

Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
Zoom Meeting
September 28, 2020
Approved Minutes

OPENING:

President, Jay Cassella called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020 via a ZOOM Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President, Jay Cassella
Vice President, Dale Fiore
Past President, Lloyd Pearson
Treasurer, Bob Kiehm
Recording Secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman
Board Member, Cindy Porriello
Board Member, Heather Edelson
Board Member, Victoria Nicholson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheri Berger

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean Cassella
James Nicholson
Eleanor Porriello
Anthony Grandazzo
BJ Chotiner
Celeste Benoit
Tom Wood
Evelyn Wood
Karin Bullock
Dave Chalifoux
John Baulski
Charlene Baulski
Marybeth Russo
Jill Carey
Joe Marroca
Renee Norkin
Sandy Kiehm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

President, Jay Cassella asked recording secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman to read the August unapproved minutes. President, Jay Cassella made a motion to accept the August Minutes as read.

Treasurer , Bob Kiehm accepts the minutes and Board Member, Victoria Nicholson seconds.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer , Bob Kiehm reports that the income for the month of September as of 9/28/2020 is \$708.20 (tax collection) Interest Income.

Expenditures for the month of September, as of 9/28/2020 are \$8215.85.

\$625 under Admin. Supplies & Expenses- quarterly stipend for the tax collector

\$10 under Legal- to the town of Haddam for a lien release

\$6320.36 under Insurance & Bonding - BOG Insurance

\$983.74 under Miscellaneous BOG- for rental of the woodchopper to remove debris as a result of the tropical storm.

\$200 under Property Maintenance Additional- for the Little Sign Shop for the entrance signs to Hidden Lake. (Additional funding for this project came from the beautification Committee)

\$76.75 under Electricity for Ever-source

Treasurer, Bob Kiehm states that over the past month and 1/2 we have moved from a Hybrid accounting system to a Cash Basis Accounting System. As a result, the end of year (June) budget spreadsheet has been revised. The Cash Basis system is also more in line the GAAP standard.

(GAAP- General Accepting Accounting Practices)

Vice President, Dale Fiore moves to accept the Treasurer report as read and Recording Secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman seconds.

* Please find the September 2020 Treasurer Report attached

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

2020 Current Tax:	\$50,716.42
Total Current Tax Collected:	\$45,311.20
Back Taxes /Interest/ Fees Collected:	\$58.41
Total Collected:	\$45,369.61

SEPTIC REPORT:

Anthony Grandazzo reports that (6) additional Septics were pumped since last

month. Bringing the total to (18) out of the (26) scheduled to be pumped this year. According to the report submitted by Cahill, two tanks contained high levels of waste, yielding the recommendation that these tanks be pumped more regularly. Upon completion of this seasons work, letter will go out to all homeowners whose tank as been deemed as problematic.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

The BOG is still actively looking for an Association Member or two to step up and fill this post.

Association Member, Tom Wood expressed interest and will speak to President, Jay Cassella regarding this possibility.

LAKE REPORT:

Board Member, Victoria Nicholson reports that the Phragmites will be treated this Thursday, October 1st. Victoria did ask Nick McMahon of the Lake and Pond Connection if lowering the lake should be postponed, his response was no, it will help increase the effectiveness. Since the product will be full absorbed down to the roots in a matter of a few days.

The committee discussed the damaged boats on the beaches. President Jay Cassella will be contacting the owners to have them removed.

The committee discussed the need for a backhoe to reclaim beach sand on the beaches and remedy the beach erosion by placing PVC perforated piping and stone. Board approval for the rental and the purchase of materials would be needed.

The Lake Committee recommends that the lowering of the lake begin on October 12th. Weather permitting... by October 17th the lake should be low enough for most lake front projects. Association members will have 4 weeks to work on water front property. If it rains then this date would have to be extended.

Reminder; per town planner, Jim Puska, (Zoning & Wetlands Officer). Any construction done within 100 ft of the water NEEDS to be approved by the Wetland Commission.

