

## By-Law Committee Report

**TO:** Board of Governors – Hidden Lake Association  
**FROM:** Bob Kiehm  
**SUBJECT:** By Law Committee Report  
**DATE:** 5/03/2022

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The By-Law Committee held a meeting on May 2, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Present at the meeting: Cindi Porriello, Jean Cassella, James Nicholson, Bob Kiehm, and President Jay Cassella. Heather Edelson participate via conference call.

The committee reviewed the below listed by-laws:

Section 23	Vice President
Section 34	Signing of Checks
Section 42-B	Pets on the Beaches
Section 5	Definitions - Vote
Section 51	Mobile Home

The committee discussed Section 23 and Section 34. By-law changes were submitted to a Special Meeting on June 28, 2021. These by-laws were amended by the association members present and approved. Other changes to these sections were reviewed and the decision not to forward these changes at this time.

The committee discussed the difference between absentee ballot and a proxy representative. There was also a review of section 1 of our charter in reference to proxy voting. An email from Alan Stokke concerning the language of this section was shared with the committee. Mr. Stokke had provided a Legislative Research opinion (reference report 2017-R-0252) about the use of Absentee Ballots by a Special Taxing District. After some discussion the committee conclude that absentee ballots are not permitted; however, proxy representation was permitted by our charter. A by-law change was proposed and adopted by the committee and was be forwarded to the President to be included for approval at the annual meeting.

A request was made by Dan Salafra for a by-law change to allow dogs on the beach during the off-swimming season. James Nicholson provided a draft of a suggested change. The committee discussed the issue using Legislative Research report (reference 2014-R-133), information from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's website and Connecticut State Statue {section 23-4-1(f)}. A by-law change was drafted and approved by the committee and forward to the President to be included for approval at the upcoming annual meeting.

The committee reviewed Section 51 Mobile Home and could not agree on the proper terminology. It was determined to table this subject.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Kiehlm  
Chairman By Law Committee