

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Minutes of LCIA Board Meeting – OCTOBER 14 2020 – DRAFT

Date of Meeting: October 14, 2020

Board Members Present: Mike Panek, Tom Martin, Martin Connors, Kathy Little, Gerald Dufresne, Phil Silverstein, Carol Natitus, Toni Guerin (Alt), Seth Kaufman, Lynn Fontaine (Alt), Bob Corriveau, Kari Olson,

Board Members Absent: NONE

Public in Attendance: Ivan Wasko, Kay Warren, Bobby Guerin, Ralph Sherman.

1. Call to Order: 6:33 PM

2. Approval of August Minutes: Minutes of the September BOD meeting were reviewed and approved with the amendments recorded. Motion to approve from Tom Martin, seconded by Carol Natitus. Seth Kaufman all members voted in favor.

3. Public Comments. Ivan Wasko requested clarification about LCIA taxes on his recently purchased property. For 2018-19 the amount was \$200; for 2019-20 the amount was \$206; for 2020-21 the amount is \$212. Kay Warren requested a letter from the BOD giving permission to install a 5' x 20' dock at 31 Amidon Drive; this was a requirement from Inlands/Wetlands Commission to grant permission for construction permit.

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Bob Corriveau made a motion to table the Treasurer's report for October for discussion at the November 2020 meeting.

5. Remarks by the President:

a) This years tax bills were prepared by our bookkeeper using QuickBooks. They were mailed on September 29th. Thank (Mike's wife) Jean for folding and stuffing all the envelops for LCIA. Stamps/postage was donated by the Silverstein family – Thank you to Phil and Lise.

b) Kathy Little requested that Kristi change the following wording: "dues" should be called "taxes" and "statement" should be referred to as "invoice".

6. Correspondence

a) Ralph Sherman submitted a proposed redesigned landing page for the LCIA website, and requested discussion and comment. Ralph will be updating the webpage on a monthly basis. The presenters indicated that they had submitted an application to Inland Wetlands.

b) Bob Noiseux sold his property at 58 Lakeview to Lisa Sweitzer.

c) Matt Matina has two trees to be removed. It was decided that Board Approval was not required as long as no heavy equipment was required.

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7. Chairperson's Reports:

a. Boat Launch & Lakeview Drive Boat Dock

New dock should receive a coat of sealer in the spring.

It was decided that an unclaimed float should be cut up and taken to the transfer station; Gerry agreed to do that.

b. Constable

Things have been fairly quiet. State Police report that break-ins of vehicles have continued, and residents should keep their cars, sheds, and garages locked.

Kay Warren reported that her home security system detected a white car around midnight. Could not identify the year or make.

Kari reported seeing a golf cart around again. Tom talked to the father; Mike will send a letter.

c. Beaches – Main & Mothers

Mike inspected both beaches.

Mike and Bobby Guerin took in the buoys and put them in the storage barrels.

Mothers Beach was not in bad condition – no boats or chairs left on the beach.

The gate at Main Beach remains locked. A work party is needed to get the float at Main Beach pulled up on shore. Tom, Lynn & Mark, Marty and Gerry volunteered.

d. Dam

Nothing to report.

e. Environment

Nothing new to report. The lake level is down very low; there are migrating geese. August testing was done during the first week of September – all parameters were good.

Toni Guerin reported that the CAES study of the lake still needs approval to use a gas motor.

f. Roads

Greg Peck replaced the pipe on Ashford Drive. Mike observed that it might need fill to be replaced due to recent rain.

Gerry checking up on tree cutting on Deerfield Drive.

g. Fund Raising

Nothing to report.

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91 **h. Tax Collection**

92 Tom reported that \$2224 was received in back taxes; he expects a very strong month in
93 November.

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95 **i. Hall**

96 There has been one inquiry. State restrictions have been relaxed.
97 Kathy will reopen for availability – with a caveat regarding responsibility.
98 Tom agreed to check the pump.

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100 **j. Website**

101 Nothing to report.
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103 **8. New Business**

- 104 a) Kay Warren explained the work she is planning regarding a dock and side walk work at 31
105 Amidon Drive. Bob Corriveau seconded by Gerry Dufresne to sign the letter as requested by
106 Key. All members were in favor; no abstentions, none opposed.
- 107 b) Residents at 9 Maple Drive have made application to Inland Wetlands Commission to
108 repair/replace his stone seawall. There is a question regarding what material will be used. The
109 IW commission is concerned with the possibility that the new wall will collapse into the lake. A
110 question was raised but not resolved about whether the LCIA should consider a restriction to
111 the building of such walls.
- 112 c) The proposal regarding 33 Amidon was modified to include pulling back to the current property
113 line. It still includes a viewing tower. There was no vote on the proposal, pending the outcome
114 of Inland Wetlands decision. Mike sent a letter to Inland Wetlands Commission voicing the
115 concerns of the LCIA. Kari emphasized the importance of not missing our opportunity to raise
116 objections.
- 117 d) The fallen tree from Phil Silverstein's property has been removed from the Lake.
- 118 e) There was considerable discussion regarding whether the Lake should be lowered per the
119 approval voted by residents at the August General Meeting, or to allow the drought induced
120 lake level to suffice. Finally it was decided to start the siphon and bring the lake level down to 3
121 feet below the top of the spillway, adjusted for the 1.5 inch board that had historically been
122 kept across the spillway. Marty will organize a work party to start the siphon. Target date is the
123 end of October.

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125 **9. Old Business:**

- 126 a) Lynn Fontaine raised an issue with a cracked telephone pole, owned by Frontier.
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128 **10. Adjournment:**

129 Tom moved to adjourn at 8:37, seconded by Bob, approved unanimously.
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132 Treasurers report will be added once it has been reviewed by the board