

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2009
CHAFFEE HALL
2:00 pm

President Laura Koropatkin called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm noting that there was a quorum.

ACCEPTANCE OF SECRETARY'S MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2009

Sandy Moquin questioned why the branches weren't cut on Maple Drive. She had brought it up at the July meeting and wondered why it wasn't put in the minutes. Jerry Dufresne said that he would look into it.

Linda Parent questioned why we received a check from a non-member of the Association. Tom Martin said that he just donated to LCIA. Bob Layton explained that was just to use the beach and boat launch. Laurie Layton stated that it was mentioned to purchase a lot which he declined to do.

Tom Martin motioned to accept the secretary's minutes of July 19, 2009 as amended. Rick Rodrigue seconded. 8 people abstained because they were not at the meeting. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Betty Dunn motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Of August 10, 2009. Jerry Dufresne seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Tom Martin motioned to move Old Business up on the agenda. Rick Rodrigue seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

DAM

There was a lengthy discussion on how to lower the dam, as the present valve is broken. The three ways of lowering the dam are: (1) Siphoning; (2) put in a new lock; and (3) or fixing the old valve. Mike Mahoney, who has been taken care of the lowering the water every year does not want to open the present lock as he says he won't be able to close it off. According to Debbie Northrup and Rick Rodrigue they had siphoned the dam in the early 80's.

Bob Layton wanted to know if we were under a governmental requirement to lower the lake at will. Pauline Backhaus stated that we could lower the lake anytime we want too but we have to notify Willimantic Water Works when we open so they can adjust their dams along the route.

Debbie Lathrup motioned to lower the lake by siphoning this year so we can save dollars from the Lake Maintenance fund. Rick Rodrigue seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

John Mayer motioned that when the lake is lowered we examine the lock to see what needs to be done. Laurie Layton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ralph Sherman volunteered to chair the dam committee. There were pros and cons on when to lower the lake. People were saying that November was too cold to lower as they can't get out and clean their shorelines and fix what needs to be done. **Motion by John Mayer to lower the lake on Oct. 15. Gary Lathrup seconded. 2 persons abstained. Motion passed.**

WEED REPORT

Diana reported on the report from Greg Bugbee. See attached report. Diana stated that it costs around \$15,000 an acre to dredge and the lake owns 54 acres. Betty Dunn asked if the DPA would help with the weed problem. Diana said we don't have any aggressive weeds or any toxic weeds in the lake.

Linda Parent wanted to know if any research had been done with putting bacteria in the lake. Bob Layton stated that chemical treatment would cost about \$300 per acre.

Laura Koropatkin stated that an aeration system for the lake costs between \$28,000 or \$34,000 some 20 years ago. There was an applause for Diana Murray for her work as the environmental chair and for Bob Layton for the newsletter and taking care of the website.

The Blackmers have a weed mower and they have offered their services around the lake to mow the weeds in front of your property for \$300 for a 50' x 100' area and \$350 for a 100' x 100' area. Mrs. Blackmer (Nancy Magowan) quoted the Main Beach for \$350.00. Then she stated that they would do the main beach, the boat launch, and Mother's beach for \$1,000.

Linda Parent made a motion to take the money from the lake maintenance money market account and to put the transfer of the money to the lake maintenance account under expenses which will make that line item \$1,500. John Mayer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2009/2010 BUDGET

Jerry Dufresne motioned to accept the 2009/2010 budget as amended. Tom Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Laurie Layton made a motion to take \$400 from recreation and put \$200 into the beach maintenance line item and put \$200 in the fish fund. Linda Parent seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pauline Backhaus motioned to have the tax assessment at \$125.00 per property owner. Tom Martin seconded. 2 people opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Road Chairman

Jerry explained that because of the rainfall in the spring and early summer the contractor's are behind. Branches need to be cut and he asked anyone that lived on a road that needed branches cut they could do it, as he was very busy right now. Jerry suggested that the secretary write a letter to the town selectmen to have the trees trimmed on Lakeview Drive before winter.

B. Constable

Jerry stated that everything was fairly quiet. Diana Murray stated that someone put a dead squirrel in her mailbox and her mail got all bloody. Jerry stated that this was a federal offense and she should call the state police.

C. BEACHES

Sandy Moquin stated that Mother's beach was being taken care of by the renters and homeowners that live on Oak Drive. She stated that the garbage pail at the main beach fills up quickly and she has had to empty it weekly. The dock at the main beach was moved to get it away from the weeds. She stated that rocks were going to be put down at the boat launch to help with the erosion and make it easier for vehicles to come and go. The islands have been being taken care of by members and some of kids that are going over there. Sandy cautions people going over the swing island that there is a lot of glass that has been working itself out of the ground from years past.

D. BINGO

Jack PirzI stated we came in over budget on the bingo by \$2,000. This is due to an increase in bingo players and the kitchen being opened. He stated that we still need floor workers and kitchen workers.

KITCHEN

Kay Warren stated that the kitchen had been up and running since February of 2009. Anyone that wanted to see it would be welcomed to after the meeting was over. We need people to be trained in the kitchen and she will be doing a training session in the near future. Diana Murray, who purchases the food for the kitchen, stated that we had to buy everything from scratch when the kitchen open. Hopefully this year we will see a rise in the use of the kitchen. Anyone interested in working in the kitchen call Kay.

NEWSLETTER

Bob Layton thanked all the people for helping with the newsletter and getting ads for him. He stated that he wants to have 2 business cards per page of the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

The secretary's minutes of the annual budget meeting of August 17, 2008 was on the June agenda but there was no quorum so no meeting was held. The secretary didn't

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realize that she could amend the agenda and add it at the July meeting. She said she would have someone amend the agenda and add it to the August meeting. **John Mayer motioned to accept the secretary's minutes of August 17, 2008. Laurie Layton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Kari Olson stated that the dam committee should start to come to the Board of Director's meetings.

Laurie Layton motioned to start the process on raising the taxes. Diana Murray seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kay Warren stated she would start to look up the information. Kay was asked what needed to be done and she explained that a mailing must go out to the property owners and that 2/3rds of the vote must be in agreement for the raise to pass. If the increase passes at that stage then the next thing is to contact Tony Guglielmo and Brian Hurlburt for passage in the state legislature. This will take some time.

Irwin Krieger motioned for adjournment. Ralph Sherman seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Kay M. Warren
Recording Secretary