

# LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

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## Lake Chaffee Board Meeting - March 11, 2020

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3 **Date of Meeting:** March 11, 2020  
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5 **Board Members Present:**

6 Mike Panek, Martin Connors, Laura Rathbun (T), Kathy Little, Gerry Dufresne, Phil Silverstein, Kari  
7 Olsen, Toni Guerin,  
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9 **Board Members Absent:**

10 Tom Martin, Bob Corriveau, Carol Natitus, Ken Garee (A), Seth Kaufman (A).  
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12 **Public in Attendance:**

13 Ralph Sherman, Jean Panek, Lise Silverstein.  
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15 **1. Call to Order:**

16 The meeting was called to order by President Mike Panek at 6:34 PM.  
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18 **2. Approval of Minutes:**

19 The minutes for February Meeting – Public Comments were amended to include a conversation  
20 between resident Doug Bailey and Board Members regarding water being discharged from his  
21 basement on 15 Deerfield.  
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23 After noting the amendment to February minutes, a motion was made by Gerry Dufresne and  
24 seconded by Phil Silverstein to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed with one  
25 abstention (Connors- Sec'y.)  
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27 **3. Public Comments.**

28 There were no Public Comments.  
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30 **4. Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

31 Activity in February was very light. A question was raised and discussed regarding whether a large  
32 balance should be kept in the checking account, or be transferred to savings. After discussion about  
33 the amount of activity expected in the upcoming month, it was decided that those funds should  
34 remain in checking.  
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36 Kathy Little made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Phil Silverstein seconded, and passed  
37 with one abstention (Rathbun – Treas)  
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39 **5. Remarks by the President:** No remarks by the President.  
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41 **6. Correspondence:**

42 There were three items of correspondence, all addressed to Mike Panek:

- 43 a. Mike received an email with videos of quad vehicles being operated illegally on Circle drive.  
44 Mike explained that fines have been assessed in the past. The board discussed the noise and  
45 public safety issues of underage drivers using quads on Association and Town roads. The  
46 Board also discussed imposing liens on properties with unpaid fines for violations. Gerry  
47 Dufresne will contact Connecticut State Police to request their involvement.
- 48 b. Mike received notification that the house at 4 Perch Drive would be demolished and  
49 replaced with a new construction.
- 50 c. Mike was also notified by several individuals that the geese have returned. Toni Guerin  
51 pointed out that the time was approaching to decide if the Association would be adding  
52 eggs or taking other actions to control the goose population.
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54 **7. Chairperson's Reports:**

55 **a. Boat Launch and Boat Dock:**

56 The boat launch has been mowed.

57 Mike Panek called Northeast Dock Company for an estimate replacement dock. The cost  
58 from that vendor will be \$1915.00. That does not include replacing the dock at the North  
59 end of the lake.

60 **b. Constable:** Discussion continued with regard to illegal parking on Oak Drive. Gerry proposed  
61 updating the schedule of fines to align with the State of Connecticut, and involving the State Police,  
62 or placing liens. Gerry will investigate further.

63 **c. Beaches – Main & Mothers:** Nothing to report.

64 **d. Dam:** Brush has been cleared. Kari will contact the consultant working on the required State  
65 documentation, and request final disposition of the Emergency Action Plan and the Inspection  
66 Report.

67 **e. Environmental Chairperson** Confirmed that the geese have returned. If the LCIA plans to take  
68 action this year, this would be the time to do so.

69 Ralph requested and was granted permission to take water samples for testing.

70 Ralph will also touch base with the UConn team performing the research on the lake, regarding  
71 their progress towards completion.

72 **f. Roads:** Mike drove around the community to visually inspect the roads. Nothing additional to  
73 report.

74 **g. Fund Raising:** The fund raising committee plans to move ahead with both events.

75 **Cinco de Mayo** is still planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 – 8 PM. Kathy Little needs help distributing flyers;  
76 please contact her if you are interested. We will need to make a final decision at the April meeting  
77 re: going ahead with this event. Flyers will be distributed on March 18; signs are being put out now.

78 **Plant Sale and Craft Fair** will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 2PM. Lise reached out to several  
79 food trucks, but those vendors were not interested. She will try again with other vendors. Help is  
80 needed with putting up posters, posting notices on Face Book sites, and in the Willington Chronicle  
81 and Ashford newspaper.

82 Mike Panek offered to have standardized signs printed that would present a recognizable image for  
83 attracting public attention to these events. Lisa will contact Mike to work out the plan for these.

84 **h. Tax Collection:** Tom and Laura are working to get these done. So far, taxes have gone unpaid  
85 for 82 properties. The Board agreed that reminder notices should be sent out to late payers in  
86 March. Laura agreed to the end of March.

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**i. Hall:** Kathy reported that a new lock has been installed on the inside of the back door to Pirzl Hall. She also called our previous vendor to have the fire extinguishers serviced, but there was no response; she will seek another resource for this work.

The hall also needs at least two smoke detectors for the main hall and the kitchen. Mike will purchase and install these.

Kathy and Phil agreed to work on cleaning out the closet next to the back door.

**j. Website:** The website has not been updated for several months, and no one has been able to contact Jacqueline Kennedy to get access to the site. The website is hosted on GoDaddy, and it is in Jacqueline's personal control, so to gain access to that site it is necessary to either get her help or try to work through GoDaddy. Ralph agreed to try to make contact with someone at GoDaddy, and Kari will try to contact Jacqueline.

**8. Old Business:** None.

**9. New Business:** A concern was raised about how to keep LCIA BOD meeting occurring and open to the public as the Covid-19 epidemic plays out. No ideas or solutions could be identified at the moment, but the BOD is aware of the issue.

The Board of Directors received the resignation of Treasurer Laura Rathbun, to be effective April 15<sup>th</sup>; due to her plans to relocate out of state. Everyone wishes her the best of luck, and thanks her for her tireless work and contributions on behalf of the Lake Chaffee Community.

**10. Adjournment:** Gerry moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48, the motion was seconded by Phil, and passed unanimously.