

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday December 20, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris Vachon, President; Fern Fisher, Treasurer (Zoom); Mike Belanger, Secretary Fred Pasler, Waterfront Director (Zoom).

Guests: Joe Traniello, Richard Doherty (Zoom), Kristen McCormick (Zoom).

Address needs and concerns of guests, if applicable.

Richard and Kristen presented their initial thoughts on a community wood bank for HLA or for the town of Stoddard. A wood bank is successfully run by The Grapevine, a family and resource center in Antrim, NH. We need to find out if there is demand for this in HLA. Several avenues to try to determine demand are to survey the membership through the website or Facebook, survey people at the Food Bank, survey the town welfare officer.

Joe Traniello wanted to cite Jesse Pollock for contributions he has made to HLA. Also, Joe inquired about the Emergency management idea that had been proposed by Trevor Anderson.

1. Acceptance of board minutes from November.

Chris motion to approve, Mike seconded. Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report by Fern:

- Financials (rounded to nearest dollar):

○ Checking	\$130,740
○ Waterfront	\$8,432
○ Playground	\$2,808
○ Rainy Day	\$15,607
○ Pre-Pay Savings	\$1,150
○ Capital Expense	\$23,088
○ CD	\$39,237

- Lien/Collection/Payment Plan Updates –

Chris: two past balances wrapped up last month, he will release the two liens related to those. We expect two more past due balances will be off the books this coming month. Chris will be working with Gary and Michelle to get top four balances moved towards judgement and final liens for 2022 placed.

- Tax Updates –

Chris has been on the phone with the IRS regarding the prior year's un-recorded return. Access to the branch we need to speak to is limited.

3. Committee Reports

- Recreation Updates by Chris: heating repair is resolved and paid. Joe is working on screen repairs. Fred advised that we submit a permit request for tennis court project work soon, Chris suggested waiting until we get into 2023.

- Waterfront Updates by Fred: Fred and Chris have copies of the dam inspection report. Chris to distribute to the Board. The Dam Bureau is suggesting that we consider removing the beaver deceiver/flow control device - they did not approve and require a letter from a registered P.E. Chris will invite Steve from the Dam Bureau to meet with us to explain what is required (maybe at the January or February meeting). Chris will forward to Board the H.L. Turner quote. We need to be better educated on what is required from the Dam Bureau and Wetlands Bureau before we present at the June membership meeting.
- Road Updates: the consensus is that the plowing contractor has been doing a nice job but their timing in the mornings has been a little later than desired. The back to back storms and new crew members slowed the clean-up. Roads must be a priority and not driveways. Red Coat and several other roads took a long time to clear. The town did a very poor job of clearing Kings Highway to the Town Hall - Fern to email Michele and the Select Board.
- Road Sign Updates: one sign is missing; Chris is working with Michele to move forward.
- Policy + Bylaw Committee Update by Chris:

There was a meeting on the 19th. Drafts to be shared with the Board. Topics covered to date: Building policy, commercial activity policy, ethics policy, Hidden Lake usage policy, signage policy – Chris to forward notes.

Topics already addressed: Dangerous noise policy, easement/setback policy, animal policy.

Re: the animal policy – the town does not know if the town leash law policy was actually enacted as proposed in 2005. Chris has an email in to the Stoddard Animal Control Officer (Margo) for clarification. Chris does have a copy of the state Leash Law: NH RSA 466:30-a.

A January meeting is planned to look at Road Usage – how do we address logging trucks, etc., with this excessive wear and tear?

- Legal Updates – Chris: no updates other than what was discussed in lien/collections.
- Violation Updates – Chris has not received copies of surveys yet.

4. New Business – “nothing”

5. Unfinished Business and Other Updates

- Director Recruitment: Chris to send out an email to the neighborhood.
- Landscaping/Mowing Recruitment
- HLA Sign at entrance of Kings Highway: Chris to follow up with Mikki.
- Camper Removal – End of Season: some have been removed; some are an on-going saga.
- New Member Kit/Video (HLA Covenants, Bylaws, Policies): “nothing at this time”

Next Board Meeting: January 17, 2023

Board Meeting Adjourned: Chris motion to approve, Mike seconded. Adjourned.