd Pearson (Term Expires 2018)
Scott Sherman (Term Expires 2017)
Sheri Berger, Board Member (Term Expires 2019)
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 25th, 2017 meeting were reviewed, and the January minutes were approved and will be posted on the HLA website. Motion to Approve the Minutes was made by Catherine Serino and seconded by Lloyd Pearson.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alan Stokke discussed the Budget and bills paid for the months of January and February.

A Motion was made by Lloyd Pearson to accept the Treasurer's Report. Scott Sherman seconded the motion.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

Charlene Baulski discussed the February revenue and liens that need to be filed and liens that were paid off and need to be removed.

D. SEPTIC REPORT:

Celeste Benoit was not present, but reported earlier that four septic tanks still need to be pumped. They are Jay Casella/Jean Schmidt of 12 Shore Drive, Russell and Nancy Krousner of 35 West Shore Drive, Laura Jenner/Kim Wishart of 42 Shore Drive and Christopher Smalley of 40 Lone Pine Trail.

VE. ROAD COMMITTEE:

No committee. However, the First Selectwoman requested a meeting to be set up to discuss the road on the causeway. A call was put in to the Town to set up a meeting but no there was no response. The Association is waiting for an answer as to when the meeting might be. There will be discussion as to whether grading the road or raising the road is the best solution.

There was discussion also regarding whether chip sealing or patching would be done in problem areas. A few areas were discussed. Scott Sherman volunteered to check all Association roads and report back to the Board and it will be decided whether to patch or pave problem areas.

It was reported that there was no sand available during the snowstorms for residents to use on the roads. Sanding issues will be discussed with the plowing company.

Also, the catch basins on East Shore need to be looked at and the Town has said no permits will be needed to do work on these catch basins.

F. LAKE REPORT:

LAKE REPORT: Scott Sherman presented the Board with the proposal from Solitude for review regarding the upcoming season.

Last year's treatment of the lily pads was very successful, but the year before that, the treatment turned the lake green. It was thought that the timing of treatment might have an effect on the lake. It was decided that going slow with the treatment rather than bombard all at once was a better plan.

Scott reported there is a \$500 fee charged by Solitude for the post inspection they made. Al will send a check to them.

Lloyd Pearson and Sheri Berger reported that they would be attending the Connecticut Federation of Lakes meeting on April 29th at the Agriculture Experiment Station.

Al Stokke suggested Lloyd and Sheri ask questions at the Connecticut Federation of Lakes meeting regarding the treatment of lily pads and possibly get names of other such companies, explaining past experiences with the company that was used this year.

It was suggested that Solitude come to our meeting to discuss what treatment they feel the lake needs and a Motion was made to ask Solitude to come to the HLA March 29th meeting to discuss treatment and to apply for permits for the treatment. The Motion was made by Lloyd Pearson and seconded by Al Stokke. Scott will call Solitude and ask them to attend our next meeting.

DAM REPORT: Lloyd Pearson discussed trees and bushes on the side of the dam that need to be trimmed before the sale of the house next to the dam.

G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No report.

I. WEB REPORT:

WEBSITE: No report

FACEBOOK: No report.

J. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

No special projects discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board received a letter from resident Brian Polak agreeing to pay any fees pertaining to the roadwork that may arise for the installation of pipe across West Shore Drive regarding his septic tank project. There was concern about potential problems in the future such as buckling of the road or collapsing of the road across West Shore Drive where the septic system pipe would be installed. This matter will be discussed with our attorney to include language as to the resident's responsibility of any future issues that may arise.

Distributing stickers to boat owners to identify boats on the lake was again discussed. This will be brought up at the Annual Meeting in May and information regarding this plan will be sent out with the May newsletter.

5 Ledge Drive was discussed. A curb discussed earlier with the contractor was never installed.

Sheri Berger is researching different management companies potentially to be hired by the Association. She will need information from the Board as to the number of houses in the Association, what services the Association would be looking for, etc. This matter will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. Laura Jenner thanked Sheri for her input on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

A blight issue on West Shore Drive was discussed. There is more than one unregistered vehicle on the property and a Motion was made that a letter be sent to the resident requesting compliance with HLA by-laws. The Motion was seconded, motion passed.

There was discussion regarding changing the quorum requirement for a monthly meeting from five Board members to four Board members. The by-laws will be researched to see if this is possible, and the matter will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

AT 8:47 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON MARCH 8TH, 2017 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT BURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmela Della Mura
Recording Secretary