

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MAY 21, 2003

ATTENDANCE: BETTY DUNN, DENNIS FLAHERTY, GARY LATHROP, GAY LEEDIE, JACK PIRZL, DEANNA SOJA, SANDRA MOQUIN, GERRY DUFRESNE, EUGENIE BAGLEY, AND LINDA PARENT

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY GAY LEEDIE AT 7:10PM.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

1) Kay Warren spoke about a recent Selectman's meeting where a "view tax" was discussed. A few people have won their cases to get their tax assessment reduced. Kay would like to get a Class Action suit going to try to get this additional tax eliminated. Gerry Dufresne made motion to add **Class Action Suit to the Agenda**. Sandra Moquin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- Kay Warren will contact both the President of Ashford Lake and Ashford Park to discuss. Kay will obtain a copy of the minutes of the Selectman's meeting.
- Gay Leedie feels we need more information in order to proceed. No further discussion until we receive a copy of the minutes

2) Stefan Russ and Mike Grant are concerned about Mothers' Beach. There is "dark water" in the area. Gay explained that the dark water is a result of the composed leaves, and mineral in the soil. Gay has been working with the Wetlands & Planning and Zoning board and the water will be diverted. Unfortunately, the workman did not show up when scheduled and Gay is trying to reschedule the work.

3) Sherri Briggs spoke about the Town Beach Committee that was formed last October to research the possibility of establishing a Town Beach. Currently residents have to drive at least 15 miles or so to take their children swimming. The Committee has researched the possibility of using the various camps in town as well as Ashford Lake and Lake Chaffee. They have been met with many obstacles and are looking for short-term options. Sherri presented a proposal to use Lake Chaffee as a short-term alternative. The Town suggested they issue a limited number of family season passes to town residents only. The cost would be \$30.00 per pass and Lake Chaffee would receive \$15.00 in revenue for each pass sold. The Board indicated to Sherri that several issues would need to be investigated such as Insurance Liability- the Town's insurance company as well as our LCIA's insurance companies would need to be contacted, the Town Attorney would need to explore if the passes can be sold, our members would need to be involved in this decision as well. We agreed to let Sherri include the possibility of using Lake Chaffee in her newsletter, indicating that the logistics are still being worked out. The newsletter is only published once during the summer months.

Swimming lessons were not held last year because the Town was not able to obtain a certified instructor. Sherri is trying to find an instructor for this year. Lessons would be held in the morning.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Betty Dunn moved to accept the Secretary's report as amended to add Sandy Moquin as being in attendance. Linda Parent seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Parent moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Betty Dunn seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE: Gay Leedie moved to nominate Frank Boni, William Strapko, and Christopher Kelly this year. Gerry Dufresne seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

FUND RAISING CHAIR'S REPORT: Christmas in July will be held on Sunday, July 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A tag sale will be held on Sunday, August 10th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

ROAD CHAIR'S REPORT: Gerry spoke to Joe Hipsky about the potholes. The price for 5 loads of processed gravel is approximately \$2500 which includes grading of all the dirt roads. To pave the rest of Amidon Drive the cost would be approximately \$12,000. To repair the ditch from 52 Ashford Drive down about 250 feet would cost \$400.00 to clean out and widen the road. There is also a large pothole on Shorefront Drive that Gerry will look at. There is \$6000 left in the budget for repairs. All the dirt roads will be repaired and graded, Shorefront will be repaired, and the ditch on Ashord Drive will be repaired. We will hold off on paving Amidon Drive.

BINGO CHAIR'S REPORT: Bingo has been having a good month so far, and this week should bring in good attendance as well. So far this month Bingo has raised \$500.

CONSTABLE REPORT: There has been an increase in fireworks activity. Gerry has spoken to a few offenders. The State Police have been contacted. Gay Leedie has given a list of our ordinances to Sargent Shemanski at Troop C and he is willing to help us enforce them by issuing tickets. We will have to provide witnesses in the event any cases go to court, so anonymous complaints will be not be effective. We will not collect any revenue from tickets issued.

BEACH CHAIR: We did not receive very much help with Beach Clean up this year. More work needs to be done to clean up the area. The beach needs rototilling, the buoys need to be put in, the bike rack needs to be put together and the signs need to be put up. Mothers Beach will be worked on this spring. Railroad ties will be placed to boarder the area. The water will be diverted and the bank will be built up. All expenses will be taken from the LCIA fund.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Fire extinguishers will cost \$57.98 to recharge. We will check to see if the cost of replacement is cheaper. Gay Leedie corresponded with the Town's Bond Council indicating that we had no debt. Charter Revenue Commission asked if we could pull old minutes from the archives and organize by year. A mailing will be done to notify all members of the Annual Meeting schedule.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10PM

RESPCTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LINDA PARENT
SECRETARY