# Lake Chaffee Meeting Minutes
## LCIA Meeting Draft
## October 14, 2026

**Date of Meeting:** The meeting was held at Pirzl Hall on October 14, 2026

**Board Members:**

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| Mike Panek (P) | ~~Tom Martin (VP)~~ | Lynn Fontaine (S) | Erin Szela (T) |
| Gerald Dufresne (R) | Mary Griffin (R) | Carol Natitus (R) | Seth Kaufman (R) |
| ~~Phil Silverstein (R)~~ | Kay Warren (R) | Mark Fontaine (Alt) | ~~Mike Paine (Alt)~~ |
| ~~Alma Miranda~~ (Alt) | | | |

**Public in Attendance:** Ralph Sherman, Caesar Barrios and Jim Gorel

1. **Call to Order:** Mike called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

2. **Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes:** Jerry made a motion to accept the September 9th, 2026 minutes. Erin seconded, Mary abstained. Motion passed

3. **Public Comments:** none

4. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Jerry made a motion to accept the September Treasurers report, Kay seconded and the motion passed.

5. **Remarks by the President:** None

6. **Correspondence:** **a.** There were several emails and texts about taxes which were all handled by Erin and Kristy.
   b. We received an email from the DEEP regarding them receiving a complaint about our beaches being illegal and that they need to be in compliance. The discussion was tabled till another meeting.
   c. We received a text regarding a loose raft/dock near Linda Roy's house and floating patio furniture. Phil investigated and did not find the raft/dock but did remove some patio furniture from the water.

7. **Chairmen's Reports:**
   - **a. Boat Launch and Boat Dock:** (Jerry Dufresne) Jerry mowed and removed some leaves. He also reported that there are 3 dead trees that need to be removed.
   - **b. Constable:** (Jerry Dufresne) Nothing to report
   - **c. Beaches - Main and Mothers:** (Mary Griffin) Aaron Giglio helped out at Mother's beach to remove buoys and the raft. There are 2 unknown boats at Mother's beach and 1 at the Main beach that need to be removed.
   - **d. Dam:** (none) Mike sprayed the weeds with a natural spray to eliminate them.
   - **e. Environmental:** (Ralph Sherman) Ralph did a September sample and we received the best results ever. It was reported that the water has been very clear.
   - **f. Roads: (**Phil Silverstein) Not in attendance so no report was given
   - **g. Fund Raising:** (Mary Griffin) Nothing to report
   - **h. Tax Collection:** (Tom Martin) Not in attendance, but Erin reported about $15,000 in taxes were taken in.

i. **Hall:** (Lynn Fontaine) Ladies room wax seal replaced. Discovered that the kitchen faucet is not fixable, we will have to replace the whole faucet which would cost around $200. Dug into the back closet and will need to reorganize. Discussed that the stove is in bad shape and the need for a new one. Kay made a motion to buy a new stove and Erin seconded. Motion passed. Mike said he would look into it.

8. **Old Business:**
   a. Jim Gorel is here to discuss his application for a fence on his property at 34 Amidon Drive. Jim says he doesn't have a problem with his property being used as a turn around or to be driven on to get to the neighbors illegal driveway but wants to protect his new septic system by installing a small fence around it. Jerry made a motion to approve the fence and Mary seconded and the motion passed.
   b. Mike sent an email to the town regarding the missing speed limit sign and received an email back stating they will put up a new sign and they have set up an electronic one to remind people of their speeds.
   c. The siphon will be set up on October 17th, 2026 at 10:00 am. Mike installed a 3ft marker with a jug and stake to measure how far to draw off the water.
   d. Lynn will post on the unofficial Facebook page that the lake is being lowered on the 17th and that we are looking for any volunteers to help out.

9. **New Business:**
   **a.** Seth Kaufman sent in a request for an approval of an existing swim platform. It was inspected and found to be in good condition. Erin made a motion to approve and Kay seconded. Seth abstained and the motion passed.
   b. It was reported that some electric bikes have been travelling very fast on the roads. It was brought up that we have no bylaws for them but that they need to follow the rules of the state/town. We will need to discuss it in a future meeting.

10. **Adjournment:** Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

Lynn Fontaine
Secretary