

Hidden Lake Association

Regular Meeting
October 25th 2010
Approved Minutes

Opening:

The Regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 6:45pm on Monday October 25th 2010 at the Burr School, Route 81, Higganum, CT by President Laura Jenner.

Present:

Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Kim Wishart, Secretary
Mary Shea, 1-year Board Member
Scott Sherman 3-year Board Member

Absent:

Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Celeste Benoit, 2-year Board Member

Hidden Lake Association Members Present:

Warren Minkler,
David Chalifoux
Lloyd Pearson

A. Approval of Minutes

After review and with discussion from Alan and Cathy it was recommended that we change Part E #2 of the September Minutes to read..... Cathy S spoke to Atty John Bocalatte and it was determined that the passing of the motion at the Annual Meeting in May was not legal. According to the by laws it is the Board that must vote on the roads not the Association Members. Atty Bocolatte expressed concern over allowing Association Members to vote on these issues and that it may set a precedent that would create an undermining of the legally binding by laws. Cathy recommends that we get the lawyers recommendation in writing. And that both parties need to be clear about their obligation/expenditures. We still have the issue of what constitutes a legal road and the possible drainage problems. We need to get bids from contractors in order to see if John is willing to pay for that and if so then we need to allocate more money for legal fees. Motion carried to accept the meeting minutes as presented. Amendment was made and minutes were approved after amendment of minutes and motion to accept was made.

B. Treasurer Report

Alan reviewed the Report and a motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasure's Report.

C. Tax Collector Report

Tax Collector not present.

D. Septic Report

Septic Committee not present.

E. Road Committee

Road Commissioner and/or committee still needed.

1. Drainage on Shore Dr> Mary spoke to our Atty today (no charge for the consultation) and we must have a legal easement of the properties in question on Shore Dr and a survey map to proceed with the Shore Dr drainage.
2. Snowplowing Project. We need to edit our snowplow contract and put it out to bid for the upcoming 2010-2011 Winter season. Alan presented a draft of the information to use for negotiating of contracts. Laura and Alan will be meeting to do this.
3. Fairview Road: Mary spoke to Gerry Witnik and Pete Santori and the estimated costs of clearing the catch basins/trees/ and cleaning of pipes would be approximately \$3000.00. We need to find out how much John Church is willing to spend on the Fairview Rd project. Alan made a motion 'since the motion at the Annual Meeting was not legal the issue of the chip sealing of Fairview Rd should be dropped'. Motion was seconded by Scott. After much discussion including discussion from Cathy that we should get a 'hard copy' from the Atty that the motion that was passed was illegal, the motion was "tabled" in order to find out more information.

F. Lake Committee

Lake Commissioner and/or Lake Committee still needed.

1. Lycott needs to send surveyor out again to assess the growth after the treatment and then send HLA a report.
2. Dam is set to be lowered in the next 5 days. We will add Lloyd Pearson as an emergency contact for the dam to the state. (860-345-4131) . We still need to look into the possibility of the valve for the dam needing to be painted.
3. Mary volunteered to "revamp the signs on the beaches on Shore Dr/East Shore Dr and West Shore Dr. We agreed to reimburse Mary for the equipment that she has purchased/is willing to purchase to update the signs/the chains on all 3 beaches.

G. Bylaw Committee

Bylaw Committee still needed.

H. Audit Committee

Need volunteers for Audit Committee

I. Web site Committee

1. No new business

Old Business:

There is a culvert at the corner of Shore Dr and White Birch Dr that has a very large “dip” in it. Can we put a riser on the culvert?

We need an action plan for this.

New Business:

No new business.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday Nov 29th 2010 at Burr School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm by Laura Jenner.

Minutes submitted by

Kim Wishart,

Recording Secretary