

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AUGUST 17, 2003

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Koropatkin at 2:05 p.m.

A list of the attendance of the members is attached. Quorum was present.

President Koropatkin asked for a motion to move Item #A under New Business to after the Treasurer's report. **Joan Doyle made a motion to move Item #A under New Business to after the Treasurer's report.** There was 1 opposed. Motion passed.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Sue Cowen made a motion to accept the Secretary's report of July 20, 2003.** Tom Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Irwin Krieger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report of Actual expenditures as of 8/1/03.** Jerry Dufresne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## ITEM #A. UNDER NEW BUSINESS – vote on whether LCIA needs a Constable.

**David Provencher made a motion to discontinue the constable position.** Donna Burkey seconded the motion. Discussion was held with various opinions on why Lake Chaffee needed a constable. Bob Layton stated that Section 6 of the Charter requires us to maintain police for our by-laws and ordinances. A vote was taken. Motion did not pass with one person not voting.

## APPROVE TAX RATE

**Ron LaMonica made a motion to vote on the Tax Rate fee before discussion of the budget.** Ed Chisholm seconded the motion. There were 14 yes votes and 24 no votes. Motion did not pass.

**Gay Leedie made to motion to discuss the budget items before voting on the tax rate.** Irwin Krieger seconded the motion. There were 25 yes and 2 oppose. Motion passed.

## DISCUSSION ON BUDGET

**Pauline Backhaus made a motion to put \$18,092 in the line item for the road fund.** John Mayer seconded the motion. Discussion followed with people stating that they wanted to go through the budget line item by line item. **Pauline Backhaus rescinded her motion** and John Mayer rescinded his second. The President asked Jack Pirzl, the treasurer, to explain what each line item entails and why the figures were put in the budget as shown. After addressing each line item and discussion was over, **Jerry Dufresne made a motion to accept the \$125.00 tax fee and budget.** Pauline Backhaus seconded the motion. There were 25 yes votes and 10 opposing votes with 1 abstention. Motion passed.

## APPROVE DATE FOR LOWERING OF THE LAKE

**Gay Leedie made a motion to lower the lake on Columbus Day weekend and that the lake be kept down four (4) feet until the first killing frost.** Pauline Backhaus seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Hall of Fame** — No report. Pauline Backhaus stated that she was on the committee and that no one was ever contacting her to discuss the names of the honorees. Pauline was named chairman of the Hall of Fame.

**Road Chairman's Report**

Jerry Dufresne said that he would be calling Joe Hipsky to see if he was able to accommodate our snow plowing this year. He was also going to get quotes from Joe Hipsky on finishing the paving on Amidon Drive and other quotes for the other roads that need repairing.

**Constable's Report**

Jerry Dufresne stated that it has been pretty quiet with still a problem of speeding around the lake roads. Pauline Backhaus stated that there was always a truck parked on Lakeview Drive and that there was a problem with kids riding their motorbikes/scooters on lake and town roads. Jerry Dufresne stated that the State Police told him that the driver of the motorbikes/scooters had to be 16 years of age or older and they must wear safety helmets. Jerry said he was going to talk to the State Police on the speeders around the lake.

**Beach Chairman's Report**

Sandy Moquin was on vacation and Sharon Bickford gave her report. Sandy has been raking the grass from the water. Billy Strapko and Sandy and George Moquin have built a bench for the Main Beach and installed it. Sandy asks that the last person to use the beach please put the yellow ribbon back up. This helps to keep the geese off the beach.

**Environmental Chairman's Report**

Anita Kersten stated in her report that you could help the lake by pulling out the leaves and tall grass from the lake before they flower and reseed. She also stated that the test results from last week (taken in 5 different areas) came out with an exceptionally low count on everything it was tested for. She stated that our lake water is exceptionally clean and healthy. One of the cleanest in the state.

**Recreation Report**

There was no report as there is no chairman at this time.

**Fundraising Report**

President Koropatkin stated that she would like to do a candy sale. Gay Leedie suggested that she not hold a candy sale as Ashford soccer and baseball also have their candy sale and she thought that it might interfere with their sales. Bob Layton suggested doing a sweatshirt sale. President Koropatkin stated that it would be too costly as the sweatshirts would have to be made in small order amounts and we wouldn't make anything on them and she would have to charge a larger fee than the T-shirts. Marilyn DelGrosso suggested that the lake make a cookbook.

**Charter Revision Commission Report**

On the absence of the chairman, Deana Sojo held the information hearing previous to today's meeting. She stated that there would be another hearing in the future.

**DISCUSS CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**A. Vote on date for final report – John Noll made a motion to allow the commission to continue their research up to the 16 months (to August 9, 2004).** Deana Sojo seconded the motion. Debbie Colombe asked for a clarification of the process of the 16 months timeframe. John Noll explained that it was given in the guidelines that the Commission had to follow. There was 13 yes and 1 oppose. Motion Passed.

**B. Nominate new members**

**John Mayer nominated Gay Leedie, Harry Bagley and Chris Robson to the Commission.** Jerry Seconded the motion. There was 15 yes votes and 4 opposing votes. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Koropatkin stated that the drainage problem on David and Andrea Provencher property had been researched at the town hall and the research that was done showed that it was a State of Connecticut problem.

She also stated that Mother's Beach had been rototilled and cleaned up of glass, etc. and that people were starting to use the beach again.

**Anita Kersten made a motion that the railroad ties at Mother's Beach be taken care of by spring of 2004.** Rich Rodrique seconded the motion. Gay Leedie stated that not vote could be taken as it wasn't on the agenda. Motion was not voted on. Kay Warren stated that it could be put on the next Board of Director's meeting.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE**

Harry Bagley nominated Jerry Dufresne as constable. Bob Layton seconded the nomination. Motion passed with 1 person opposing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Pauline Backhaus made a motion to adjourn. President Koropatkin adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay M. Warren,  
Acting Secretary  
(Debbie Coloumbe, Secretary, recovering from surgery on her right hand)