

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2009

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on June 15, 2009 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum, CT by President Laura Jenner.

Present: Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Charlene Baulski, Recording Secretary
Celeste Benoit, 3-year Board Member
Bill Carson, Board Member
Philip Porriello, Board Member
John and Dorothy Church
Warren Minkler
Wayne Keeler

A. Announcements

Board member Dudley Root is in critical condition due to automobile accident.

To reserve the Haddam Town Hall building for future annual meetings, a \$50 (cash) deposit is required which is thereafter refunded.

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Bill Carson to ratify payment for the tree removal. Motion passed.

Correction to item #4 paragraph 4, "Peter Curran contracted road sweeping...".

Board accepted the meeting minutes of April 27, 2009.

C. Treasurer Report

Treasurers' report for Month Ending May 31, 2009 submitted. Board accepted the Treasurers Report.

D. Tax Collector Report

Tax collector report submitted by Bill Carson in Dudley Root's absence: Current to date \$49,430.98; Liens and Back \$1549.70; total \$49,979.78.

Ratification made for Bill Carson to be acting "temporary" Tax Collector Chair until permanent Tax Collector position can be filled. Bill will work with Peter Curran who has electronically stored the Tax Collector data. Tax bills are ready to go and will be mailed July 1, 2009. Note made that Town has already sent tax notices.

Action items:

- Town Clerk requests an HLA Tax Collector "transfer of duties".
- Fill board position of Tax Collector. (Knowledge in MS Access a plus).

E. Road and Drainage Report, Philip Porriello

Road patching is scheduled.

Working on guidelines for future plow and sanding requirements for quotes.

West Shore Drive, Fairview Road and Cross Avenue: Looking into resolution of drainage and road bed improvement.

East Shore Drive and Lake Point drainage work is still out for quote.

East Shore foliage blind spot was inspected. Need to determine if the arborvitaes (or trees) are on HLA property. Proposal made to write a letter to the property owners to make them aware of the issue.

Shore Drive and White Birch Trail drainage issues to be discussed.

F. Lake Report, Bill Carson

Crack repair work completed on dam; sealed by Mr. Porriello per the advice of the State Engineer Inspector.

The first chemical application by Lycott Environmental is scheduled for June 22, 2009. Mr. Carson attended the town Inland Wetland meeting on June 8, 2009. Our state permit overrides the need for any additional town permits. Notices (or signs) will be displayed at all entries. There is a (1) day restrictions on swimming. Wells are not impacted. Only effects plant life. This application is for (1) type of Lily pad plant only. North cove will not be treated. Another survey will be done after the treatment to plan next steps.

Water testing will be scheduled in July 2009.

G. Dam Safety Regulation Report, submitted by John Church

On June 12, 2009 a HLA Dam meeting was held with Engineer, Karl Acimovic at the site of the dam. Attending were Philip Porriello, Lloyd Pearson, Wayne Keeler, Warren Minkler and John Church. Our Dam is classified as Class B. DEP *typically* requires owners of Class B and C hazard classification dams to prepare individual Operations & Maintenance manuals for their dams.

Action items:

- Decide next steps.
- Continue to work on a detailed emergency plan.

H. Septic Report, Bill Carson

Septic schedule for 2009 is to be posted on HLA web site. Postcards will also be mailed to property owners.

The property of 223 Hidden Lake Road is two years overdue. Chatham Health District has been notified.

Action items:

- Laura to send letter to Chatham Health District for follow up.

I. Open Issues

Wayne Keeler for the record expressed concern of the protection of his property rights.

Action items:

- Survey to be done using map presented with pin locations to determine property vs. dam.

It was also noted that the recent map of our dam shows the spillway mis-located.

J. New Business

Request made by John Baulski to have the contractor that does the drainage work on East Shore/Lake Point use a backhoe on East Shore Beach and restructure the beach area as it has eroded due to runoff. He is not looking to have sand added to the water.

Beach areas have been cleaned up by HLA volunteers. There are still some abandon boat that need to be cleaned up.

John Church asked if he could examine our insurance policies (relative to Liability insurance). The board approved. Copies of our insurance policies will be submitted to Mr. Church for review.

Motion made to allocate Benevolence, donations to be disbursed \$100 to Haddam Ambulance and \$100 to Haddam Fire Department. Motion approved.

K. Agenda for Next Meeting

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Laura Jenner. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 31, 2009 at Burr Elementary School in Higganum, CT.

Minutes submitted by: Charlene Baulski, Recording Secretary

Approved: By board vote, on August 31, 2009