

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 26, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES

OPENING:

President Laura Jenner called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:07 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 at Burr Hill Elementary School.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Scott Sherman, Board Member (Term Expires 2017)
Lloyd Pearson, Board Member (Term Expires 2018)
Sheri Berger, Board Member (Term Expires 2019)
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Celeste Benoit
James Nicholson
Victoria Nicholson

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 29th, 2017 meeting were reviewed, and the March 29th minutes were approved and will be posted on the HLA website. Motion to Approve the Minutes was made by Lloyd Pearson and seconded by Catherine Serino. So moved.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alan Stokke was not present. Alan did provide the Board with the March budget and also provided the proposed budget for 2017-2018 for review. Because Alan was not present, the March budget will be addressed at a later date. The 2017-2018 budget will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

Charlene Baulski was absent. There was discussion about a future management company taking over the tax collector position as that position has become more involved and much more work is involved.

D. SEPTIC REPORT:

Celeste Benoit reported 26 tanks done, 4 to be done. Letters to comply will go out on April first.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE:

No committee. Lloyd Pearson discussed roadwork and Comer Company was suggested to do the work. Also Lloyd reported that at the end of May, a meeting with the Town will be set up to discuss the causeway.

F. LAKE REPORT:

LAKE REPORT: Scott reported that the contract with Solitude has been signed. The lilies will be addressed and is estimated that 5 acres of the lake will need to be treated. Solitude has sent in the application for the work.

Scott also reported sightings of muskrats and beavers enjoying the lake. He also discussed a bid for the Connecticut River Area Health District on bathing water testing.

DAM REPORT: No report.

G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Sheri Berger has not received any financial information as of yet to begin her audit.

I. WEB REPORT:

WEBSITE: No report

FACEBOOK: It was reported that there were many pictures of wildlife posted on our Facebook page.

J. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

No special projects discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board has received and paid an invoice from Attorney Epright regarding the septic work project for the resident at 47 West Shore Drive. The Secretary will submit a letter to this resident and request that the Board be reimbursed for what was paid, as per the agreement with this resident and the Board.

Sheri Berger discussed her research regarding hiring a management company and will bring up this subject at the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that the management company attend the monthly June meeting to discuss what

services HLA might need and costs involved. Regulation enforcement, landscaping issues on association property, tax collections, and blight are just some of the services that will be discussed. Suggestions of any further services will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

James Nicholson led a discussion regarding the boats remaining on the public beaches. The Board has been discussing issuing labels to be put on the boats with the owners' names so as to avoid abandoned boats being left unused for long periods of time.

Victoria Nicholson complimented the Board for the work they have had done on the beaches.

NEW BUSINESS:

James Nicholson asked for permission to trim some bushes in the Hilltop/West Shore area, as they are overgrown and dangerous when approaching that intersection. At the June monthly meeting, areas needing landscaping will be addressed. It was discussed that maybe a landscaping company that was used previously might be able to do this work. Also, the Shore Drive mailbox would also have to be cleaned up.

Getting Hidden Lake residents involved with the issues of the lake was discussed, hoping to get more people involved. There are immediate openings for Board positions and for committees.

AT 8:00 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON APRIL 26TH, 2017 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2017 AT 7:00 AT A PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmela Della Mura
Recording Secretary