

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Regular Meeting
November 30, 2009
Approved Minutes

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 30, 2009 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum, CT by Vice-President Catherine Serino.

Present:

Catherine Serino, Vice President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Bill Carson, Board Member
Celeste Benoit, 3-year Board Member
Charlene Baulski, Recording Secretary

Mary Shea
John and Dorothy Church
David Church

A. Announcements

No meeting in December.

B. Approval of Minutes

Board approved the regular meeting minutes of October 26, 2009.

Board approved the special meeting minutes of October 23, 2009.

C. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report submitted: For the month ending October 31, 2009 (Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010).

Current month tax collection is \$1,439.82; year to date \$41,951.29. Interest collected for the month was \$102.61; year to date \$435.08.

Expenditures for the month: Tax Collector Stipend of \$500.00 and administrative expenditures of \$8.40; total of \$508.40. Directors and Officers Liability Insurance of \$2,075.00. Electricity \$82.63 and Miscellaneous expenses of \$10.57. Total expenditures of the month \$2,676.60.

Board approved the Treasurers Report for the month ending October 31, 2009.

D. Tax Collector Report

Tax Collector Report submitted by Bill Carson. (Acting Tax Collector). For the Tax Year 2009/10 filed on August 31, 2009; total billed \$55,526.00. To date a total of \$45,852.77 has been collected. Properties in arrears at (due) \$11,276.81.

Long term delinquent tax properties to be addressed.

Tax collector position discussed. Inquires have been made relative to outside vendor services (Quality Data). Town of Haddam to begin 10-year evaluation. Peter Curran is looking at using the town of Haddam's database to handle tax collection/billing.

Board approved the tax collectors report.

E. Septic Report

Report received from Cahill Septic Services; Septic Systems Cleaned in fiscal 2009. Total of (30) properties; (22) have been completed and (8) have not been done.

Board approved the Septic report.

F. Road Committee

1. Shore Drive Drainage

Awaiting quote from General Contractor.

Action Items:

- Need to determine where we stand and where to go from here. Was an engineers report submitted? Determine what needs to be done, scope out project and total cost of all phases of this project.

2. Snow Plow and Sanding

Urgency to be prepared for (soon to come) winter weather conditions.

Motion made to accept Barton's Landscaping 2009-2010 Snowplowing Estimate received with clarification on sanding and snowfall accumulation (1-inch to 3-inches); (that is) with follow-up on the exact details of sanding and snowfall accumulation to warrant sanding and plowing.

Motion approved by the board.

G. Lake Committee

Weed control efforts 2010; to continue weed program with Lycott Engineer for 2010 (estimated cost \$4,500). Last year we sent \$100 check to Lycott to proceed with permit process. Board discussed sending check of \$100 to have Lycott move forward with permits and continue the weed control program.

Motion made and passed to send \$100 to Lycott to move forward and get permits for 2010 weed control.

Al Stoke will compile his report on current HLA weeds for board and Lycott.

Second water test analysis of East Shore area showed below detection levels of E.Coli.

H. Old Business

1. Shore Drive Drainage

Need to include Laura Jenner to find out where we are with this. Table for further discussion.

2. Vegetation Cleaning of Dam Area

Motion made and passed for vegetation clearing at the Dam by Lancescape at the old contract price.

3. Building Permits/Letter

Town rules and compliance should be followed; Town of Haddam and approval from HLA. Table for further discussion.

I. New Business

2. Phil Porriello Resignation

Motion made to accept Phil Porriello's resignation from the Board of Governors and thank him for his services. Motion passed.

3. Regular Meeting Dates (January – March)

Look at the possibility of changing the regular meeting dates for the months of January through March to accommodate Laura Jenner's schedule so that she may be present.

Action Items:

- Have Laura select dates available and check dates with school for room availability.
- Notify HLA members.

4. HLA Board Positions

Positions of Tax Collector and 2-year Board Member open.

5. Fairview Road/Sullivan property

John Church continued conversation of having Fairview Road plowed. It was also noted that Sullivan's house is not on HLA property however his front yard is on HLA property. Sullivan is using HLA roads to access his property. HLA assumes no responsibility to plow or maintain paper roads.

J. Agenda for Next Meeting

- Paper Roads
- Annual Meeting

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Catherine Serino. **The next general meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 21, 2010** at Burr Elementary School in Higganum, CT.

Minutes submitted by: Charlene Baulski, Recording Secretary
Approved: By board vote on January 21, 2010