

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Minutes of LCIA Board Meeting – November 10, 2021 APPROVED VERSION

Date of Meeting: November 10, 2021 – This meeting was held in person at Pirzl Hall.

Board Members Present:

Mike Panek (P),	Tom Martin (VP),	Phil Silverstein (T),	Martin Connors (S)
Kay Warren (A)	Lynn Fontaine (A)	Gerry Dufresne	Bob Corriveau,
Kathy Little,	Carol Natitus,	Seth Kaufman	Irwin Kreiger

Board Members Absent:

Kari Olson

Public in Attendance:

Ralph Sherman

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM

Gerry Dufresne made a motion to move the CAES report (lake weed survey) to the beginning of the meeting, seconded by Bob Corriveau, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Report on the 2021 Lake Weed Survey

The report on the results of this year's survey of aquatic plants in Lake Chaffee was delivered by Gregory Bugbee and Summer Stebbins, both of the Connecticut State Invasive Aquatic Plant Program, of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES). The results presented were the highlights of a written report which is still being completed, and will be posted on the CAES website in a few weeks.

Some of the salient observations and findings in this report include the following:

- *Lake Chaffee was described as "beautiful, and on the shallower side", with the deepest point found by researchers to be approximately 3.5 meters (the presenters acknowledged that this measurement was not definitive).*
- *The foremost goal of the survey is to identify and locate INVASIVE (non-native) species of aquatic plants (e.g. hydrilla, purple loosestrife, and yellow floating heart), as distinct from native species, even though they might be regarded as nuisances.*
- *Using those definitions, there were no invasive species identified in the 2021 survey, which reflects the same findings from the survey conducted in 2009. This was regarded as a very favorable result.*
- *However, there were several species of nuisance indigenous species identified.*
- *By comparison, 55% of the lakes surveyed by CAES are found to have one or more invasive species present.*
- *The invasive species identified as the most problematic (because of its aggressiveness) in Connecticut is hydrilla, which was NOT found in the survey of Lake Chaffee.*

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

- 44 • *The water clarity (measured by the amount of light able to pass through a measured quantity*
- 45 *of water) has improved from the 2009 survey to 2021.*
- 46 • *Sources of invasive species. The presenters identified the following vehicles as foremost*
- 47 *ways that invasive species can enter a lake:*
 - 48 a) *Aquarium industry: most invasive species were introduced as live plants for home*
 - 49 *aquariums, which were subsequently released by owners who were cleaning or*
 - 50 *dismantling their aquariums*
 - 51 b) *Water Gardening: individuals or businesses who built gardens that were populated*
 - 52 *by non-native species, which then migrated into nearby lakes.*
 - 53 c) *Wild fowl (e.g. geese,) who ingest plants or seeds at one location, then migrate to*
 - 54 *different locations and deposit those in fecal material.*
- 55 • *Managing plant populations. The advantages and disadvantages of the following*
- 56 *approaches to managing plants were presented and discussed:*
 - 57 ○ *Harvesting*
 - 58 ○ *Diver assisted suction harvesting (DASH)*
 - 59 ○ *Benthic Barriers*
 - 60 ○ *Draw Down*
 - 61 ○ *Dredging*
 - 62 ○ *Aquatic Herbicides*
 - 63 ○ *Biologic Control/Grass Carp*

66 **3. Approval of Minutes from the October 13, 2021 Meeting:** One correction was made:

67 Line 4: Changing the date of the October meeting from “October 13th” to “October 13”.

68 Gerry Dufresne made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Seth

69 Kaufman, and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

71 **4. Public Comments**

72 There were no public comments.

74 **5. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report**

75 Phil Silverstein reported that taxes have been received from 150 of 244 homeowners, and

76 several very generous donations were received from residents who care about the lake. An

77 earnest “THANK YOU!” to all those who donated.

78 A motion was made by Gerry Dufresne to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted,

79 seconded by Carol Natitus, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

81 **6. President’s Remarks**

82 In support of Lynn Fontaine’s proposal to build an open library to be installed at the Main

83 Beach, which is the location of the School Bus Stop for students, Mike Panek purchased a

84 library kit from Amazon at his own expense and donated this to the LCIA for the purpose

85 recommended by Lynn. The kit is being stored at Pirzl Hall pending installation.

86

87 THANK YOU MIKE!

88

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

7. Correspondence

- a) Nicole Smiros – request for rental application was withdrawn
- b) Tom Bennet of the Lake Symposium – Mike will send the link to everyone incase they are interested
- c) Question raised by Phil Silverstein regarding tax free status of Ference family members.
- d) Ann Doolittle inquired if she can cut cattails on her property? (yes she can)
- e) Marial Kirby of Westford Drive – inquiry re: when her tax payment check will clear.
- f) Resident at 13 Amidon inquired regarding bond requirement for heavy truck road usage; required by LCIA ordinance LC01 – 10 – 5.

8. Chairperson's Reports:

a. Boat Launch and Boat Dock: (Gerry Dufresne)

Necessary maintenance completed.

b. Constable: (Gerry Dufresne) - Gerry rode his motorcycle around the lake , and had an exchange with a resident. Subsequently a complaint was received regarding his use of motorcycle to give out candy.

c. Beaches – Main & Mothers: (Jean Panek) Mother’s beach still has unclaimed items; tabled for future action.

d. Dam: (Kari Olson) Need to deactivate siphon this weekend. Will also need another work party to dismantle and stow the siphon parts.

e. Environmental: (Ralph Sherman) Briefing by staff of CASE was excellent - Thanks!

f. Roads: (Mike Panek) Greg Peck did check roads based on Mike’s map; deferred to next meeting pending Phil Silverstein’s research.

g. Fund Raising: \$40.00 was received from Kathy Little for merchandise sales.

h. Tax Collection:

A family from Deerfield Drive proposed to deed property back to the association in exchange for back taxes. Tom Martin will research on the back taxes and update the BOD at the next meeting.

