

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**OPENING:**

Vice President Catherine Serino called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 7:09 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Laura Jenner, President  
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector  
Lloyd Pearson, Board Member (Term Expires 2018)

**ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Celeste Benoit  
Stephen Zehalla

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting were reviewed, corrections made, and the October minutes were then approved and will be posted on the HLA website. Motion to Approve the Minutes was made by Scott Sherman and seconded by Mary Shea.

**B. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alan Stokke discussed the month's expenses including storage fees, electric bill, and septic maintenance.

A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded. So moved.

**C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

No report. Charlene Baulski was absent.

**D. SEPTIC REPORT**

Celeste Benoit reported that there are 4 septic tanks to be cleaned and 26 have already been done. One resident on West Shore Drive has not complied and has not dug out the access to the septic tank, which needs to be done by

the end of the season. Celeste has called this homeowner but there has been no response. A second reminder will go out.

There is one homeowner that has not complied during the fiscal year of 2014 – 2015.

When there is non-compliance of septic tank cleaning, there is a second notice that is sent in April. If the homeowner has still not complied, a certified letter will be sent notifying the resident that the septic has to be cleaned by June 30<sup>th</sup>. If still no compliance, the Board will begin to enforce the by-laws, which allow a \$25 per day fine and ultimately legal action.

#### **E. ROAD COMMITTEE**

No committee.

A member reported that the trees have been removed on East Shore and also reported that Pete Santoro will start the drainage project on East Shore the week after Thanksgiving.

The West Shore tree removal project has yet to be scheduled.

#### **F. LAKE REPORT:**

No report from Scott Sherman.

DAM REPORT: Lloyd Pearson not present.

#### **G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

#### **H. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Alan Stokke reported that the missing statements for January, February and March of 2012 were found and will be presented to Sheri Berger. The Board will ask Sheri for a written report of the audit for HLA records.

#### **I. WEB REPORT**

WEBSITE: No report.

FACEBOOK: No report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Approval documents for 5 Ledge Road were received from Jim Puska.

The Board did receive the certified green card from its letter to the Cassella family. The Board will continue to monitor and document the drainage and water flow in front of 12 Shore Drive and around that area, particularly in the spring, to see whether or not the water flows to the catch basin.

There was a discussion regarding a tree that is leaning near the dam and finds that it is within the HLA dam area. It was suggested it be taken down. There was a Motion to have this tree removed at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, which monies will be allotted from the dam maintenance line item. The Motion was made by Scott Sherman and seconded, and the motion passed.

Blight: Some properties still need cleanup.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

After discussion of snowplowing services for the upcoming winter, a Motion was made to Accept Pete Santoro's contract for snowplowing this winter. Scott Sherman seconded the motion. So moved.

Also, residents are reminded not to rake leaves into the culverts, into the streets, into the lake or into the dam spillway.

***AT 8:25 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD ON NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 WAS ADJOURNED.***

***THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. AT BURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.***

Respectfully submitted

Carmela Della Mura  
Recording Secretary