

Hidden Lake Association
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 30, 2018

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 30th, 2018 at the Haddam Town Hall Annex in Haddam, CT.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carolyn Chalifoux, Board Member
Laura Jenner, Past President

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Catherine Sereno
Mike Golebieski
Celeste Benoit
B.J. Chotiner
Brian Polak
Cassandra Koerner
Peter Lombardo
Philip Porriello
Barry Hoberman
Sandy Kiehm
Bob Kiehm
Ron Edelson
Heather Edelson
Rose Fiore
Bobby Abate
Eleanor Porriello
Anthony Grandazzo

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the June 25, 2018 minutes were reviewed.
No corrections. The minutes were approved and will be posted on the HLA website.
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cindy Porriello and seconded by Victoria Nicholson.

Vote is unanimous. Motion Passed. So moved.

B. TREASURER REPORT:

Alan Stoke handed out this months reports to be viewed. Alan also prepared a special summary page for easy viewing of the General Reserve Additions, Balances, and Total Bank Balance for Fiscal Years ending 2007-2018.

A motion to accept the report was made by Dale Fiore and seconded by Sheri Berger.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:

Sheri Berger has been instrumental in building a relationship with Attorney Cohen. This Attorney works with other nearby Lakes and is familiar with By-Laws. He is willing to do letters for collection for us at no charge. Sheri suggests that we use him.

If we need his services for collection of monies he will charge us \$400.00.

Dale Fiore motioned that we use Attorney Cohen for collections and Alan Stoke seconded. Unanimous decision. Motion Passed. So moved.

Sheri also reports that the Town is doing another Tax Sale. Further information for any interested parties can be seen on the Town Website or at the Town Hall.

D. SEPTIC REPORT:

Anthony Grandazzo reports that all letters to homeowners regarding upcoming septic pumping have gone out. A total of (22) will be done.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE:

Peter Lombardo reports that the committee was contacted by a contractor installing a approved Septic system on 5 Ledge Road. Due to poor drainage on West Shore Drive and recent rains, the project has been stalled. The contractor cannot complete the job as HLA road drainage issues are flooding the property. As a result it is imperative that a solution is implemented immediately to allow the project to be completed.

Plans have been reviewed and contractors have been contacted to provide a solution.

This is not a complicated issue and a catch basin and a half basin with piping to connect to the existing drainage should relieve the situation and prevent the property from flooding.

It will also improve the current drainage issue in the area, including preventing any hazardous ice in the Winter months.

Peter further stated that plans for Chip Sealing are in the works, but situations with the drainage, especially the new issue on Ledge must be completed prior to sealing.

Contractors are in contact regarding the area's requiring repair. Jay Cassella spoke with Russ from Comer today to firm up the contract and was told that the pricing has changed. He will be back in touch with Jay regarding the new pricing.

Last of all Peter reports that the Jetting of the blocked drainage pipes is scheduled for the week of August 13th, but again must first address the Ledge-West Shore Drive drainage issue. Jay presented maps of the area, Ledge-West Shore Drive. Phil Porriello explains all of the

work and the costs that are associated with this project. Peter Lombardo explains that we need to address this as soon as possible.

Cindy Porriello motions that the Road Committee go ahead & get the estimates & the quotes together and then via email a board decision will be made to move forward with the work pending the appropriate insurance certificate is written.

Victoria Nicholson Seconds. Vote is unanimous. Motion Passed. So moved.

F. LAKE REPORT:

Jay Cassella states that he received the reports from the (CAES), the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. They have completed the data collection portion of the lake study for 2018.

* Please see the attached Lake Report.

Dale Fiore volunteered to take the reports that were done on our lake by the (CAES) to a lab to assist us with the proper interpretation.

Jay then asked for volunteers to help with the ongoing removal of weeds.

G. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Sandy Kiehm and Rose Fiore of the Beautification Committee had a "Tag Sale" to benefit beautification of our surrounding Lake. The monies from the Tag Sale are to be used to spruce up the mailbox hut areas with half barrel planters that can be changed out with all seasonal flowers. Several association members contributed to the sale and at the end of the sale a profit of \$406.00 was achieved. Thank you to all who contributed and for all of the hard work by Sandy & Rose. Until purchases are made by the beautification committee all Tag Sale monies will be held by Dale Fiore, Vice President.

Looking for volunteers to help with clean-up of the mailbox hut areas.

H. BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

Sandy Kiehm resigns. Bob Kiehm was elected to be the chairman of this committee moving forward. The other By-Law committee members are Barry Hoberman, James Nicholson, Jean Cassella and Cindy Porriello.

I. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Dale Fiore, Jean Cassella & Cindy Porriello are looking at the audit for the benefit of the association.

J. WEB REPORT:

No Report.

K. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

The reconstruction of the Mailbox huts has been tabled due to cost.

L. OLD BUSINESS:

Boat Stickers are out in full force and still being distributed for those that need them please contact Cindy Porriello.

Ground Grid was brought up and was tabled.

Dale Fiore brought up that we need to allocate money to Jay Cassella to bring the Barge that is used for weed control into working order funding of \$1000.00. is recommended for use of a new motor and accessories. Dale Fiore motioned and Lori-Ann Hoberman seconded.

Vote unanimous. Motion passed. So moved.

A&L Tree service will remove the tree located on Beach Road & East Shore by August end.

Cindy Porriello asked a question regarding if the \$250 that was allocated to Solitude to treat weeds. Jay Cassella said No, the State did not recommend that if was needed at this time.

M. NEW BUSINESS:

Association Member, Bobby Abate of #17 & #23 East Shore Drive presented a letter to President Jay Cassella requesting the revision of By-Law 41-A to include Trolling motors with a thrust of up to 55lbs with a sealed battery. Dale Fiore read the letter out loud to all association members present. The letter was then given to Bob Kiehm Chairman of the By-Law Committee in accordance of section 16D of the By-Laws.

The next order of New Business was as follows...

Ron & Heather Edelsen association members in accordance with the building regulations section 52 ,notified & presented to the board the permit that was granted to them by the town, for a shed and a deck to be built on their property.

Last but not least....

Another Beautification Committee fundraiser:

WOW!!!! WINE ON THE WATER! Wine & Food pairing

9/14/18

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Cost \$10.00 & an appetizer

RAIN DATE is 9/15/18

* Bring Chairs & Smiles!! This is going to be a fun way to meet your neighbor!

At 8:10 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The regular monthly board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was held on July 30th, 2018 was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association will be held on August 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Haddam Town Hall Annex in Haddam, CT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori-Ann Hoberman
Recording Secretary