



# “ On The Agenda”

November 13, 2017

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## Monthly Meeting

This months meeting is scheduled for:

**November 27, 2017 at 7pm**

The location: **The Burr Elementary School in the library.** It will be posted on the webpage and facebook as well. Our discussion on lake drawdown will continue. Landscaping around Hidden lake property will be discussed.

**Note:** if for any reason the meeting location is changed a sign will be posted on the school doors

## “In the know..”

As the questionnaires enclosed with our tax bills continue to come in, the communications list is growing and soon we can convey to all association members, any pertinent information that the Board of Governors may have regarding upcoming projects. The more information the board can gather from all association members, the greater the chance of making sound and acceptable decisions for all.

## Classifieds

**Help wanted:** Volunteers to help clean the edges of the water at South Cove and West cove where the lake meets Hidden Lake Road. Weather permitted, we could set a time for the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd.

## “On the Waterfront”

I would like to thank the Lake Committee members on their tireless efforts for the information regarding the need and the safety of winter drawdowns of the lake.

There was also discussion regarding a five year plan to restore Hidden Lake. This plan is in the works and will be presented at the March 2018 Board of Governors meeting.

You may have noticed the lake has been lowered once again. This is to accommodate the Town of Haddam for a safe paving project on the southern section Hidden Lake Road. I have been told by Chris Corsa, the Assistant Director of the Haddam Public Works department, the paving will be this week. As I sit here on Monday and see no progress, I guess all we can do is cross our fingers.

You may have also notice some stumps removed and sitting at South Cove, which means the stump puller is working. After winters hold, we will be back out there to pull more.

The lake will be lowered to a level that exposes approximately twenty five feet along the majority of shoreline the and will remain that level until March 1, 2018. This will allow for freezing of weeds. Please take advantage of this time, to clean the shoreline in your area.

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# “ On The Agenda ”

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## Monthly Meeting

This months meeting is scheduled for:

**October 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

The location: **The Burr Elementary School in the library.** It will be posted on the webpage and facebook. The future schedule for monthly meetings has been set and will be held on the last Monday of every month until the Annual meeting in May 2018, unless otherwise posted. There will be no meeting in December.

## Boat Stickers

In the envelope with your tax bills was a information request sheet. I want to thank the members who have already graciously participated by filling out the questionnaire. This is going to benefit all of us in the future. We continue to get returns and once we receive a majority of them back we can begin to distribute the stickers.

## In the Know...

The second reason for these questionnaires is for communication. With this information we can finally convey any information from **your** Board of Governors. There are important topics that involve all of us. Even though you may not be able to attend the monthly meetings to learn about these topics being discussed and decided on in **your** behalf, doesn't mean you don't have a voice. It is important for all of us to be involved in the decisions being made.

## On the waterfront

At the September Board of Governors meeting, the subject of lowering the lake was brought to the board by the lake committee. Further information had to be gathered before voting.

October 5th the proposal went to the board for an online vote. The motion included lowering of the lake to accommodate the request from the Town of Haddam for the paving project on Hidden Lake Road. Secondly, the motion was to keep the lake down for purpose of the lake committee's planned weed and stump removal, plus to allow for a long overdue freeze of the roots of the weeds.

Despite the fact that the lake committee had evidence of the benefits of a winter drawdown, the Board of Governor's, by majority vote was "no" to the motion in it's entirety. The vote ended up to be split by a "yes" to lowering the lake for the sake of the road crew and "no" to lowering for stump removal and weed freeze. It appears, some board members are apposed to cleaning the lake.

## Classifieds

We are looking for a fully insured professional trees service to cut and trim some trees in the community.

There is also a need for a landscaping company to clean the brush and debris from the spillway of the damn.

If anyone knows of a professional who can provide us these services, please feel free to them call me at 860-388-7521. Jay Cassella

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# “On The Agenda”

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## Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting is scheduled for:

**September 25, 2017**

The location will be announced at a later date. It will be posted on the webpage and facebook.

