

# HLPA Board Meeting Minutes 10/2/23

## Attendees:

Michael Philipson  
Lisa Eckam  
John McGrath  
Dennis Griffin

## Absent:

Mary Gentzke  
Tony Mendicino  
Tim Fess

## Guests:

Scott Biggars

## **Minutes from 9/11/23**

Minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to approve 9/11/23 minutes by John McGrath and seconded by Dennis Griffin. All in favor.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Dennis Griffin reported that we have had no payments coming. School tax bill of \$4500 was paid.

A request was made to get a quote from our snowplow contractor for speed bump removal.

Lisa Eckam to get the debit card from Sharon Helbig.

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

## **Roads Report:**

Princeton and Harvard are done. Tim Fess to advise if Columbia was done.

Michael Philipson is working on printing up signs for restoration this week.

Discussed where to store speedbumps once removed. Talked about putting them next to the HLPAs shed or at the beach near the kayak rack. It was decided to put them next to the kayak rack.

Rugby drainage issues was discussed again. Per Tim Fess, there is no change from the Town on getting assistance. Tim Fess to follow up again.

Bellevue Bridge was also brought up. Discussed getting bids in for addressing replacement.

The willow tree on Rochester Street (south end) was discussed. Lisa Eckam to follow up with Sharon Helbig on the status.

**Shoreline Report:** No Report

## **Parks and Recreation Report:**

John McGrath reported the park is in good shape. There is a concern about apple trees. Tim Fess to look into taking down.

## **Website Report:**

Shoreline Restoration link on website to be approved tonight.  
Michael to send the link to approve from board.

## **Open Discussion:**

Special Guest, Scott Biggars, had questions as to what the shoreline will look like after the restoration is completed. He expressed concerns about how the docks will rest on the new shoreline. Scott has removed his bench in front of his slip space but left the flag. Michael addressed the goal of the restoration and how docks are intended to rest on shore vs a deck. Scott also brought up concern for

Michael and John also reiterated the importance of sharing docks.

100 Year Anniversary was discussed. Target date for the celebration is August 30, 2024. Signage was discussed as well. Lisa and the committee to work with the Town and Historical Society on signage. Placing a plaque in the park marking the anniversary was also discussed.

**Executive Session:**

At this point the Board of Directors went into an Executive Session to handle other matters of the board and elect the officers.

We received Sharon Helbig's resignation as HLPAs Secretary. Discussed potential candidates to fill her position. Lisa to reach out to members. Redirecting Sharon's emails to [info@hlpny.com](mailto:info@hlpny.com) was also discussed. Michael to address.

A member expressed concerns about the shoreline restoration. Indicated that a 20%-member vote was needed. Bylaws were reviewed and a 20%-member vote is not in our bylaws.

**Shoreline Restoration:**

We are still in the process of working with Seawalls to obtain the permit from the DEC to begin restoration. Joe Eckam to contact Seawalls to get an estimated timeframe on starting this project and a quote for top soil. Joe also to investigate pipe extensions.

Tim Fess to talk to Michael's neighbor about the cost of hydro seeding once the project is complete. Tim also will talk with the Sewer Dept about staging for the restoration project.

There was a motion made by Michael Philipson to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Tim Fess. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:**

Please note: Our next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. This meeting will be held virtually. Please check your email for the link to the meeting from Lisa Eckam.

Lisa Eckam

VP, HLPAs