

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Lake Chaffee Board Meeting - June 2020

Date of Meeting: June 10, 2020 – Meeting conducted via conference call.

Board Members Present:

Mike Panek, Tom Martin, Martin Connors, Laura Rathbun (T), Phil Silverstein, Carol Natitus, Kathy Little, Gerry Dufresne, Bob Corriveau, Toni Guerin, Seth Kaufman, Ken Garee,

Board Members Absent:

Kari Olson

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Sherman

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Panek at 6:32 PM.

2. Approval of May Minutes:

Corrections:

Line 27 – 30: add details and specifics regarding the list of duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer that Laura Rathbun committed to providing.

Line 55: correct spelling of "Ferrence" Road.

Line 58: change "Oak Ave" to Oak Drive.

Line 80: delete second "he"

Line 83: change "Madieros" to "Medieros"

Tom Martin moved to accept the May minutes as amended, seconded by Carol Natitus; passed with all "Aye" votes and one abstention (Marty Connors, Sec'y.)

3. Public Comments. None.

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Mike observed that an analysis of the "paid to date" numbers indicate that approximately 75 residents are currently in arrears on the most recent tax bills. Mike requested a report from the Treasurer on the exact number and identities of residents who are in arrears, prior to the upcoming Annual Meeting. Laura Rathbun agreed to present the updated list to Mike Panek and Tom Martin. Kathy Little made a motion to accept the Treasures report as amended, seconded by Tom Martin; passed unanimously with one abstention (Laura Rathbun, Treas.)

5. Remarks by the President: None

- *"The Annual Newsletters were sent out, and I wanted to thank Kathy Little, and Laura Rathbun for their help in making this happen."*
- Mike Panek expressed the strong desire to have the June 28th Annual Meeting on site. The Board discussed at length what accommodations might be considered to enable this to

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45 occur. Those accommodations included social distancing, requiring face masks, tents to
46 allow additional seating outdoors, holding the meeting outside, and marking off seating to
47 enable social distancing. Some Board members stated they would not be attending. Mike
48 and Phil will research all possibilities, and will meet Saturday at 10 AM at Hall. Several BOD
49 members stated that they would not attend

50 51 **6. Correspondence:**

- 52 • Mike has received many email addresses as part of our request via the Annual Newsletter.
- 53 • Kim Howlett - 124 LakeView Dr. – created a Facebook page for Lake Chaffee which she asked
54 if it could be posted on the Lake Chaffee website. Upon review, it appears to have 75
55 followers. During the discussion it was decided that the FB page is not an official LCIA organ,
56 under direct control of the LCIA BOD. In which case it would be inadvisable to include it on
57 the website, but we will encourage Lake residents to refer to it.
- 58 • Laura asked about graffiti on the back of the clubhouse, Gerry will investigate. Mike will try
59 to match paint color and purchase paint to cover it.
- 60 • Irwin Krieger emailed that his unlocked car was gone through, and again wanted to remind
61 residents to lock your cars and sheds.
- 62 • Marilyn Rossi (24 Old Town Rd) inquired about not receiving a tax bill since 2016. Laura
63 Rathbun is investigating. Board had discussions and agreed with the answer provided via
64 email, and welcomes her to the Annual meeting for further discussion.
- 65 • Received an email with high resolution photos from Laura Rathbun concerning an incident
66 involving an ATV and Golf Cart being driven on LCIA roads by adolescents or children.
67 Discussion raised the possibility that Gerry had also spoken with the occupants of the golf
68 cart as well. Mike wrote a letter to the owner of the vehicles. There has been no sighting
69 since. LCIA will monitor this situation.
- 70 • Report of trash in the front yard of 149 Lakeview was received. Tom will investigate and talk
71 to the new homeowner. It was also discussed that a home on Deerfield was also unkempt,
72 with trash and high grass. Tom will also investigate.

73 74 **7. Chairperson's Reports:**

75 **Boat Launch & Boat Dock** (Gerry Dufresne) Ralph Graziano asked about a replacement for the
76 dock at the cove. It was noted that funds have been allocated for materials, and Gerry
77 mentioned that he had pressure treated materials that he would donate for construction. Mike
78 will measure, make a plan, and calculate cost. We will then try to have a work party to install a
79 new dock.

80 Gerry installed orange pins to keep people off the wet area on the grass. He also mowed the
81 launch.

82 **Constable** (Gerry Dufresne) He did a wellness check on Union Drive after a neighbor called
83 about lights on at a home with no movement in several days. The resident eventually returned,
84 all was okay.

85 **Beaches – Main & Mothers** (JeanPanek) Main and Mothers Beaches were opened for
86 Memorial Day, and remain open. Signs were posted per the request of the Board. The rope
87 buoys were installed, raft put out, and clean up of old dock and trash at Mothers Beach.

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88 "Thank you" to Bobby and Tony, Tom, and Gerry for their efforts. Grass has been cut; sand
89 rototilled. Per the Board, no portable toilets ordered.

90 **Dam** (Kari Olson) Not Present

91 **Environment** (Ralph Sherman) The Geese have returned in full force; over 30 spotted; including
92 two families with at least four goslings each. Ralph will attempt to have the UConn study and
93 Powerpoint slides put on the website. There was a discussion regarding whether the funds
94 appropriated by the LCIA BOD for expenses (such as testing) would be needed. Ralph will follow
95 up.

96 Water sampling will be started in the next couple of weeks.

97 **Fund Raising** (Phil Silverstein) No current plans due to Covid 19. Phil raised the possibility of an
98 event in the Fall is entirely dependent on how State of Connecticut guidelines/restrictions
99 evolve.

100 **Hall** (Kathy Little) Mike installed the smoke detectors (four in total). Questions on why the
101 electric bill spiked the past month will be investigated by Kathy.

102 **Roads** Mike Pipe trench on Armitage CT was finally patched. And some pot holes were fixed
103 with tar. Investigating a pot hole on Pine Hill Dr. for repair. Kathy asked about roadside tree
104 trimming, Mike will call Greg Peck for a quote.

105 **Tax Collections** Tom is handling State reporting due July 1st, requesting an extension as our
106 annual cycle differs from the Town's.

107 **Website** Ralph has been working with Jacqueline to get changes made. Ralph is waiting for
108 Jacqueline to prep the site for his involvement. It does appear – based on several indicators -
109 that Jacqueline has moved, possibly out of state. The Board discussed how best to move forward
110 with re-establishing LCIA control of the site.

111 112 **8. Old Business:**

- 113 • Bickford Tax Lien - Tom will look for old files.
- 114 • State Leaders for Ashford :
- 115 • SENATE: Dan Champagne - Senate District 35
- 116 HOUSE: Pat Wilson Pheanious - House District 53
- 117 • Insurance Quote for E/O for the LCIA was received and paid, price was comparable to last
118 year's. (\$1,455)

119 120 **9. New Business:**

- 121 • Gerry inquired about raising our ordinance fines. A question was raised regarding practices
122 at other nearby lakes. Gerry will investigate; action was tabled until such info is known.
- 123 • Kay Warren had inquired to Tom about a speed bump on Amidon Dr. There was not a
124 consensus that it was needed, or what would be accomplished. The Constable will
125 investigate.
- 126 • Toni raised the point about the possibility of barley bales being used to control algae and
127 weeds at the lake. After some discussion, it was determined that further research should be
128 done and reported back to the Board.

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130 **10. Adjournment:** Bob Corriveau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Martin. The meeting
131 adjourned at 8:26 PM.