

Hidden Lake Association  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 29, 2019  
Approved Minutes

OPENING:

President Jay Cassella called the regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 6:39 p.m. on Monday, July 29th, 2019 at the Haddam Town Hall Annex in Hadam, CT.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Cassella  
Lori-Ann Hoberman  
Victoria Nicholson  
Dale Fiore  
Sheri Berger  
Alan Stoke  
Cindy Porriello

ABOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lloyd Pearson  
Carolyn Chalifoux

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Nicholson  
Eleanor Porriello  
Sandy Kiehm  
Heather Edelson  
Pat Donahue  
B.J. Chotiner  
Celeste Benoit  
Rich & Sandra DiGraziano  
Mary-Beth Russo  
Peter Lombardo  
Barry Hoberman  
Anthony Grandazzo  
Jean Cassella

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the June 24, 2019 minutes were reviewed. The Minutes were approved and will be posted on the HLA Website. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Victoria Nicholson and seconded by Cindy Porriello.

B. TREASURER REPORT:

\* Please see Treasurers report attached.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report by Dale Fiore and seconded by Lori-Ann Hoberman. Alan Stokke presented the new (2) signature checkbook that he is now using which is less like a personal checkbook style and more like a company ledger checkbook.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

Sheri Berger reports that the tax money is rolling in. To date, \$13,482.92 for this current tax year. As of 8/1 taxes are late. Folks have been utilizing paying online. There was only the (1) property that has not paid for 2017/2018 tax year. The property for auction was purchased by Brian Pollack and will become effectively his in the year 2020. Sheri with the assistance of our Attorney continues to do an amazing job for us.

D. SEPTIC REPORT:

Anthony Grandazzo reports that there are 28 new septic on this year's list. The first week of July letters went out. Homeowners will be notified and need not do a thing! It appears that Cahill has not started pumping any Septics as of this date.

E. ROAD REPORT:

Peter Lombardo reports that the chip sealing on west Shore Drive and on Fairview is now completed. Clearing of all the road side brush is currently in the process of being cleared. An estimate for the drainage project on the East Shore Drive at the Grandazzo property and the Sherman property has been presented to Dave Carlson to clear the exiting pipe and add to the pipe to allow for drainage flow across the culvert between the two Abate properties on the opposite side of the road. The estimate is \$4500.00. It is recommended this project proceed as soon as possible.

The remaining rip rap stone will be disbursed to the areas needed by way of the backhoe. This will need to be completed by August 4th which is when the rental expires.

Sanitrol will be here in August to clean the catch basins.

## F. LAKE REPORT:

\* Please see Lake Report Attached

## G. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Tag Sale: Sandy Kiehm would like to thank the ten families from around the Lake that donated items to us to help make this event a success. We had all kinds of great items from a small boat to an 1800's clock. Our goal was to surpass last years Tag Sale proceeds of \$336. We did it! We raised \$508! So many folks from around the Lake came by to shop or just to say hello! Some are about to move into their new houses and others just wanted to support us. Some made donations above their purchase cost which was just so incredible.

I also want to thank several folks who helped me the day of the event and before. Lori-Ann, Eleanor who kept finding more things to donate which was wonderful. Heather, Jay, Rose & Dale, and Victoria & James. The one thing that stood out the most was that all felt that our board is moving in the right direction and they are pleased that they are seeing so many new tangible changes taking place all around the Lake.

One suggestion that someone made that might be helpful was to have a comment box at each mailbox hut for folks to share their ideas because not everyone feels comfortable speaking up

A very big & special Thank you to Sandy Kiehm for all of her very hard work organizing, pricing, setting up, holding the tag sale & breaking it down. So much work and so much of your time given. We sure do appreciate you!!!

Dale Fiore mentions that as promised by the board we will match the \$508 by 25%.

Soon to come the cement blocks that have been placed at each beach will soon become planters that will be beautifully painted by Mrs. Grandazzo.

Last of all please keep in mind.... "WINE ON THE WATER". The date will be September 19th. The Cost will be \$20 per ticket. Come Smell, Swish & Swirl. If anyone has items to contribute or is willing to make an auction basket for our Wine event that would be very much appreciated. Please let anyone on the board know how you might help, contribute or buy a ticket to come and join in the neighborhood Lake Fun!!

## H. BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

No Report

## I. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Currently all of the Treasurers Reports have been given to Dale Fiore to review along

with the other members of the Audit Committee; Cindy Porriello and Jean Cassella.

#### J. WEB REPORT:

Alan has done a lot of work on the web page. Very User friendly. There is also a button allowing for easy access to pay tax bills online.

#### K. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Jay Cassella reports that all of the street signs are up as well as the reflectors.

#### L. OLD BUSINESS:

All Bank forms have been submitted for dual signatures.

The (3) Trees that were slated to be taken down on the Dam property are coming down the beginning of August.

#### M. NEW BUSINESS:

Alan Stokke mentioned that there is an additional Ash Tree located at 78 West Shore that should be looked at in case it too is in need of being removed.

Alan Stokke has concerns about folks volunteering their services around the lake and has contacted Brown & Brown Insurance Company in regard to liability and said volunteers.

\* Please see the letter Alan Stokke received from Brown & Brown Insurance which explains accidents, injuries, liability etc. The insurance company suggests that the Board should cease volunteering and hire contractors moving forward. The Board will render thoughts on this and investigate liability insurance coverages and cost of contractors for all of the Lake needs. More discussion to follow.

New England Valve & Pump quoted \$1050 to service the Dam & bring us into compliance. Victoria Nicholson motioned to move forward with this quote and have New England Valve & Pump do the work not to exceed \$1050. Dale Fiore seconded. All in favor.

Victoria Nicholson motioned that The Chemical Treatments for our Lake as recommended by the Pond Connection per their written documentation of their assessment with the permit being good for (3) years not to exceed the budget for the fiscal year not to exceed \$10,000.00. Lori-Ann Hoberman seconded. All in favor.

The East Shore Road Drainage issue to be taken care of By Dave Carlson needs to be

addressed. Lori-An Hoberman motions to Hire Dave Carlson for a sum not to exceed \$4500 to address and fix the road drainage issues at East Shore Drive and Victoria Nicholson seconds.

The last item of new Business is in regard to a Shore Drive Resident who is in need of an Emergency Septic Pumping. The resident would like to take a reimbursement from her taxes. Alan Stokke makes a motion to adapt a policy and Cindy Porriello seconds that 75% reimbursement for cleanings of septics at the Boards discretion when

Sheri Berger motions to allow for this resident to receive \$206.25 for reimbursement of emergency septic pumping and Dale Fiore seconds.

At 7:57 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on July 29th 2019 was adjourned.

The next regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association will be held on August 26th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Haddam Town Hall Annex in Haddam, CT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori-Ann Hoberman  
Recording Secretary