

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2003

ATTENDANCE: See attached list.

Rich Rodriguez made a motion to move the opening remarks to after the call of order. Laura Koropatkin seconded. 1 abstained . All in favor. Motion passed.

The meeting was called to order by Gay Leedie at 2: 00 pm

Opening remarks: Gay Leedie thanked the body for coming. Anyone interested in volunteering for various projects please use the sign up sheets located on the front table. Your involvement is always welcome, not just when a “hot” topic is being discussed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT : Betty Dunn made a motion to accept the minutes of July 21, 2002 and September 10, 2002. John Mayer seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Gerry Dufresne made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Sharon Bickford seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE:

A motion was made by Gerry Dufresne to appoint Kerri Olson. Bob Layton seconded. All in favor. 1 abstained. Motion passed. Kay Warren made a motion to appoint Ralph Sherman and Barbara Denmark. Mike Grant seconded. All in favor. 4 abstained. Motion passed. Mike Grant made a motion to appoint Donna Burkey. Kay Warren seconded. 5 abstained. Motion passed. Deanna Soja made a motion to appoint Debbie Lathrop. Bob Layton seconded. 1 abstained. All in favor. Motion passed. Debbie Lathrop made a motion to reserve one seat for a board member. Deanna Soja seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE: The Committee has nominated three new members this year: Frank Boni, Christopher Kelly, William Strapko.

BINGO CHAIR REPORT: Jack Pirzl reported that Bingo has been doing very well the last few months. We need volunteers for both the floor and in the kitchen. Jack encouraged the group to speak to him and would be happy to get them set up. Floor help runs from 7pm to 10:00 pm. Kitchen help runs from 5pm to 7 pm.

ROAD CHAIR’S REPORT: Gerry Dufresne reported that road grading has been delayed due to rain. The bill has not yet been paid and will come out of this years’ budget. Pot holes will be filled and the drainage ditch on Ashford Drive will be repaired. Union Drive was damaged by a contractor building a home. The bond was not posted and the house has since been sold so we will not be seeking remedies.

Kay Warren asked if we could change our ordinances during certain times of the year to prohibit large trucks from using our roads. We would need to create a new ordinance for this suggestion. Gay expressed her thanks for everyone’s patience during this very wet season. Barbara Denmark expressed concern that the mail trucks have been damaging the front of her lawn. Gay explained that the town actually owns that land. A collapsed pipe has caused problems with the culvert on Old Town Road near Amidon Drive. Gay Leedie will contact the town. There is a home danger on Lake View Drive where a tree has fallen on a house. There have been kids coming and going from that area. The homeowner has been notified already. There is a dry well that is not functioning well due to various reasons—primarily homeowners making improvements to their properties and altering the pitch of the area which has affected the drainage.

CONSTABLE’S REPORT: Gerry Dufresne reported that the lake has been a lot quieter this spring. Recent problems included an ATV and speeding in general. The State Police have been notified and will be clamping down. Richard Ide’s discussed the problems at the Beach with teenagers beating the outhouse with bats, throwing rocks at the raft, etc. generally around 7:00 pm in the evening. Starr Potts inquired if there was an ordinance regarding fireworks after she discovered a casing in her chimney. The State Police have been called several times regarding fire works. Bill Strapko has noticed several unregistered cars and animals that are not allowed per our ordinances. Gay Leedie does tour the area with the Planning and Zoning Commissioner pointing out violations. Gay indicated that baby steps are being taken on all of your issues and appreciates your patience.

BEACH CHAIR'S REPORT : Gay Leedie reported that the buoys will be put out soon. Two concrete blocks are need to help secure the raft. The bike rack has been set up. Sand has been delivered and needs to be spread. Reminder for kids not to do a balancing act on the fence. Richard Ide asked what was being done to keep the geese off the beach area. Bob Layton will be firing the shots to scare off the geese this summer. Bob Layton also suggested that we park a car in the beach area with a "Security" sign to help deter poor behavior. The contractor hired to do the required work at Mothers' Beach did not show up in the fall. Hipsky cannot get his equipment in that area until the fall. Gay contacted another contractor and will have the ties and the steel spikes removed so the area can be re-opened "as is" until further improvements can be made. Kay Warren thanked Rich Rodriguez and his son Dylan for building the new raft at the beach. All applauded. Jason Sherman inquired if we could put up a fence on the other side of Mothers' Beach. Jason thought that the funds had been approved last year. Gay Leedie will check into this. Water testing will be done next week at the Main Beach. Multiple tests will be done near the culvert areas as well. Gay Leedie has an appointment with the Department of Health to review the results of the water tests done last year. We have \$645 left in the budget and will continue to perform multiple tests in different locations. When the beach is closed due to poor test results, it is sometimes difficult to communicate to all members. We will be posting more signs and as well as posting the message on the internet. If the results are poor, Gay Leedie receives a call and immediately brings another sample down for testing. A suggestion was made to fly a colored flag indicating the beach is closed. The Board of Directors has decided not to test at Mothers' Beach until all the dangers have been removed. A question was raised as to why Mothers' Beach is often closed due to poor water testing results. Gay explained that the area has wetlands that run into that cove and that work needs to be done to correct that situation. There have been recent repairs made to the septic systems in that area as well.

ENVIRONMENTALIST'S REPORT: None

REC CHAIR'S REPORT : We have obtained a new basketball hoop and backboard that needs to be installed.

FUND RAISING CHAIR'S REPORT: A tag sale has been planned for July 13th and we are looking for volunteers to run the Lake Chaffee Table.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Notice from the General Assembly Public Act Number 03-256 for Substitute House Bill Number 5589. This is a faxed copy received on June 18, 2003 at 14:24 to fax number 860-240-0036.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Town of Ashford owns 4 lots on Circle Drive. The Ashford Recreation Dept has approached us asking to provide beach passes – 1 per lot, a total of 4 passes per day to be issued to the town residents for use of our Lake. Kay Warren made a motion to discuss the question of should we allow the town to issue 4 passes per day for the use of our Lake. Gerry Dufresne seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. The following issues were discussed:

- A. Who will police
- B. How many people per pass
- C. Amount of consideration we will receive to allowing these passes to be issued
- D. Would another municipality have the same rights if they were to buy a lot
- E. Liability concerns
- F. Parking
- G. Should we change our by-laws to prohibit this practice
- H. Under the same logic, would banks, HUD, etc have the same rights
- I. Town should pay dues in order to receive the same privileges as the people
- J. What are the benefits to Lake Chaffee
- K. Should not have been allowed to be in the Town's newsletter before this meeting took place
- L. What legal action does the Town have against us if we do not allow them usage and the costs associated with it.
- M. There are people using our beach now that do not live here, we need to open our eyes
- N. Could we revoke these passes, under what terms

Kay Warren made a motion to vote on the issue of allowing the Town to issue 4 Beach passes. Gerry Dufresne seconded. Motion Passed. Vote results were 18 in favor of LCIA allowing the town to issue 4 passes for the Beach. 13 voted not to

allow the town to issue the passes for the Beach. Motion Passed.

Gay will now entertain restrictions to the passes. The following restrictions were suggested:

- A. # of people per pass be limited to 4 people
- B. Adults have to accompany any children
- C. The Town's insurance is responsible for liability
- D. Pass stipulates hours 9am to 5pm
- E. Ask for a \$200 donation
- F. We reserve the right to terminate this agreement

Bill Strapko questioned the whole that has been dug in the back of Lake Chaffee Hall. Gay Leedie explained that we are raising the level of the well to avoid any ground water from getting into it.

Bill Strapko made a motion to adjourn. Emmy King seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LINDA M PARENT
SECRETARY