

HLA Lake Committee Meeting

Called 6:35 PM

Members present are in bold:

Sheri Berger, Anthony Grandazzo, Jay Cassella, Victoria Nicholson, James Nicholson, David Chalifoux

- Weed prevention 2nd application:
 - Subsurface weed issue discussed, Action Item David to contact Nick w/ P&L CLOSED
 - Water testing the first week of August for ecoli only, Action Item Victoria, Jim
- HLA Boat stickers:
 - From BOG meeting minutes July 2017, "All boats on Hidden Lake shall have stickers"
- Tree removal at dam spillway:
 - Under contract, coordination with engineer is TBD
- Beach Signs:
 - Work crews are scarce due to labor recruit issues
 - Need funding approval for six 4X4X8ft posts
- Beach Erosion:
 - Shore beach is doing well, most likely from the installation of the Geo-grid
 - West Shore beach, possible candidate for a swale and or Geo-grid due to erosion
 - East Shore beach, is on hold due to the rock pile
- Sheri is creating a lake info database as recommended by Aquatic Ecosystem Resource (AER)
- The Lake Committee has put together a document based on the CT DEEP recommendations. There will be future installments of the summary included in these minutes for information to the HLA members.

Lawn and Garden:

- Fertilizers and pesticides are harmful to the environment. Please refrain from using either. Lake muck has two benefits, when you gather it you are increasing the lake depth and it is excellent compost that improves soil and supplies nutrients to garden plants.
- **Fertilizer use:** It is best not to use any fertilizers because if it helps grow your lawn and plants, it helps grow weeds in the lake as well. If you must use fertilizer – have your soil tested first so the proper amount can be applied, and only use fertilizers which have no phosphorus (the middle number on the fertilizer bag) as even a little phosphorus may contribute to algae and weed growth in District waters.

- **Pesticides (insecticides, fungicides):** is likewise to fertilizers. If it can control pest population it to can disturb the natural ecological balance in the lake resulting in negative effects

Meeting Closed 8:00 PM