

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 24, 2015

APPROVED MINUTES

OPENING:

Vice President Catherine Serino called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 6:38 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at the property of Mary Shea, Shore Drive Higganum, CT.

Board Members Present:

Catherine Serino, Vice President
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Mary Shea
Lloyd Pearson

Board Members Absent:

Laura Jenner, President
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary
Scott Sherman

Board Member Absent but Reviewed Proposals and Voted in Advance:

Alan Stokke, Treasurer

Members Present:

Celeste Benoit
Sheri Berger

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular board meeting minutes of April 29, 2015 were reviewed. Ms. Shea noted a correction to be made on pg. 2 as follows:

East Shore: Mary reported that she met with the engineer and Mike Bennett and they went over the plans for the project on East Shore Drive. Mike Bennett submitted a proposal and recommended a head wall be installed in that area rather than a ~~basin~~ *catch basin*, as a ~~basin~~ *catch basin* could not handle all the water that flows there. There was discussion about the cost and time involved, and a Motion to Accept the Proposal was made and it was seconded. So moved.

Motion to approve the minutes (as corrected) was made by Mary Shea and seconded by Lloyd Pearson.

B. TREASURER REPORT

No report.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Delinquent Notices were sent (29). Received (4) payments in full. The bank is returning one check because the "long form" printed amount was omitted (awaiting receipt). Received the 2014 Grand List from the Town of Haddam and working on the 2015 Tax Bills which are due out the first of July. Once the tax bill work is completed, will pursue working with the Town of Haddam tax collector and their attorney for collection of delinquent taxes.

D. SEPTIC REPORT

Ms. Benoit reported that final notices were sent out. (30) Notices are ready to be mailed on the first of July (beginning of 2015-2016 fiscal year).

E. ROAD COMMITTEE

No committee. Ms. Shea reported the following:

West Shore Drive: Pete Santoro was contacted and reminded that we are still waiting for the railing on West Shore Drive would be installed.

East Shore Drive: Ms. Shea distributed copies of the proposal for professional land surveying services provided by Bennett & Smilias Associates, Inc. for the East Shore Drive drainage improvement project along with their Hourly Rate Schedule.

Mary outlined that the following needs to be done to move forward with the above work proposal:

- An appropriation of \$110 is needed to submit the plans to the Town of Haddam Wetland Commission; due on 7/9 to go to the Town of Haddam Wetland Commission board on 7/13 for an August decision.
- An appropriation of \$2,500 (not to exceed \$2,500) for Atty. Epright to prepare a legal "right of way".

The proposal provided by Bennett & Smilias Associates, Inc. was reviewed as submitted.

Item 2 – Easement Map. Prepare Easement Map through the land of Dolores Mazzarella and John J. Lazzeri. The budget cost to complete this work is \$450.

Item 3 – Wetland Commission Meeting. To prepare for and attend one meeting of the Town of Haddam Wetland Commission. The budget cost to complete this work is \$360.

Item 4 – Swale Stakeout. The budget cost to complete this work is \$1,250.

Motion made to accept the work estimates outlined above and appropriate the total amount of \$4,670 to move forward with the East Shore Drive work as proposed. Motion carried.

F. LAKE REPORT:

The annual lake water testing is pending; awaiting a 3-day period of no rain to gather water samples. A request was made for an additional water test sample to be gathered from the stream that flows on West Shore Drive.

G. DAM REPORT:

Mr. Pearson stated that there was nothing to report.

H. BY-LAW

No report.

I. AUDIT

Ms. Berger reported that she completed her audit. No discrepancies were found. Sheri noted that there were some missing bank statements. The files were returned and handed over to Charlene.

J. WEB REPORT

Website: No report.

Facebook: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safe sanitation practice during the summer holiday season – Complaints were received last year due to sanitation and sewage concerns, specifically with the July 4th parties located at the properties of 74 & 78 Shore Drive. Noted properties do not have adequate septic system facilities for high volume usage. Board agreed that a letter be drafted and sent strongly urging the property owners to supply “porta potty” sewage disposal for healthy and safe sanitation to handle any expected high volume.

Other Complaint: It was reported in the month of June 2015 that at the property of 34 East Shore Drive owned by Mr. McAllister that there was “shooting” going on behind his house; it has also been observed that he offers “gun instruction”. If such said business is being conducted it is possible he is in violation of business and/or firearms zoning.

Weed Cutter: Mary will take a look at the HLA weed cutter to determine if it is usable, saleable or scrap.

At 7:30 pm, motion made to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Charlene Baulski.