

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC

Minutes of LCIA Board Meeting – FEBRUARY 9, 2022 – APPROVED VERSION

Date of Meeting: February 9, 2022 – The meeting was held in Prizl Hall.

Board Members Present: Mike Panek, Martin Connors, Phil Silverstein, Gerald Dufresne, Carol Natitus, Seth Kaufman, Irwin Krieger.

Board Members Absent: Tom Martin, Bob Corriveau, Kay Warren, Kari Olson, Lynn Fontaine., Kathy Little.

Public in Attendance: Ralph Sherman.

1. Call to Order: 6:34 PM

In order to establish a quorum of members, Gerry Dufresne made a motion to seat Irwin Krieger as a voting member of the BOD. The motion was seconded by Carol Natitus, and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Approval of January 2022 Minutes: The minutes of the January 2022 BOD meeting were reviewed, amended and approved. The following amendments were made:

- The listing of BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT was amended to indicate that Tom Martin was absent.
- On line 42, “slow- plowing” was corrected to “snow-plowing”.
- On line 63 – 64, the reference to CAES was removed.
- On line 76 the reference to house number was removed.
- Entries on lines 80, 81, and 82 were deleted.

Motion to approve was made by Gerry Dufresne, seconded by Carol Natitus. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Public Comments.

Scott Guerin (resident of 27 Amidon) having purchased 25 and 28 Amidon, submitted a request that LCIA grant and document permission for Scott or future owners, to make repairs and/or changes to the presently existing forced main line that crosses underneath Amidon from 28 Amidon to 25 Amidon, should it be necessary. Scott also stipulated that he would be responsible for any road repair that would be required as a result of these actions. Scott’s request was acknowledged by the Board, and will be considered and taken up by the BOD at a future meeting.

4. Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Phil Silverstein reported that he and Kristi decided postpone sending out second invoices to residents who were delinquent for one or two years, until they were able to clear any payments that had been mailed but not received by those residents.

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44 Gerry Dufresne made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for January, seconded by Carol
45 Natitus; approved unanimously by voice vote.

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47 **5. Remarks by the President:** There were no remarks from the President

48 49 **6. Correspondence**

50 The following items of correspondence were addressed:

- 51 ○ A letter was received from Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
52 (DEEP) inviting Lake Chaffee's participation in the 2022 NLA assessment. This assessment occurs
53 every 5 years for purposes of determining the health of lakes across the country. The DEEP is
54 requesting permission from LCIA to take samples which are used in this annual assessment.
55 Ralph Sherman, LCIA's Environmental Chairperson shared the following points:
 - 56 ○ recommended that the BOD agree to participate.
 - 57 ○ there is no cost to LCIA and no harm would be done.
 - 58 ○ the only concern being that the researchers want to use gas motors, for which the
59 BOD would need to grant an exemption .

60 A motion was made by Seth Kaufman...

- 61 a) for the BOD to notify the DEEP that LCIA would participate in the assessment, AND
- 62 b) that the BOD authorizes the researchers to use gasoline powered water craft to
63 gather data.

64 This motion was seconded by Irwin Kreiger, and was passed unanimously by voice vote, with no
65 abstentions.

66 67 68 **7. Chairperson's Reports:**

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70 At the beginning of Chairperson's Reports, President Mike Panek informed the BOD that he and
71 Phil Silverstein would shop the LCIA's insurance coverage with other providers, and get back to
72 the BOD with information and recommendations.

73 74 **a. Boat Launch & Lakeview Drive Boat Dock**

75 Gerry Dufresne reported that there has been some ice damage to the dock at the boat launch.

76 77 **b. Constable**

78 Gerry Dufresne reported that everything has been quiet. The only problem is that a few
79 residents have been parking on the town road.

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81 State Police are continuing to stress that thefts are increasing, and it is important that all
82 residents lock their homes, sheds, garages, and vehicles.

83 84 **c. Beaches – Main & Mothers**

85 No report.

86 87 **d. Dam**

88 No report. The owner of the property on which the dam is located expressed pleasure and
89 appreciation for the care and maintenance by the LCIA.

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e. Environment

Marty Connors reported on his contacts with State and USDA representatives regarding a goose-round-up as a method of controlling the population of geese. Some of the key points were:

- To receive a permit for a round-up involving a large number of geese, the State of Connecticut requires that LCIA would need to produce a written plan for goose abatement, and documentation of actions taken to implement, as well as evidence that those efforts were unsuccessful.
- If LCIA were to use non-lethal means such as capture /removal of small numbers, harassment or other means, no documentation would be required.
- Officers from the USDA wild life control office are able to conduct a variety of methodologies; there would be fees for utilizing these services.
- A representative of the USDA will be contacting LCIA to arrange a visit to Lake Chaffee, for purposes of proposing strategies and providing cost estimates.
- More information to follow, after contact with the USDA representative.

Ralph Sherman briefed the BOD on his research on weed abatement strategies. The two most effective strategies are:

- Dry Dredging - This involves draining the entire lake for an extended period (usually several years) and built- up sediment is removed from the lake bed using heavy equipment. After this, the lake is allowed to refill. The advantages to this include deepening the lake, and very effective reduction/elimination of weeds. The disadvantages include severely impacting the water-life (turtles, fish, etc), and the challenge of finding ways to dispose of the dredged material.
- Hydro -raking - This method involves using pressurized hoses to scour the lake floor and loosen silt and plants from the lake bed. Water containing these materials is pumped out, filtered, and returned to the lake. The advantages include a more targeted removal of weeds and silt, with less disruption to animal life. The disadvantage is that it is not as effective as dredging.
- Ralph will continue to investigate this issue and report back to the BOD.

No action was taken at this time.

f. Roads

Mike reported no complaints regarding the plowing.

g. Fund Raising

No report.

h. Tax Collection

No report.

i. Hall

No report.

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j. Website

No significant news to report. Thanks to Ralph and Jacqueline for their efforts to update the website as needed.

8. Old Business:

None.

9. New Business

No new business was put forward.

10. Adjournment:

Gerry Dufresne moved to adjourn at 7:43, seconded by Carol Natitus. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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JANUARY 2022 LCIA TREASURER'S REPORT					
	CURRENT YEAR 2021 - 2022			PREVIOUS YEARS ACTUAL	
	JANUARY 2022	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020
INCOME					
Taxes - Current	\$1,308.00	\$38,000.62	\$53,192.00	\$42,359.47	\$35,452.11
Past Tax + Interest + Fees	\$250.16	\$2,887.05	\$4,000.00	\$16,629.99	\$7,845.96
Donations		\$2,627.07		\$1,804.16	\$2,023.18
LCIA Hall Rental		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$525.00
Fundraising	\$80.43	\$961.87	\$2,500.00	\$240.00	\$784.00
Website + Newsletter		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Int. + Other LCIA Accts	\$5.96	\$26.19		\$47.51	\$30.52
Other		\$25.00		\$0.00	\$25.00
From Other LCIA Accounts		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
INCOME Totals	\$1,644.55	\$44,527.80	\$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)	\$56.73	\$578.78	\$2,400.00	\$1,943.57	\$2,449.13
Office Expense		\$21.09	\$200.00	\$45.75	\$62.00
Bookkeeping Service	\$600.00	\$1,700.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00
Mail / Postage		\$0.00	\$300.00	\$257.50	\$186.00
Road: Repair (Pave + Brush)		\$6,703.72	\$7,500.00	\$1,002.99	\$13,188.83
Road: Snow Plow + Sand	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$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	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,340.00
Landscaping		\$400.00	\$3,000.00	\$900.00	\$2,100.00
Lake Maintenance / H2O 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		\$60.00	\$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	\$3,746.73	\$15,837.59	\$59,650.00	\$41,302.94	\$42,817.56
8600 General Fund Balance					
January 1, 2022 Starting Balance	\$	71,915.51	Other LCIA Bank Accounts		
Total Month Income		1,644.55	0220 - Lake & Dam Maint Svg Acct	\$	4,410.59
Total Month Expense		(3,746.73)	6720 - LCIA Misc Savings Acct	\$	19,886.44
			8960 - LCIA Special Use Ckg Acct	\$	17,348.17
Balance (thru January 31, 2022)	\$	69,813.33	Total	\$	41,645.20

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January 2022 Transaction Detail for LCIA Accounts

Account No. // Trans Type	Description	Amount	Check #
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	19,880.42	
	Transfer from general checking		
	Interest income	6.02	
	Ending Balance	<u>19,886.44</u>	
8960 Special Use Checking Acct (Septic Fund)			
	Beginning Balance	17,348.17	
	Transfer from general checking		
	Interest income		
	Ending Balance	<u>17,348.17</u>	
8600 General Fund Acct			
	Beginning Balance	\$ 71,915.51	
	Income		
	Current Taxes	1,308.00	
	Delinquent Taxes + Interest	250.16	
	Fundraising	80.43	
	Donation		
	Other income		
	Interest on checking acct	5.96	
	Total Income	<u>\$ 1,644.55</u>	
	Expense		
	Eversource	56.73	ACH
	CT Agriculture	1,040.00	
	Kristy Novitski	600.00	
	Greg Peck	2,050.00	
	Total Expense	<u>\$ 3,746.73</u>	
	Ending Balance	<u>\$ 69,813.33</u>	
TOTAL OF ALL LCIA ACCOUNTS AS OF		<u>111,458.53</u>	
			1/31/2022