

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 26th, 2015
APPROVED MINUTES

OPENING:

President Laura Jenner called the regular monthly Board meeting of the Hidden Lake Association to order at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26th, 2015 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Lloyd Pearson, Board Member (Term Expires 2015)
Mary Shea, Board Member (Term Expires 2016)
Scott Sherman, Board Member (Term Expires 2017)
Charlene Baulski, Tax Collector
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Celeste Benoit
Phyllis Teixeira
Dale Fiore

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 19th, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved and will be posted on the HLA website. The Motion to Approve the November minutes was made by Mary Shea and seconded by Cathy Serino.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Stokke discussed each of the treasurer's reports for the months of November, December, January and February. He explained all checks written and there was a Motion to accept these reports and the motion was seconded.

C. TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Charlene Baulski reported that she had provided Sheri Berger with three fiscal period reports and is working on the present report. Charlene has asked the Town of Haddam for a list of the liens put on properties by the Association for non-payment of taxes or fees, and will submit the list to the Association. Alan requested Charlene to submit a total grand list and a list of overdue taxes for his review.

D. SEPTIC REPORT

Celeste Benoit reported that letters would go out July 1st for the list of septic tanks that need to be cleaned this year. One property has an issue that will be checked when the ground warms up.

E. ROAD COMMITTEE

No committee. Mary Shea reported the following:

EAST SHORE: Mary had a map of the East Shore Area on Second and Third Streets. There was extensive discussion of the path of water that needs to be addressed to resolve flooding issues in that area. Mary has spoken to residents there and further discussion of this issue is required.

WEST SHORE: The guard railing has not yet been installed. Mary will speak to Pete Santoro as to when this can be done.

Some of the streets are uneven and possible mitering of some areas was suggested to make snowplowing easier.

There were several calls received regarding the road breaking up at Cross St. and West Shore Dr. The Board will check all streets for damage from the past winter and decide how this matter will be resolved.

Mary reported that Pete Santoro might not submit a bid for snowplowing next year.

F. LAKE REPORT:

Scott Sherman will contact Lycott regarding this summer's treatment of the lake.

DAM REPORT: Lloyd Pearson submitted the dam inspection report by Karl Acimovic, P.E. which is now available on the HLA website.

Lloyd reported that an inspection was done in December, and we are all caught up with the State regulations. Emergency operation was found to be okay. The inspection is good for five years. The dam was found to be in good shape with minor issues, such as the need for caulking separations in the dam, which needs to be done before the 5-year inspection is done again. Lloyd reports that the vegetation on the side of the dam, which is on private property, needs to be addressed.

G. BY-LAW COMMITTEE

No report. By-law Committee still needed.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Sheri Berger was not present at this meeting

I. WEB REPORT

WEBSITE: Up to date.

FACEBOOK: Mary reported many people visiting the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alan Stokke discussed the usage of snowmobiles on the lake. Snowmobiles and motorized vehicles are not allowed on the lake as per Hidden Lake by-laws. As there are association members fishing and skating on the lake, snowmobiles present a danger to those members, as well as danger to the snowmobiler. As the lake does not fully freeze and black ice forms in many places on the lake, the snowmobilers are endangering themselves as well.

Members who ignore the Hidden Lake by-laws **may have their lake privileges revoked, as the lake belongs to the Association.** Further ways to prohibit violation of the by-laws will be looked into, possibly a conversation with our attorney and/or the Connecticut State Police as to how to proceed with enforcing the rules of the Association. **All for the safety of the association members who fish and skate, as well as the safety of the members who are violating the by-laws by using the snowmobiles, who may be unaware of the danger of thin ice areas on the lake.**

There was a Motion for the Association to speak with our attorney and/or Connecticut State Police regarding a notice to be sent to members of the Hidden Lake Association to remind them that the by-laws prohibit use of any motorized recreational vehicles on the lake. The Motion was passed.

Alan brought up the issue of the new budget and extensive discussion followed. Alan discussed the road issues and road chip sealing amounts and money was allocated in the new budget for repairs.

AT 8:08 P.M. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED. THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION HELD MARCH 26TH, 2015 WAS ADJOURNED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. AT BURR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 17TH, 2015 AT HADDAM TOWN HALL ANNEX, TURKEY HILL ROAD, (NEXT TO THE OLD JAIL HOUSE) AT 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmela Della Mura, Recording Secretary