The topics for this meeting will be a continuance of the discussions regarding road repairs and lake improvements. These two subjects are the most important for the future of Hidden Lake and the value they create to our community.

## Lake Report

On Sept 8th, seven of the lake committee volunteers had a meeting to discuss the plan of action for this fall and winter. After hashing over all the information gathered between them and myself, the decision was unanimous. The committee will be recommending to the board to lower the lake so cleanup can begin. This lowering will be for a much longer period of time to allow for a potentially longer freeze and create a larger kill off of weeds than we have had in the past.

The lake committee members will be submitting evidence from the state of CT as well as past surveys and reports received verifying their position, so the board will be aware of the benefits.

These members of the lake committee will also be sharing the findings regarding other aspects of mechanical weed harvesting and much removal.

As we have not yet gotten a lake committee chairman, I will be acting as that chairman for the time being.

## Weed Workout

We are initiating a new workout program. If you see the new work barge out on the lake, please come join us for a weed pulling workout. The program is designed for all ages and all boat owners. Simply row out to where the barge is. That's the first part of the exercise program. Now, follow the barge as it cuts the weeds. As you see the cut weeds simply bend to the left and grab a handful. Next, bend to the right and grab a handful.

It's simple. It's easy. It's affordable.

See you at the ~~Gym~~ Lake !

## Communications

I hope everyone received a copy of the first issue of the “On the Agenda” newsletter and that the information boxes were helpful in getting the word out.

I will make every attempt to create a new issue every month in order for all of us to be in the know.

## Tax bills

Well unfortunately, by now you probably received your tax bill. So sorry for the delay. I know we have all been waiting anxiously !!

Rest assured that in the months to come, your tax dollars will be spent wisely.

Come to the meeting on the 25th to hear what we are proposing for our most valuable resource, The Lake.

**Please don't forget to send the questionnaire back with your payment.**

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# “On The Agenda”

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## Communications

Welcome, to what I hope to be the best way to get the “word out”. My intention is to keep as many members as I can informed as to what our Board of Governors is up to. Remember, the board is here to carry out your requests.

As we move forward, I am hoping we can get more members interested in the happenings around the lake.

If you are reading this newsletter, you obviously saw the new Information Box. These boxes are attached to each mailbox hut. The information in these boxes will change periodically, so check it often and please attend the monthly meetings so your voice can be heard.

## Monthly Meeting

This months meeting will be on August 28, 2017 at the home of Phil and Cindy Porriello, 420 Hidden Lake Rd. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Please allow me to formally invite you to the August meeting and to any other meeting the board may have. I promise, I will try to make your participation as inviting as possible and still carry out the boards Agenda.

At all Board of Governor meetings, there is a period, after each board member has delivered there report and the report has been excepted, where New business, old business and special projects are discussed. This is when your voices will be heard. I will welcome any comments or suggestion you may have.

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## Tax Bills

I’m sure you have all noticed by now, the tax bills did not go out as scheduled. The bills are typically out by July 1st. The reason they have not gone out, is due to a delay in obtaining the extraction for our district, from the master list at the town tax collector in Haddam.

Charlene, the Hidden Lake tax collector has now received the list and can now mail out the 2017 Hidden Lake tax bills. Isn’t everyone excited ??

The plan is to have your tax bill to you by September 1, 2017. The new due date will be October 2, 2017.

## Volunteer Cheer

I am happy to announce, we have quite a few additional volunteers for the different committees needed to run our association. Three **cheers** for those of you who have decided to dedicate their time for a better community and we will always welcome and need more.

## Clear the Roads

You may have noticed some clearing of brush on the sides of the roads. This has all been carried out by association member volunteers. I want to thank everyone that came out to help me.

For those residents that benefited by this clean-up effort, feel free to “keep it that way”. We as volunteers will try our hardest to keep things as clean as we can.