

## **Hidden Lake Association**

Regular Meeting

June 26, 2013

Approved Minutes

### **Opening:**

The regular board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at a private home on Hidden Lake, Higganum, CT by Laura Jenner, President.

### **Present:**

Laura Jenner, President

Catherine Serino, Vice President

Kim Wishart, Recording Secretary

Scott Sherman, Board Member (Term expires 2014)

Lloyd Pearson, Board Member (Term expires 2015)

Mary Shea, Board Member (Term expires 2016)

### **Absent:**

Wayne Keeler, Past President

Alan Stokke, Treasurer

Charlene Baulski, Financial Secretary

Celeste Benoit, Septic Committee

### **Association Members:**

Eleanor Porriello

Carmela DellaMura

Stephen Zehalla

Alice Heckster

Eleanor Morrison

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes to the April meeting were amended to read. "Mike Bennett did the Topo for the drainage project on East Shore Dr. The soil scientist hired by Mike Bennett charged 500.00 instead of the 700.00 estimate."

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of April 24, 2013 as amended. A motion was made and carried to accept the meeting minutes after they were amended.

## **B. Treasurer Report**

Treasurer not present

## **C. Tax Collector Report**

Tax Collector not present

## **D. Septic Report**

We had a request from an Association Member to pump her septic system prior to July 1, 2013. In order to do this we would have had to have a special meeting as we cannot vote on this via email. She has been referred to the town and is currently working with the town.

Laura's recommendation is that if there is any difference in price that the member pay the difference to Cahill in cash, that Cahill pump that system and inspect it as usual.

## **E. Road Committee**

Mary discussed drainage projects:

**East Shore Drive:** Dolores Mazzarelli has refused to allow any access on her property. She has wetlands north of her property and the water runs into her property. Bennett and Smilas would like to improve the "culvert" on her property. The Association can put in a catch basin, which would be on HLA property.

There is an area on the south end of East Shore Drive that also has water issues. It is across from the Heckster home.

There is a pipe at 34 East Shore Drive that is under the driveway that is collapsing and is completely full of sand and dirt.

**West Shore Drive:** The Stakey's are doing a drainage project and there is pipe that drains water onto the road and it is eroding the road. We need to put a catch basin in where the Stakey's pipe is draining water onto the road.

**Shore Dr:** There is water coming out of the north end of Phillip Porriello's property which does not flow to the catch basin across from 42 Shore Dr. We need to put in a catch basin on the west side of Shore Dr. Jay Cassella is also requesting that the work done on his property be done to the specifications of the original contract. The Board feels we need to honor the original contract.

The Town of Haddam would like to resurface Hidden Lake Rd at the area we refer to as the causeway while we would like the road resurfaced we continue to have grave concerns about the

elevating the road. Reportedly, an HLA member has the original correspondence and agreement between the town and Association in which it is noted that the State requires that the road be an overflow in the event of emergency.

**F. Lake Committee**

Lloyd Pearson and Dave Chalifaux have agreed to go clean up the beach on West Shore Drive. They will cut the grass and clean up the debris and the branches. They will also move the boats away from the middle of the beach.

Lycott is planning on doing the application of chemicals for weed control in July.

Bob Archer has requested that we move the telephone poles so he can gain access to be to maintain the area, to do weed control and do brush control by the area near the damn.

**G. Bylaw Committee**

No report. Bylaw Committee still needed.

**H. Audit Committee**

No report

**I. Web Committee**

Mary is reporting positive activity on the Hidden Lake Facebook Page. HiddenlakeCT is the facebook page name.

**Old Business:**

Alan Chadwick has stated that he has paid his taxes and now would like to donate his property to the Association. We are contacting our attorney to find out what we need to put in place to do this.

**New Business:**

Jim Puska, the Zoning Enforcer, has given Theresa Resnick an extension to be able to stay in her camper until her renters have vacated her property. Jim will follow up with this.

Alice Heckster would like to report that she has not heard a barking dog since her arrival back to the lake two weeks ago.

Scott Sherman has presented the board with a plan to build a shed and has gotten all the proper approvals from the town. The Board approved this.

Camela Della Mura and Stephen Zehalla have submitted a letter requesting permission to put up a barrier/ 2 poles at the top of their driveway with a chain across, to prevent anyone from driving down their driveway when they are not present. They are also planning on having their driveway

done over with crushed stone. There was a motion to approve this request and it was seconded and approved.

**Closing:**

The regular board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Laura Jenner.

The next regular board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association will be on Wednesday July 31, 2013(at the home of Mary Shea).

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Kim Wishart, Recording Secretary.