

**Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 28, 2019
Approved Minutes**

OPENING: President, Jay Cassella called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 6:34 p.m. on Monday, October 28th, 2019 at the Haddam Town Hall annex in Haddam, CT.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Past President, Lloyd Pearson Board Member, Cindy Porriello

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Nicholson
David Chalifoux
Pat Donahue
Sandra Kiehm
Heather Edelson
Eleanor Porriello
Peter Lombardo
Anthony Grandazzo
Brian Polak

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice President, Dale Fiore mentioned that it would be nice to see each board members title throughout the minutes to make for easier reading. Financial Secretary, Sheri Berger requests that the minutes be sent out to all board members at least (7) days prior to the B.O.G. meeting.

After various corrections were made in the minutes Vice President, Dale Fiore motioned to approve the September 30, 2019 minutes and board member, Victoria Nicholson seconded.

TREASURERS REPORT: Alan Stokke gave his report and once the report is approved the Treasurers report will be uploaded to the HLA website. Board Member, Carolyn Chalifoux motions to accept the Treasurers Report and Board Member, Victoria Nicholson seconds.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT: Financial Secretary, Sheri Berger reports that to date \$47,131.03 has been collected in taxes. Thirteen Properties are delinquent. With one property being delinquent also in 2017 & 2018.

SEPTIC REPORT: Septic Committee chairperson, Anthony Grandazzo reports that all but two septic systems for this year have been completed.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Members; Peter Lombardo, Brian Polak and Phil Porriello report as East Shore Drive drainage projects have been going very well. The big job over by the Grandazzo property completed by Dave Carlson looks good and even with the recent heavy rains has been draining nicely.

We need to address by Lake point where the drain with the orange sticks are. This is a hazard and really needs to be repaired before a person or a car falls into the open area. The installation of a proper catch basin would be required and we will be looking to get a quote for such a repair.

We have also had a report by Third Avenue by John Baulski regarding standing water and/or poor drainage, upon inspection the only thing that is noted is a small depression where some water could collect. It is a minor issue that could be addressed if any patching is required on the roadway. A small amount of hot patch would prevent the pooling and help drain water toward the catch basin across the street. We will also be looking toward winter and will be contacting Langley to look at the snow removal.

F. LAKE COMMITTEE: President, Jay Cassella states that the lake looks great! Treasurer, Alan Stokke inquired if the Pond Connection had come back to see for themselves how the lake stood after their work. Board Member and Lake Committee Member, Victoria Nicholson said that the Pond Connection contacted the Lake Committee with the follow up procedures. Victoria Nicholson states that all Lake front properties should attempt to cut back the Fragmities as this will assist when the next Treatment takes place. We will have to pay them in January of 2020 and then the Pond Connection will be out to look at the lake in April of 2020 with the first treatment being in May 2020. The Pond Connection will do (3) total treatments in 2020. Everyone agrees that the lake looks so much better.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Sandra Kiehm states that at this time there is nothing to report other than they will begin the process of taking down the Fall decorations soon.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE: Treasurer, Alan Stokke sent some paperwork to Bob Kiehm for the committee to review on future possibilities to other by-laws.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

WEB REPORT: Treasurer, Alan Stokke states that the website has been updated including the changes in the by-laws.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: President, Jay Cassella will be looking to compile some tax information for new homeowners that he can include with a brochure to present to new homeowners. President, Jay Cassella and Vice President, Dale Fiore will meet and begin the process of knocking on doors and introducing themselves. The

“Sunshine Committee” which will be assumed by the Beautification Committee will be activated in 2020. This committee will welcome new homeowners, acknowledge deaths and be a chain of outreach to all Association Members.

L. OLD BUSINESS: New England Pump & Valve inspected the valve. They put a jack in and lifted it up. Unfortunately, even the slightest of movement has broken down the dam valve. Recording Secretary, Lori-Ann Hoberman supplied photos to the board to serve as an appreciation of what New England Pump & Valve are referring to. The condition of the valve is poor and the rubbers are all in need of replacing. As the bolts were tightening at the bottom of the valve, the top of the valve was separating. This will be a considerable project that is a high need to be done as soon as possible. The process is very involved and would require taking the old valve out and replacing it with a new one. It will be arduous as the valve is larger than the opening. New England Pump & Valve is consulting on the best procedure for this work to be done.

Treasurer, Alan Stokke states that a “Special Meeting” will need to be called to present the magnitude of this Dam Valve with all of the Association Members and thereby explaining the cost of such need. A vote from the whole association will be required.

Treasurer, Alan Stokke states that he is reluctant to signing a blank check and leaving it when he is away as he is bonded and feels that this could be in violation. Vice President, Dale Fiore suggests that we check with an accredited accountant. It was decided that this question of leaving a blank check or a pre-signed check with the financial secretary, Sheri Berger be one we get professional advice on. Vice President, Dale Fiore suggests that we speak to Seward & Monde of New Haven. The discussion of pre-signing checks will be tabled until an accountant review is received.

NEW BUSINESS: President, Jay Cassella mentions that we pay for electricity for the street lights and perhaps we should see if they are all working. Association Member, Anthony Grandazzo requests that copies of the treasurer’s report be distributed to all association members that attend the BOG meetings so that association members can follow along.

At 8:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The regular board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on October 28th, 2019 was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association will be held on November 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Haddam Town Hall Annex in Haddam, CT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary