

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
October 29, 2014  
**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, October 29, 2014 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Catherine Serino, Vice President  
Mary Shea, Board Member (Term Expires 2016)  
Alan Stokke, Treasurer  
Scott Sherman, Board Member (Term Expires 2017)  
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector  
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Laura Jenner, President  
Lloyd Pearson, Board Member (Term Expires 2015)

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed, corrections made, and approved and will be posted on the HLA website. A Motion to Approve the September minutes was made by Mary Shea and seconded by Charlene Baulski.

**B. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alan Stokke discussed the treasurer's report for September's budget.

There was a motion made to accept the treasurer's report and the motion was seconded.

**C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Charlene Baulski discussed total deposits received.

**D. SEPTIC REPORT**

No report. Celeste Benoit was not present.

**E. ROAD COMMITTEE**

No committee. Mary Shea reported the following:

**WEST SHORE:** Mary asked Alan if money for the guardrails was put aside, and Alan has taken care of that.

**EAST SHORE:** The survey for the Mazzarella and Battis properties is estimated to cost \$900 and there will also be a soil scientist fee of \$500 to see if the Inland/Wetlands Commission needs to be notified.

It was decided that it was not necessary to do the whole area - just the Mazzarella and Battis properties. A permission slip to survey his property will be sent to Mr. Battis and the survey will be done in the fall.

Mary made a motion to accept the estimate from Mike Bennett and the soil scientist and to go forward with the survey of the two properties. Scott Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**SHORE DRIVE:** Mary met with Jim Puska, Pete Santoro, Lloyd Pearson and Mike Bennett regarding the water problems in this area. During a recent downpour, Mary visited the area and recorded the track of the water on her iPad. She played the video at this meeting and showed the water's path as she walked up and down the affected area and discussed possibly installing another catch basin and underground pipes in the area, and also under the Porriello driveway. With the recurring accumulation of leaves and debris, the underground pipe seems the way to go to solve this issue. Jim Puska thinks that Inland/Wetlands need not be involved with this issue, as the Association is just directing water the way it should go. It was not clear as to when this project could be started but most likely will start in the spring. Estimated cost \$2,700.

This issue will be discussed further at our next meeting. As the pipes would be on HLA property, there's no problem with permission from homeowners. Chatham Health Department might need to be notified, but the neighbors are okay with this proposal.

Mary reported that she has heard nothing from Phil Goff regarding the three dead trees on Hidden Lake.

Mary reported that Pete Santoro will give HLA an estimate as to this year's fee for snowplowing services.

**SHORE BEACH:** Jim Puska spoke with Pete Santoro and Jim thinks that Inland/Wetlands need not get involved with the work being done here as not enough debris is being taken out and there is no sand being brought in.

**EAST SHORE BEACH:** When the lake gets lower, Pete will give an estimate for regrading here. The lake is not down low enough right now to see what needs to be done or to see if any machines can be brought in.

**F. LAKE REPORT:**

Scott Sherman reported that the water is draining down and that the rain flushed the lake and visibility is now about two feet down.

Lycott sprayed the phragmites around the lake, which will kill the roots, and the snow will flatten the reeds down.

DAM REPORT: Lloyd Pearson absent.

**G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

**H. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Sheri Berger was not present at this meeting.

**I. WEB REPORT**

WEBSITE: Alan had nothing new to report regarding the website. There was a discussion as to having information posted, under the "Lake Report" tab on the website, that testing on the lake is done regularly on all three beaches to let lake members know.

FACEBOOK: No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was a discussion as to retrieving past financial records for an audit. This requires a trip to Old Saybrook where past treasurer reports are stored. Alan Stokke will take care of this matter and get the past treasurer's reports and submit to Sheri Berger.

Also, the minutes of the July 26, 2010 minutes were reviewed and approved. There was a Motion to Accept the Minutes and the motion was seconded, and they will be posted on the HLA website as approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

***AT 7:39 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 WAS ADJOURNED.***

***THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M. AT BURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary