

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 27, 2020  
Unapproved 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, February 27, 2020 at the Old Town Hall located on Field Park Drive, Haddam.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Cassella, President  
Dale Fiore, Vice President  
Alan Stokke, Treasurer  
Sheri Berger, Tax Collector Financial Secretary  
Lloyd Pearson, Past President  
Cindy Porriello, Board Member  
Carolyn Chalifoux, Board Member  
Victoria Nicholson, Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lori-Ann Hoberman, Secretary

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Chalifoux  
Cassandra Koerner  
Peter Lombardo  
BJ Chotiner  
Jean Cassella  
Betty Barsevich  
James Nicholson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The January 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved and will be posted on the HLA website. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Cindy Porriello, Board Member and seconded by Victoria Nicholson, Board Member. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alan Stokke, Treasurer submitted the January Treasurer Report, Victoria Nicholson, Board Member motioned to accept the Treasurer's report Carolyn Chalifoux, Board Member seconded. Motion passed. The budget for 2020/2021 is due at the end of April. All committees are advised to start planning their upcoming budget; keeping in mind any future expenditures, so we have fewer shortfalls in the coming fiscal year.

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:**

Sheri Berger, Tax Collector Financial Secretary, reports there was a \$12.57 tax deposit. Delinquent notices were mailed out February 1, 2020. It is anticipated more tax revenue will subsequently be collected.

**SEPTIC REPORT:**

Anthony Grandazzo was absent. Jay Cassella, Board President verified 2 septic remain to be pumped. The owner of 17 White Birch Road has placed a stake at the location of the septic, and the septic at 47 West Shore Drive has likewise been identified. Jay will contact Cahill Septic to pump these remaining tanks.

**ROAD REPORT:** No Report

**LAKE REPORT:**

Jay Cassella, Board President has signed the contract with The Pond Connection \$5,650 as part of our weed control, along with a check for \$350 for the 2020 permit. The treatments are anticipated for May and June 2020. Nick McMahon from The Lake and Pond Connection came out in February to assess the Phragmites around the lake; treatment will take place in the fall.

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE:** No Report

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** No Report

**WEB REPORT:** No Report

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** No Report

**DAM REPORT:**

The valve has been repaired. Some discussion ensued on a small leakage with the intake valve believed to be of no consequence. We are in State compliance.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jay Cassella, Board President reported the tree at 78 West Shore Drive has been removed.

After much discussion, Dale Fiore, Vice President motioned the balance owed of \$6043 for valve repairs come from line items: \$3,843 Road Drainage Maintenance/Improvement, \$1,700 Beach Maintenance, \$500 Lake Recommended Maintenance. Victoria Nicholson, Board member seconded, motion passed so moved.

Jay Cassella, Board President requested to purchase Three 10'x30' Lake Bottom Blankets with re-bar and shipping for \$275 each. A total of \$825 was approved by the Board. Carolyn Chalifoux motioned; Cindy Porriello seconded. All in favor, motion passed. After much discussion it was agreed the funds would be drawn from line item, Beach Maintenance.

The Board heard from association members concerning the beaver family living on Hidden Lake and whether to remove them or not; the board decided to table the vote until the annual meeting. This will allow all concerned association members a chance to express their opinions to the Board. Lloyd Pearson, Past President motioned; Victoria Nicholson, Board Member seconded. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jay Cassella, President asked all committees to have a budget prepared for the April BOG meeting.

The Board was reminded the First Avenue street sign needs to be put back up.

An association member apprised the board of all the loose dogs now roaming around, and it becoming a safety issue. She was advised to call animal control when this happens.

The regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association held on February 27, 2020 was adjourned at 7:55pm. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020 AT 6:30pm the Annex Hall located on Jail Hill Road.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Victoria Nicholson, Board Member

