

Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 27, 2020
Approved Minutes

OPENING:

President Jay Cassella called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 6:35 p.m. on Monday, January 27th, 2020 at the Haddam Town Hall Annex in Haddam, CT.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Cassella, President
Dale Fiore, Vice President
Lori-Ann Hoberman, Recording Secretary
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Sheri Berger, Financial Secretary
Victoria Nicholson, Board Member
Cindy Porriello, Board Member
Carolyn Chalifoux, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lloyd Pearson, Past President

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Hoberman
James Nicholson
David Chalifoux
Pat Donahue
Anthony Grandazzo
Laurel Hoynoski
John Hoynoski
Mrs. Stokke

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The approval of the November 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved and will be posted on the HLA website. A motion to approve the minutes as made by Victoria Nicholson, Board member and seconded by Cindy Porriello, Board member.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer, Alan Stokke began by saying that he sent out the Memorial donation in memory of Dave Carlson. Treasurer, Alan Stokke stated that the mailbox hut that was going through the insurance claim has been settled. Treasurer, Alan Stokke presented

the board with spreadsheets & disbursement documentation to assist the BOG with the understanding of the process.

Treasurer, Alan Stokke gave his report and once the minutes are approved the treasurer's report will be uploaded to the HLA website. Lori-Ann Hoberman, Recording Secretary motions to approve the treasurer report and Cindy Porriello seconds.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

Sheri Berger, Financial Secretary reports that during the month of November 2019 zero dollars were deposited. During December a total of \$406.94 was deposited.

This tax year the total of tax money collected has been \$47,434.15. There are a total of (12) properties that are delinquent.

SEPTIC REPORT:

Anthony Grandazzo reports that at this time there are just (2) septic pending pumping.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

A HUGE ... Thank you to Mr. Dave Wysocki who has done extensive work James Nicholson has spoken to Dave Wysocki regarding the culvert as well as the large rocks & the debris that is impeding the culvert on West Beach. The board discussed this and we will take another look at this in the Spring.

LAKE COMMITTEE:

Victoria Nicholson, Board Member & Lake Committee member presented the invoice from the Pond Connection. This is covered in New Business.

The Pond Connection will look at the Fragmities on 1/30/2020. More to come on this.

DAM REPORT:

On December 30, 2019 President Jay Cassella received an invoice from New England Pump and Valve in the amount of \$2610.00 for repairs to the valve at the dam. The service provided was to build a custom jack stand to support the valve, tighten bolts and gasket to try and stop leakage. This expenditure was

approved by the board back in August 2019. The installation of the jack revealed the gaskets that connect the valve to the pipes are in need of replacement. New England Pump and Valves attempts at finding which valve we actually have failed. President Jay Cassella called our engineer, Karl Acimovic to shed some light on this problem. Karl was not sure which valve it was. He explained that the valve has been leaking ever since the first inspection in 1998.

After numerous emails and phone calls to NEPV, there is a solution. The gaskets are in hand and ready to install. Unfortunately, President Jay Cassella felt as if they dropped the ball on the project and prematurely invoiced us. On January 23rd President Jay Cassella emailed NEPV to express his thoughts regarding the invoice. President Jay Cassella told them that he recognizes the invoice but would not be paying it until the project was finished. He also explained how we will be needing a new estimate for the additional work that is needed so that the board may vote on its expenditure.

President Jay Cassella will keep the board up to date.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

No Report

WEB REPORT:

No Report

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

No Report

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

President Jay Cassella has determined that the tree located on 78 West Shore Dr., is on Association Property. The removal of this tree will cost \$1200. Alan Stokke, treasurer explained that the money can be taken from the legal budget as it is our liability. President Jay Cassella requests to move on the removal of this tree. Carolyn Chalifoux, Board Member motions and Victoria Nicholson, Board Member seconds.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Jay Cassella requests that we need to vote on the permit for the chemical treatment of the lake in the amount of \$350. Dale Fiore, Vice President motions and Carolyn Chalifoux, Board Member seconds.

The Total amount of money needed for the lake treatments is estimated at \$5650.00.

President Jay Cassella requests a vote on the Lake treatments. Victoria Nicholson, Board Member motions and Dale Fiore, Vice President seconds. The lake blankets have proven to work. We currently own (3) lake blankets. President Jay Cassella recommends that we consider purchasing (3) additional lake blankets to get a volume price. We will need to purchase the re-bar for these blankets as well. For the time being this topic is tabled while President Jay Cassella gets pricing. It is mentioned that the street sign for 1st Avenue is down and must be taken care of.

Tonight we would also like to welcome our new neighbors John & Laurel Hoynoski. Welcome to tonight's meeting and to the Hidden Lake Community.

At 7:29 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on January 27th 2020 was adjourned.

The next regular board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association will be held February 24th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex in Haddam, CT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary