

Hidden Lake Association

Annual Meeting
May 15th 2011
Approved Minutes

Opening:

The Annual meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 1:10pm on Sunday May 15th 2011 at the Old Town Hall in Haddam, CT by President Laura Jenner.

Present:

Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Kim Wishart, Secretary
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Mary Shea, 1-year Board Member (term due to expire 5/11)
Celeste Benoit, 2-year Board Member (term due to expire 5/12)
Scott Sherman, 3-year Board Member (term due to expire 5/13)
Wayne Keeler, Past President

Absent:

Alan Stokke, Treasurer

Roll Call of officers done. All present except for Alan Stokke.

A. Approval of Minutes

After review of the April 25th 2011 minutes, motion was made to approve, motion was accepted.

B. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report submitted as of April 30, 2011 for fiscal year ending June 30th 2011. Total reserve expenditures of \$46,490.00; for the proposed budget for 2011-2012> \$5,000.00 from the General Reserve for the Emergency Dam Operations Plan required by the State of Connecticut DEP and cleaning of the spill way area. Road work includes \$6650.00 in regular budget expenditures and an additional \$10,000 from the Road Drainage Reserve to complete the drainage work on Shore Drive as well as weed removal expenses. Bringing total expenditures as of 30 April 2011 to \$27,875.

Motion was made and seconded and passed to approve 2011-2012 as presented.

C. Tax Collector Report

For the year 2010/2011 >

Total Collectable Tax Revenue for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 = \$49,846.21

Total due (including) back taxes, back interest, collection fee and tax liens= \$57,859.21

After report given and expenditures reported, the Board recommended that the mil rate be increased from 3.0 to 3.2 to equate to past annual net revenue.(due to drop in the grand list). Motion was made to accept the increase in Mil rate, discussion occurred, motion was passed to raise the Hidden Lake Association mil rate from 3.0 to 3.2 for fiscal year 2011-2012. (During discussion Wayne Keeler wanted it noted that he did not want a raise in taxes).

D. Septic Report

Approximately 30 properties were cleaned this year, three were delinquent. Mailings will go out on July 1st 2011 of notification for this year's properties due to be cleaned out.

E. Road Committee

Road Commissioner and/or committee still needed.

1. Shore Drainage project is underway. Mary S has been very active in getting reports to the Town Hall and the Wetlands Committee to attempt to complete this project. (Project still underway).
2. Culverts were cleaned on Saturday, April 23rd, 2011.
3. We will be accepting/reviewing bids for this year's sweeping of the roads of HLA for 2011-2012.
4. We will be accepting/reviewing bids for next year's 2011-2012 season for snow removal.

F. Lake Committee

Lake Commissioner and/or Lake Committee still needed.

1. Laura gave the report and recommendations for weed removal, including the cost of \$12,627.71. The treatment is called Sonar Q and it will target the yellow and white lilies and the lake will be treated twice. Motion was made and carried to approve this expense. (Celeste will make posters and put them on mailboxes with the dates of when this will happen).

2. Water testing will be done by John Baulski in June.
3. Wayne Keeler recommended avoiding the use of fertilizers because they end up in the lake and encourage the weed growth. It was also discussed to not allow foreign boats into the lake as to avoid incoming invasive species. We acknowledge that this is difficult to enforce.
4. A motion was made to lower the lake again in 2011 after much discussion the motion was not seconded or approved.
5. Signs were placed on the three beaches which were completed by Mary S. Wayne Keeler requested a sign be placed at the dam similar to signs placed at the beaches. Mary S will investigate this.

G. Bylaw Committee

Bylaw Committee still needed.

H. Audit Committee

Need volunteers for Audit Committee

I. Web site Committee

No report

Old Business:

Emergency Operations Plan and Dam Report is close to being finalized.

New Business:

President Laura Jenner requested that someone else “step up” as President so that there can be a “Past President” on the Board. (Current Past President does not live locally) No one was nominated or volunteered for this position.

Election of Officers:

President: Laura Jenner

Vice President: Catherine Serino

Treasurer: Alan Stokke

Secretary: Kim Wishart

Tax Collector: Charlene Baulski

Board Member: Mary Shea (term expires 5/14)

Board Member: Scott Sherman (term expires 5/13)

Board Member: Celeste Benoit (term expires 5/12)

John Baulski asked if the French drain project for East Shore Dr was “still in the works”?

Mr. John Jack Church, his wife Dorothy and son David, have sold their home and will be moving to Charlotte, North Carolina. John wished the Association his very best and on behalf of the Board we would like to thank him for his years of tireless service to the Hidden Lake Association.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Minutes submitted by
Kim Wishart,
Recording Secretary