HLPA Board Meeting Minutes 4/5/21

Attendees:Absent:Member Guests:Mary GentzkeLisa EckamChris BennettJohn McGrathSharon HelbigTim FessBonnie Washburn

Michael Philipson Steve Corey
Dennis Griffin Tony Mendicino

Member Guest Conversations:

John McGrath was interested in the status of the waiting list and finding additional dock/hoist spaces to accommodate that list. We discussed this in detail and it was decided to take the conversation off line with Tony Mendicino and Steve Corey. John McGrath volunteered to join the Shoreline Committee to assist with finding spaces.

Bonnie Washburn wanted to bring to our attention to some trees across from her home in the park that have been attacked by the woodpecker. She feels the trees are now dead. The Board of Directors agreed to look at the trees and, to then make a determination whether they need to be taken down. Bonnie also requested access to the member list. We explained, due to the privacy laws, we could not share it with her.

Minutes from 3/1/21

Minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to approve 3/1/21 minutes by Dennis Griffin and seconded by Steve Corey. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Dennis Griffin reported we have collected \$65,651.92 in membership dues and \$3,639.08 in late fees. This represents 96.7% of our revenue budget. There are twenty-one (21) members who have not paid their dues for this year, except for the habitual non-payers with liens on their properties. This number is now down to nine (9) who have not paid their dues for multiple years.

Dennis Griffin reported the insurance bill was paid. There is a charge of \$21.20 that was categorized incorrectly. Dennis will make sure it gets moved to Office expense.

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

Roads Report:

Connors Paving will be starting on the new aprons soon. Sherbrooke Street will be done first and then Hamilton Street and Oxford Street. Dennis Griffin and Sharon Helbig went around and checked all the streets and any tree trimming that might be necessary. All in all, the roads are not very bad. Just the normal potholes after winter. Dennis will get an estimate from Cratsley for the stone and will touch base with Tim Wurzer when he returns from his trip regarding the spreading of the stone.

The only concern regarding tree trimming is the corner of Columbia Street and Rochester Street. The rocks and bushes need to be removed/trimmed back. Steve Corey offered to speak with the member/owner of the property on the corner.

Shoreline Report:

Tony Mendicino reported the book with the pictures and locations of all dock/hoists is at Sharon Helbig's house for Steve Corey to pick up. Steve Corey and Tony Mendicino will be meeting to work on the waiting list and do a soft handoff. Tony Mendicino's work responsibilities are much increased due to Covid. He finds it necessary to relinquish his role managing the shoreline committee. He will assist Steve Corey when he can. There are 13 members on the waiting list for docks/hoists.

We again discussed the idea of a community dock somewhere on the shoreline within the association. There were many items discussed regarding this that seem to make it almost impossible to do. We discussed members paying to have their dock spaces, but this would need to be a By-Law/Rule change. We also discussed having a dock for kayaks/canoes/fishing, so we can utilize the dock/slip spaces currently put in for these reasons for members with boats. It was also suggested we think about having mooring of boats. We would need to check with the DEC regarding this and also put together a cost. We will continue to explore ideas to alleviate the waiting list.

Parks and Recreation Report:

Tim Fess obtained a quote to get the playground area redone with pea stone. He also got an estimate to redo the backboards. We would replace the rims with breakaway rims (\$130.00 - \$700.00). Tim Fess also mentioned someone painted on the new concrete at the basketball court. We will attempt to remove the paint.

Website Report:

Michael Philipson reported all is well on the website and there is nothing new.

Open Discussion:

Annual Newsletter:

We discussed the annual newsletter. All information was submitted to Michael Philipson to put the newsletter together. He has it almost finished and will send to Staples to be copied. Sharon Helbig will pick it up and get it ready for mailing.

Shoreline Restoration:

We have taken care of the needed restoration at Eagle Point. We will keep an eye on it and as needed do what is necessary to repair. Sharon Helbig sent an email reminder regarding roads and shoreline/docks/hoists. Dennis Griffin went to the Fire Department to speak with them regarding the hydrant on the shoreline of the north end. Nobody was there. He will continue to attempt to speak with someone regarding the status of that hydrant.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Time Fess and seconded by Dennis Griffin. All in favor.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2021 at 6:00pm via a zoom call. Lisa Eckam will send an email invite to everyone prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Helbig Secretary, HLPA Board