Also, notification and the approval of the BOG.

The Lake committee members will meet again on November 14th to recommend when the valve should be closed. The criteria that the Committee will be using is, The Pond and Lake Connection recommendation, along with 3 sources of weather predictions.

If we are going to have a deep freeze, the committee will recommend that the lake remain lowered. This is for weed control just around the edges of the lake, 10'-12' around as much of the lake as possible. If the weather prediction is for a warmer Winter. The committee recommends raising the lake back to normal depth.

The Lake committee is also looking at installing a lake marker so we know how low to go for future drawdowns.

Several Association Members and Board Members voiced their respective thoughts and

comments regarding lake draw down. Ultimately, it was felt that we draw down as usual on October 12th and after (4) weeks time the Lake Committee will consult with the Pond & Lake Connection. This subject will be readdressed at the October BOG meeting.

Treasurer, Bob Kiehm motions to accept the recommendations of the lake committee report as read. Vice President, Dale Fiore seconds. No objections. Let it be written.

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT:

Committee Chair, Sandra Kiehm reports that the new Hidden Lake signs have been purchased and are ready for installation. Sandra is looking for a few volunteers to help with this. The Beautification Committee through fund raising efforts paid for 50% of the purchase price.

The tag sale was a huge success ! The tag sale raised \$1044!!! The committee thanks everyone for their efforts to help make this such a success. A special thanks to Eleanor Porriello, Heather Edelson, Lori-Ann Hoberman, James & Victoria Nicholson, Mary-Beth Russo, Jill Carey, Lee an, Bob Kiehm and to Karin Bullock who took all the left over items and brought them to Goodwill for us. Eleven families donated items.

This week the committee will start replacing flowers in the barrels and at the beaches and put up the Fall scarecrows at the mailboxes.

The Beautification committee started the month off with \$1043

The Tag Sale Revenue was \$1044

Total \$2087

Expenses -301 (for signs, flowers, tag sale expenses)

Balance as of 9/28/2020 is \$1786

BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

No Report

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No Report

WEB REPORT:

No Report

DAM REPORT:

Barry Hoberman continues to monitor the water level.

Barry is actively monitoring the water inside of the chamber weekly.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

The work on the Culverts continues to be our "Special Project" as this work will go throughout the month of October.

Also, Sandra Kiehm and Anthony Grandazzo have offered to take an initiative on behalf of our Lake to look into the possibility of any Grant money that might be available from the CT. Federation of Lakes.

OLD BUSINESS:

It is that time of year again to do Fall Clean-up. President, Jay Cassella move to once again hire Bravo Landscaping to take care of Fall clean-up. Board Member, Victoria Nicholson suggests that we have the company start a bit later than last year. Allowing for all leaves or most to have dropped by the time that the clean-up begins. Everyone agrees.

Vice President, Dale Fiore motions to hire out the Fall clean-up and Treasurer, Bob Kiehm seconds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member & Lake Committee Chairperson, Victoria Nicholson recommends that we take effort to retain beach sand on our beaches. Much discussion occurs.

Vice President, Dale Fiore motions to spend the \$2500 in this line budget to retain the sand on our beaches. Board Member, Heather Edelson seconds.

General Discussion:

Association Member, John Baulski would like the BOG to address some trees that are blocking vision on East Shore Drive. President, Jay Cassella will take a look at the trees and clear the area as needed. Several BOG member offered to help with the clearing.

Vice President, Dale Fiore takes the floor to announce that his home has sold and as of October 30th, he will no longer be the Vice President on our Board of Governors.

Vice President, Dale Fiore thanks all for his time served on our board and says "good-byes"

At 8:40 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer, Bob Kiehm and seconded by Vice President, Dale Fiore. The regular monthly Meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on Monday, September 28, 200 was adjourned.

The next regular board meeting will be held via zoom, October 26, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary