

Hidden Lake Association

Regular Meeting

April 30, 2012

Opening:

The Regular meeting of the Hidden Lake Association was called to order at 6:45 pm on Monday April 30, 2012 at the Burr School, Route 81, Higganum, CT by President Laura Jenner.

Present:

Laura Jenner, President
Catherine Serino, Vice President
Alan Stokke, Treasurer
Kim Wishart, Secretary
Scott Sherman, 1 year Board Member
Mary Shea, 2-year Board Member
Celeste Benoit, 3-year Board Member
Wayne Keeler, Past President,

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of March 26th 2012. Motion carried to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

B. Treasurer Report

Bills paid were for plowing, administrative supplies and expenses was for a total of 475.38 for the month. Discussion was held regarding the sum of money needed for next years' budget to complete the road drainage issues.

Total bank balances: \$136,279.44

Total Reserves: \$113,207.18

C. Tax Collector Report

The total tax revenue collected in April was \$3167.57. The total tax revenue collected for fiscal year was \$46, 665.44. Charlene mailed 15 PAST DUE FINAL NOTICE statements and 5 new balance payments made but principal and/or interest due today. She still needs to create one PAST DUE FINAL NOTICE for Road Access Fee for property on 1st Avenue.

D. Septic Report

Celeste has received the final report from Chatham Health to complete the 2012 Septic Pumping Report. All septic systems on the list to be pumped for 2011 were pumped and reported to be functioning properly.

E. Road Committee

Road Commissioner and/or committee still needed.

1. Mary gave report of quotes from Peter Santoro which includes regrading and paving the catch basin at the intersection of Shore Dr. and White Birch Trail. We are still within the budget from last year for road drainage.
2. Mary also has a quote from Peter Santoro which includes installing a post and sign at East Shore Dr, straightening mail boxes at Shore Dr/Hidden Lake intersection (west end), and straightening post at beach gate at West Shore Drive Beach. Entire quote is \$330.00.
3. Discussion was held regarding scheduling a “pick up” of sticks, branches and brush that was downed during the Hurricane. The options we have considered are #1 to hire a truck and the manual labor to pick up the debris or #2 a wood chipper. We will have this discussion at the Annual Meeting to find out what date and what option would be best for Association Members.
4. A letter was sent to Property Owner at 78 West Shore regarding removal of personal property. The camper and the car have been removed. Mary will ask Peter Santoro to return the cement posts and telephone poles to be able to restore that area to a watershed area.

F. Lake Committee

We discussed the different treatment options for weed treatment for the lake this year. Our recommendation for this year’s plan is

Option B: floating pond weed/ribbon weed \$850.00/acre for minimum of at least \$1500.00.

And consider Option C: yellow and white water lilies and water shield \$1250/day (last year required 3 visits) ...later on in the season if the lilies and water shield become a problem.

We will proceed with Lake testing this year per the By-laws.

The Board is recommending \$15,000 this year for lake treatment.

G. Bylaw Committee

Bylaw Committee still needed.

H. Audit Committee

Auditing of fiscal year of July 1st 2010-June 30 2011 has been performed by Wayne and Elaine Keeler. A discrepancy of \$10.00 was found, in favor of HLA. This will be reviewed with the bank to resolve the discrepancy.

I. Web site Committee

Mary shared the completed article on HLA history, which was originally written by the Haddam Historical Society. Al will be posting this to the web site.

New Business:

The Board received a request from Kate Rader, 32 Lone Pine Trail to extend/build a deck to the existing deck, a proposal for a pad for a hot tub and request to build a dock with a ramp. We need more information about the size of the dock and the distance from the deck to the water.

Agenda for the Annual meeting, new election of officers, Meetings will be changed to the last Wednesday of each month. The next monthly board meeting of HLA is June 27th 2012. (Mary Shea has offered her house because Burr School will be closed.)

The board discussed the budget for next year to be presented to the Association at the Annual Meeting on Sunday May 19, 2012.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm by Laura Jenner.

Minutes submitted by
Kim Wishart,
Recording Secretary