

**LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
PO Box 231, Ashford, CT 06278**

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**LCIA Board Meeting – March 11, 2026 – DRAFT**

**Date of Meeting:** This meeting was held at Pirzl Hall.

**Board Members:**

Mike Panek (P)	Tom Martin (VP)	Erin Szela (S)	Chris Fyler (T)
<del>Gerald Dufresne (R)</del>	<del>Mary Griffin (R)</del>	Carol Natitus (R)	<del>Seth Kaufman (R)</del>
Phil Silverstein (R)	<del>Lynn Fontaine (R)</del>		
Joseph Hall (Alt)	<del>Liz Provencher (Alt)</del>	Kay Warren (Alt)	

**Public in Attendance:** Carmen Hall and Caesar Barrios.

1. **Call to Order/Seating of Alternates:** Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. Board made Joe a regular member tonight to meet quorum.
2. **Approval of Minutes: February 11, 2026 Minutes** Motion to approve made by Mike. Chris seconded. Carol abstained. Motion passed.
3. **Public Comments:** No Comments
4. **Approval of Treasurer’s Report: February 2026 Report** Chris commented incoming tax payments has slowed down. Mike noted that we are currently over \$2,000 over budget without including February. \$7,500 bill estimate from Mike, and snowplowing will be over budget. Motion to approve made by Tom. Phil seconded. Motion passed.
5. **Remarks by the President: 1. Inland wetlands follow-up** Meeting was canceled March 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the weather. Correspondence came in regarding a new form that was unrelated to anything regarding lake lowering or any previous complaints filed against Lake Chaffee in the past year.
6. **Correspondence:** Several snowplowing calls/texts during blizzard on 2/23/26; all handled by Phil. No additional correspondence.
7. **Chairman’s Reports:**
  - a. **Boat Launch and Boat Dock:** (~~Jerry Dufresne~~) N/A
  - b. **Constable:** (~~Jerry Dufresne~~) N/A
  - c. **Beaches – Main & Mothers:** (~~Liz Provencher, Mary Griffin~~)
  - d. **Dam:** (~~no Chairperson~~) N/A
  - e. **Environmental Chairperson:** (~~Ralph Sherman~~) N/A
  - f. **Roads:** (Phil Silverstein) **1. Snow plowing cost discussions** Kay notes that sand displacement isn’t always equally distributed, this could be due to the ice and making sure they get to the end of all the streets. Phil will address this situation again with Greg.
  - g. **Fund Raising:** (~~Mary Griffin~~) **1. Event dates/meeting dates** Discussion for 2026 events and Annual Meeting dates for 2026. Board to take home and review to vote next meeting.
    - a. **Summer Annual Meetings:**
      - i. **Sunday, June 28, 2026 11am**
      - ii. **Sunday, July 19, 2026 11am**

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- 39                                    **iii. Sunday, August 16, 2026 11am**
- 40                    **h. Tax Collection: (Tom Martin) 1. Liens filed** Mike went to the Ashford Town Hall and put liens
- 41                    on the top 12 taxpayers with outstanding bills due to the LCIA. One correspondence on a
- 42                    foreclosure home, check will be issued to LCIA for past due invoices. \$10 to place a lien per
- 43                    property, do not need to go back and re-up—they will remain on the property for 15 years.
- 44                    Tom makes a motion to put a lien against the additional 17 taxpayers who owe over \$500 or
- 45                    more, Carol seconded. Motion passed.
- 46                    **i. Hall: (Lynn Fontaine) 1. Propane follow-up (billing?)** Tom and Chris will follow up on
- 47                    payment of the propane bill.
- 48                    **8. Old Business: 1. Hall Parking – Two (2) abandoned cars were stickered and removed; holding**
- 49                    **off on towing company inquiry at this time.** Tom informed Mike that the cars that were
- 50                    stickered were moved and have not been back. Mike is holding off on any towing company
- 51                    information since the snow is gone and people have been ensuring the cars are moved in a
- 52                    timely fashion. Can be brought up again in the future for the next winter season. **2. Ordinance**
- 53                    **follow-up** Mike updated all notes from the past meeting in blue ink, Kay and Joe sent additional
- 54                    notes back after Mike’s email correspondence in February; all changes in addition to discussion
- 55                    at this meeting have been incorporated into the “Version III” which will be available in the
- 56                    future for public viewing.
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- 58                    **9. New Business: N/A**
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- 60                    **10. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Tom, seconded by Carol. Meeting adjourned at
- 61                    7:56pm.