

# HLPA Board Meeting Minutes 8/9/2020

## Attendees:

Mary Gentzke  
Tony Mendicino  
Lisa Eckam  
Sharon Helbig

Steve Corey  
Chris Bennett

## Absent:

Tim Fess  
Michael Philipson  
Dennis Griffin

## **Minutes from 7/12/2020**

Minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to approve 7/12/2020 minutes by Mary Gentzke and seconded by Tony Mendicino. All in favor.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Chris Bennett reported we have collected \$72,257.65 in membership dues and \$986.25 in late fees for 2020. The expenses are \$56,791.45 paid to date. There are four (4) members remaining who have not paid their dues for this year only. The total number of members who have not paid their dues for more than one year is ten (10). After September 1<sup>st</sup>, penalties will be applied to all late dues owed in the amount of 10%.

There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Lisa Eckam and seconded by Steve Corey. All in favor

## **Roads Report:**

The board discussed some small projects Tim Wurzer is completing for us to improve the roads after the torrential downpours in the last week or two. Other than that, all is well with the roads.

## **Shoreline Report:**

Tony Mendicino reported George and Lori Hatch have done a great job identifying all the existing slip spaces and who they belong to. The Shoreline Committee has listed everyone who has to move. There are twenty (20) who need to move their equipment, etc. either slightly or some a couple feet. Tony Mendicino has developed a letter to be sent to those affected. Sharon Helbig will get the letter ready for mailing to specific individuals.

There are currently ten (10) members waiting for a slip space.

## **Parks and Recreation Report:**

Chris Bennett reported for Tim Fess that the new sand for the beach has been delivered. He is looking into the cost to redo the playground area perimeter and putting down pea gravel instead of mulch. The pea gravel gets hot in the sun and therefore, kills the weeds and eliminates the need for weeding. He will report back at our next meeting.

## **Website Report: No Report.**

## **Open Discussion:**

### **Shoreline Restoration:**

Lisa Eckam reported that we hired a surveyor to complete the shoreline survey for the "mean high water mark." This is necessary to obtain our permits for the shoreline restoration project. The surveyors were here and noted 1,500 data points along the whole shoreline. They are now plotting the data points on the maps. This will assist us in identifying what can be done without a permit and what will require a permit from the DEC. Above the "mean high water mark" is ok to repair without a permit. However, below the "mean high water mark" requires a permit and DEC involvement. Once we obtain the permit, it is good for approximately 2 ½ years with extensions. This will work well for us as we cannot do the whole shoreline at once due to expense concerns.

Chris Bennett looked into timbers to replace some of the existing ones on the north end that are creating a dangerous situation. He found 8X8X8 "locust" timbers for \$55.00 each that should last at least 30-40 years. The vendor also has 8X8X8 "larch, white oak and hemlock" timbers for \$30.00 each that should last 20-30 years. If the timbers are all under water, they should last 50-60 years. Once we have the survey back, we can look into this further.

It was agreed, once we have the survey back, we will put together a comprehensive plan, including, stages, communication, materials, cost breakdown for each section, timing, etc.

**Election:**

The HPLA election for Board Members is scheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the park at the picnic table. The following individuals will be in attendance: Chris Bennett, Tony Mendicino, Lisa Eckam and Sharon Helbig.

The election results from August 15th are as follows:

Total number of voters – 26 (out of 235 member households)

- 2021 Budget                      25 Yes Votes    96% of those who voted
  
- Board Member Votes
  - Michael Philipson    22 votes              85% of those who voted
  - Tim Fess                24 votes              92% of those who voted
  - Tony Mendicino      24 votes              92% of those who voted
  - No Confidence        2 votes                8% of those who voted

**Zombie Properties:**

Sharon Helbig reported she turned in a complaint form for 8509 Bellevue due to the grass not being cut in 2 months. She also followed up on the property on Charmouth Street that is supposedly going to be demolished. Spencer Shumway will look into both of these items.

There was a question about the property on Rochester Street that has been half finished for at least 4 – 5 years. There is an unregistered vehicle in the driveway, half finished porch/patio, docks and hoist in the yard for 4 – 5 years. It was agreed we should send a letter to find out what the owner intends to do with the property in the future. It is becoming an eyesore with overgrown weeds, etc. Sharon Helbig will draft a letter and send to the board for approval.

Mary Gentzke brought up an item from one of our members regarding the shoreline. They were wondering why the HPLA does not have the weeds removed from the shoreline. We would have to look into the cost to do this, but it is expected that it will be quite expensive unless we can get volunteers from the community to take on the task. It would have to be done repeatedly to make any kind of impact.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Chris Bennett and seconded by Steve Corey. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10:00am at the Helbig residence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Helbig  
Secretary, HPLA Board