

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Lake Chaffee Board Meeting - October 2019

Date of Meeting: October 9, 2019

Board Members Present:

Mike Panek, Tom Martin, Martin Connors, Laura Rathburn , Kathy Little, Bob Corriveau, Gerald Dufresne, Seth Kaufman, Phil Silverstein, Carol Natitus, Kari Olson, Toni Guerin,

Board Members Absent:

Ken Garee

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Sherman

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Panek at 6:34 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and amended. Changes were duly noted. Motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Bob Corriveau and seconded by Gerry Dufresne. Passed with no nays and one abstention.

3. Public Comments.

There were no comments from the public.

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported that there were 20 tax payments received for \$206. eh. There was discussion of the Treasurer's Report; amendments were identified and duly noted. Gerry Dufresne moved to accept the Treasurer's report as amended, seconded by Bob Corriveau, passed with no nays and one abstention.

5. Remarks by President:

There were no remarks by the President.

6. Correspondence:

Laura Rathburn reported receiving many routine contacts regarding tax bills or missing tax bills which she handled.

Mike received an anonymous complaint regarding vehicles parked at a residence on Maple drive. After discussion he agreed to send a letter imposing fines. He will continue to pursue a resolution of the situation.

Mike has continued to receive complaints and send correspondence regarding improperly parked trucks and trailers on Oak Drive. The constable was asked to make arrangements for towing in case of future recurrence. Furthermore, the NO PARKING sign that had been installed on Oak Drive

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46 appears to have been removed. The resident involved has expressed the intention to continue the
47 above mentioned practices.

48 49 **7. Chairperson's Reports:**

50 51 **a. Boat Launch and Boat Dock:**

52 The dock at the boat launch was cut up and removed by a work party including Bobby Guerin, Gerry
53 Dufresne, Mike Panek and Marty Connors. Mike Panek is in the process of ordering a new dock.

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55 Gerry Dufresne reported brush-hogging the area behind the dam. He will touch it up a bit in the
56 near future.

57 58 **b. Constable:**

59 Gerry Dufresne reported that things have been fairly quiet. He reported receiving a call from State
60 Police regarding a white 4-door Saturn has been seen breaking into vehicles and garages, and
61 stealing items. This has occurred in surrounding towns. If any residents see such activity, they are
62 requested to notify the Constable or State Police.

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64 A proposal was made by a resident that LCIA consider forming a block watch. The Board agreed to
65 take this under consideration, but no action was taken at this time.

66 67 **c. Beaches – Main & Mothers:**

68 The Beach Chairperson was not in attendance, but Mike Panek reported that the bouys had been
69 brought in on the same work day on which the dock was dismantled.

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71 There is a paddle boat and kids toys on Main Beach, of unknown ownership. These should be
72 removed by the owner or by LCIA. Mike will check with the resident whom he believes to be the
73 owner.

74 75 **d. Dam:**

76 Kari met with Karl Asimovich. She learned that the draft of the proposal is nearing completion, but
77 there remains clearing work that needs to be done on the property surrounding the dam.

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79 There is heavy brush encroaching on the back face of the dam and extending towards the roadway
80 that must be cleared back to the tree line. In addition the areas on both sides of the sluice way for
81 several feet back must be cleared, starting at the concrete spillway back to the point where the flow
82 passes under the Rte 89 bridge. This is required to enable easy and immediate inspection of the
83 dam and sluice way by LCIA, town and state inspectors. In addition, LCIA is required to keep this
84 area mowed and trimmed on an on-going basis.

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86 Board members discussed various approaches to fulfill these requirements. Mike Panek and several
87 other board members will inspect the area with Kari on the upcoming Saturday (Oct 12), and report
88 back to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

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90 Bob Corriveau recommended that the BOD notify residents surrounding the dam be notified that
91 this work will be occurring; the Board agreed and Mike Panek will notify by letter.

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e. Environmental Chairperson

No significant changes have occurred. Transient flocks of geese have been seen on the lake. These might be migratory, or simply visiting flocks from other nearby lakes.

Ralph will be meeting with the students at UConn who will be doing the research project on sources of plant nutrients entering the lake, with the hope of persuading them to present the results of their analysis to the BOD at the conclusion of their research.

f. Roads:

Mike reported receiving \$4000. + back taxes from the attorney for 41 Circle Drive. Still no date for when Hipsky will be completing the paving work there.

Greg Peck, the contractor LCIA has used for snow plowing will continue to provide plowing for this winter season. There will be no change in the fees charged.

g. Fund Raising:

The recent Year End Party was a huge success. We had an improved turn out, with many new residents participating. Thanks to Phil and Lise Silverstein who – in addition to planning and carrying out this remarkable event, went door to door to get the word out. The LCIA received \$375 in donations at the door, and \$700 for the 50-50 raffle. Thanks also to Ralph and Bonnie Sherman for their help decorating.

h. Tax Collection:

The tax bills have gone out, and \$23,000 in payments have been deposited to date. Thanks and Kudos go to Laura Rathburn for an extraordinary accomplishment there.

i. Hall:

Kathy Little reported that there is a rental coming up on Sunday (10/13), in addition to the previously booked contract in November, and an inquiry regarding a possible booking December from a resident who attended the Year End Party.

Kathy intends to put up the winter insulation after the upcoming booking on Sunday.

j. Website:

A proposal from a resident was received during the Year End Party regarding the creation of a voluntary contact page on the website for residents to reach out to others in the community for social purposes. This would seem to be especially useful given the start of the winter season.

Also, the Board will be putting Board Member contact information on the website, to increase residents' ability to reach representatives on the Board. Kathy Little will be in touch with all Board Members for contact information, and will work with Jacqueline to put this on the website.

Kathy Little also requested and was granted permission from the BOD to post Lake Chaffee wearables on line.

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8. Old Business:

The BOD is still working on the voluntary lien for the cost of tree removal from the Bickford residence.

Regarding the illegally installed telephone pole, Mike will talk to Gerry Dufresne regarding contracting a tree removal company to remove the telephone pole near Mothers' Beach that was placed on LCIA property without permission.

9. New Business:

A Home Occupancy permit was received by the Board from Kathy Little. After review and discussion a motion to grant the permit was made by Bob Corriveau and seconded by Tom Martin. The motion passed with no nays and one abstention.

10. Adjournment: Bob Corriveau motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kari Olson and approved unanimously; the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.