

Hidden Lake Association

Regular Meeting
November 29th 2010
Approved Minutes

Opening:

The Regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 6:35pm on Monday November 29th 2010 at the Burr School, Route 81, Higganum, CT by President Laura Jenner.

Present:

Laura Jenner, President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Kim Wishart, Secretary
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Mary Shea, 1-year Board Member
Celeste Benoit, 2-year Board Member
Scott Sherman, 3-year Board Member

Absent:

Catherine Serino, Vice President

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of Oct 25th 2010. Motion carried to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

B. Treasurer Report

Motion made to accept and carried November Treasurer's Report.

C. Tax Collector Report

On July 10th 2010 131 tax notices for 2010 were sent out for a total bill of \$57,909.12. Of those sent out \$41,605.25 was collected. On November 1st 2010 a second tax notice was sent out to 19 Association members, of those sent out a total of \$1,033.70 was collected.

D. Septic Report

Twenty-seven homes were on the list to be cleaned for this year, so far all but four have been cleaned.

E. Road Committee

Road Commissioner and/or committee still needed.

1. Mary gave a copy of Gerry Witnik's Certificate of Liability Insurance to Al.
2. Shore Drive Project:
Mary spoke to the Wetlands Commissioner, filled out an application completely and sent it off to Jean and Jay Cassella. Mary also attended the Wetlands Committee meeting. Mary spoke to Jay and he requested clarification of the engineers design, as it had been divided into Stage 1 and Stage 2. Laura clarified that the division point is at the high point in the elevations with Stage 1 being to the north. This allows us to approach the project in a manner that is within our budget. It does not change the direction of flow of water. This project will probably not be able to be done this year due to frozen ground but we do need to address the water flow out of Phil Porriello's property. Phil has received a cease and desist letter and so far has not complied with it. In order to show due diligence the Board needs to go to Atty Boccolate and ask what is our next step. Laura volunteered to do this.
3. Mary has investigated the culvert at the intersection of Shore Dr and White Birch and she got an estimate from Gerry Wiknik of approx \$2000.00. Funds are not currently allocated for this project and will probably be done when Wiknik is on Shore doing the other drainage project.
4. Mary presented a diagram of Fairview Rd Project and estimates from Gerry Wiknik. There was extensive discussion regarding standards for roads and further development of our roads. The discussion included what depth of stone, width/curbs/drainage/catch basins etc. We need to clarify what our road standards are.
5. Snowplowing project: Laura received 2 bids one from Bartons and one from Langer Landscaping. See attached bids. The board agreed to go with Barton's Bid for \$490 per snow storm (24 hours from the start of the storm) to plow/sand/salt.

F. Lake Committee

Lake Commissioner and/or Lake Committee still needed.

1. Tree on Beach on East Shore Dr> it has been decided that it is on Association Property. Laura will ask Dean F to assist with chain saw and helping remove the tree.
2. **The Lake was lowered on Sat Oct 30th. The Dam is now closed and the Lake is coming back up.**
3. Lycott...Laura will call for estimate of assessment of weed/vegetation growth.
4. Mary is working on the signs for all of the beaches.

G. Bylaw Committee

Bylaw Committee still needed.

H. Audit Committee

Need volunteers for Audit Committee

I. Web site Committee

1. Mary suggested that we put the water testing of the lake on the website and Alan agreed to do it.

J. Website Committee

The Website was “not functioning” for ~ 1-2 weeks. Al is currently working on it but the site is currently up and running.

Old Business:

Review of document entitled August 30th 2010, Treasurer’s Report. Motion made to accept Alan’s revision of Treasurer’s report. Please note there was no meeting August 2010 of HLA due to flooding at Burr School.

New Business:

The HLA property on West Shore Dr (which had previously been blocked off with cement blocks and large poles) has been disassembled and is now being used a parking lot and as a dumping area for leaves. Al suggested that we replace the cement blocks and poles and chain them together. He will call Dave Carlson to inquire about having this done.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday December 20th 2010 at Burr School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by Laura Jenner.

Minutes submitted by
Kim Wishart,
Recording Secretary