Another similar issue was raised, which Tom will also research with the lawyer.

i. Hall:

No report

j. Website:

Appears to be working fine – no problems.

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

135
136
137
138
139
140
141
142
143
144
145
146
147

9. Old Business:

- * Marty Connors' proposal for enforcement of ordinance violations was tabled until next meeting

10. New Business:

- The LCIA BOD discussed the use of the Hall without formal rental agreement, and it was reaffirmed that Pirzl Hall should not be used unless such use has been approved by the President of the Board, or the Hall Chairperson.

11. Adjournment: Gerry Dufresne moved that the Board meeting be adjourned at 8:38; seconded by Bob Corriveau; approved unanimously by voice vote.

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

148

OCTOBER 2021 LCIA TREASURER'S REPORT					
	CURRENT YEAR 2021 - 2022			PREVIOUS YEARS ACTUAL	
	OCTOBER 2021	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020
INCOME					
Taxes - Current	\$20,598.00	\$20,810.00	\$53,192.00	\$42,359.47	\$35,452.11
Past Tax + Interest + Fees	\$462.81	\$1,143.01	\$4,000.00	\$16,629.99	\$7,845.96
Donations	\$2,182.00	\$2,182.00		\$1,804.16	\$2,023.18
LCIA Hall Rental		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$525.00
Fundraising	\$603.00	\$848.00	\$2,500.00	\$240.00	\$784.00
Website + Newsletter		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Int. + Other LCIA Accts	\$2.91	\$10.20		\$47.51	\$30.52
Other	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$0.00	\$25.00
From Other LCIA Accounts		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
INCOME Totals	\$23,873.72	\$25,018.21	\$59,692.00	\$61,081.13	\$46,685.77
EXPENSE					
Hall Maintenance		\$439.00	\$1,000.00	\$410.00	\$350.00
Hall Utilities (Elec + Heat)	\$152.10	\$412.87	\$2,400.00	\$1,943.57	\$2,449.13
Office Expense		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$45.75	\$62.00
Bookkeeping Service	\$300.00	\$800.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00
Mail / Postage		\$0.00	\$300.00	\$257.50	\$186.00
Road: Repair (Pave + Brush)		\$2,002.31	\$7,500.00	\$1,002.99	\$13,188.83
Road: Snow Plow + Sand		\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$10,675.00	\$6,750.00
Insurance		\$0.00	\$11,750.00	\$10,335.40	\$9,977.60
Legal Costs + Fees		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$65.00
Beach Maint + Recreation		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Landscaping	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$3,000.00	\$900.00	\$2,100.00
Lake Maintenance / H 20 Testing		\$2,845.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,358.65	\$105.00
To Other LCIA Accts		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website + Newsletter		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$64.08	\$44.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Lake Dam Acct Funding		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Road Improvement Fund		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Septic Replacement Fund		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
EXPENSE Totals	\$702.10	\$6,949.18	\$59,650.00	\$41,302.94	\$41,477.56
8600 General Fund Balance					
October 1, 2021 Starting Balance	\$	36,020.53	Other LCIA Bank Accounts		
Total Month Income		23,873.72	0220 - Lake & Dam Maint Svg Acct	\$	4,410.59
Total Month Expense		(702.10)	6720 - LCIA Misc Savings Acct	\$	19,880.42
			8960 - LCIA Special Use Ckg Acct	\$	17,343.84
Balance (thru October 31, 2021)	\$	59,192.15	Total	\$	41,634.85

149

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

October 2021 Transaction Detail for LCIA Accounts

Account No. // Trans Type	Description	Amount	Che
0220 Lake & Dam Main Savings Acct			
Beginning Balance		4,410.59	
Transfer from general checking			
Ending Balance		<u>4,410.59</u>	
6720 LCIA Misc Savings (Road Improvements Fund)			
Beginning Balance		19,878.46	
Transfer from general checking			
Interest income		1.96	
Ending Balance		<u>19,880.42</u>	
8960 Special Use Checking Acct (Septic Fund)			
Beginning Balance		17,343.84	
Transfer from general checking			
Interest income			
Ending Balance		<u>17,343.84</u>	
8600 General Fund Acct			
Beginning Balance		\$ 36,020.53	
Income			
Current Taxes		20,598.00	
Delinquent Taxes + Interest		462.81	
Fundraising		603.00	
Donation		2,182.00	
Other income		25.00	
Interest on checking acct		2.91	
Total Income		<u>\$ 23,873.72</u>	
Expense			
Eversource	Electricity	152.10	AC
Gregory Peck	Lawn Cutting	200.00	16
Kristy Novitski	Bookkeeping (Jul & Aug reporting)	300.00	16
Town of Ashford	Miscellaneous	50.00	16
Total Expense		<u>\$ 702.10</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 59,192.15</u>	
TOTAL OF ALL LCIA ACCOUNTS AS OF 10/31/2021		<u>100,827.00</u>	