

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

2012 ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING AGENDAS

□ GENERAL MEETING LAKE CHAFFEE HALL SUN, JUNE 24, 2012 @ 2:00 pm	ELECTION OF OFFICERS LAKE CHAFFEE HALL SUN, JULY 15, 2012 @ 2:00 pm	BUDGET MEETING LAKE CHAFFEE HALL SUN, AUGUST 19, 2012 @ 2:00 pm
Call to order Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes Oct 12, 2011 Budget Meeting 2011- 2012 Recap Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Chairperson Reports: Road Dam/Valve Update Environmental Introduction of Grass Carp Beach Hall Rental Legislative Tax Correspondence New Business Adjournment	Call to order Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes June 24, 2012 General Meeting Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Election of Officers: President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director's positions - 2 available Alternate positions - 3 available Chairperson Reports: Constable Fundraising Environmental Legislative Tax Correspondence Old Business New Business Adjournment	Call to order Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes of July 15, 2012 Election Meeting Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Presentation of 2012/2013 Budget Vote on 2012/2013 Proposed Budget Chairperson Reports: Road Legislative tax Dam/Valve Lowering the Lake Environmental Correspondence Old Business New Business Adjournment

It is the intent of the Lake Chaffee Improvement Association to inform everyone of the issues and news pertaining to Lake Chaffee. The purpose of LCIA is to preserve, protect, and improve Lake Chaffee and it's surrounding area.

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Annual General Meeting

Lake Chaffee Hall

June 24, 2012 @ 2:00 pm

MINUTES RECORDED AND POSTED BEFORE APPROVAL

President Ivan Wascko called the meeting to order @ 2:15 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Ivan Wascko, Dennis Flaherty, Linda Parent, Ken Garee, Art Apostol, Tom Martin, Carol Natitus, and Kari Olson **Alternates:** Gerry Dufresne **Committee Chair:** Gay Leedie, Ralph Sherman

Approve Secretary's Minutes: Minutes of Oct 12, 2011 Budget Meeting were approved as read.

2011-2012 Recap:

- Hall renovated with approx. \$51k from insurance
- New Hall rental agreement \$175 per member/\$350 per non-member
- Cleaned up after storms
- Vocal opposition to Recycling Facility proposed in Ashford
- Town held tax sales on several properties and we collected back taxes
- New sand at both beaches
- Pot holes filled in
- Website has new advertising
- Tag sale held yesterday, another one scheduled for August 11th
- Researched dam/value issues with contractors and UCONN engineering students
- Installed alarms on holding tank
- Water testing done at the hall and lake
- Audited Treasurer's books
- Locks rekeyed and accounted for
- Poker run was a success- another one scheduled for June 30th
- Rocking horse painted and benches repaired at the main beach
- Insurance reviewed, agent changed, saved \$1000.00
- More people wanted to be on the Board than available positions for 2011-2012 elections

Treasurer's Report: Ken Garee presented the Treasurer's report. Treasurers' report was accepted as read.

Chairperson's Reports:

Road: Ivan reported that some of our roads are in tough shape. Grading is an option and we will need to roll them after to help retain the material from washing out after a hard rain. We need to pave a few sections of road and are currently obtaining estimates for the work. Gerry Dufresne added chippings to Westford Drive.

Dam/Valve Project: Kari Olson reported that research was done to analyze and understand the challenges with our dam/valve project. Contractors and engineers, as well as 2 students from UCONN's engineering program, reviewed the area and presented a few options for lowering the water level of the lake. We have a Class B dam, and there is potential for loss of life should the dam give way. The dam consists of the cement area, the berm, and several feet on either side which includes a few large trees. The analysis states the dam is currently stable and to make the desired repairs to bring our dam up to current codes, will be a long strategic project which will be expensive, and will require funding. Kari Olson has contacted Senator Tony Guglielmo and was told there currently is no state funding available. We are obtaining quotes to purchase materials to siphon the water out of the lake (UCONN students completed a project that detailed the materials needed and the approximate costs). We are currently obtaining prices for an 8" pipe vs. a 12" pipe, installation costs and deconstruction costs. The siphon will allow us to be able to control the level of our lake, and provide us with the time we will need to obtain additional funds to address the value repair issues. The lake will be lowered this year to allow people to work on their docks, and clean up their waterfronts. A suggestion was made that we contact the fire department to see if they can assist with lowering the lake and save the money required

to purchase the materials and labor costs for construction and deconstruction. Gay Leedie volunteered to contact them to discuss. Gerry Dufresne noticed that they were draining ponds at Roaring Brook campground in Stafford Springs. He will check with them to find out if it is possible to rent/borrow their equipment. Ralph Sherman indicated that we are open to ideas and suggestions. We need people who are willing and able to help us research and execute some of these ideas. Ivan Wasko thanked both Kari Olson and Ralph Sherman for their time spent researching, working with contractors, and coordinating the with UCONN engineering students on their project.

Environmental Report: Ralph Sherman reported that water tests for this year have been done, results should be in this week. He has noticed only one geese family and just a few ducks. A lot of fresh water clams have been eaten- perhaps by the otter or the muskrat. He has done some research on crayfish and they also eat the fresh water clams. People are catching fish and the lake is healthy. Ralph has completed a report on the Grass Carp that he presented to the Board of Directors. The application process includes contacting the DEEP to conduct an inspection of our dam and our water outlets, the installation of fencing to ensure that the carp do not leave our lake, etc. The costs would be significant, and for the most part, the carp are used in smaller bodies of water, primarily ponds. The copy of the report is available electronically by request, please email rsher0001@hotmail.com. Ralph Sherman has opened up discussions with a company who has treated lakes in Holland MA, Hole in the Wall Camp, etc. using herbicides. Ralph will be researching the process, costs of the study, DEEP approvals, permit requirements, etc.

Beach Report: Ivan reported that there is new sand at the beach, the port-o-let will be there until Labor Day. Sandy put foam noodles across the ropes to outline the swimming area, this was a low cost replacement for buoys. Mothers' Beach has been cleaned up, the overgrowth has been cut back. Parking for Mothers beach is on Armitage Drive, not Oak Drive.

Hall Rental: Members in good standing are welcome to rent the hall for \$175, \$350 for non-members. The hall is available at no cost to members for bereavement purposes for their immediate family members.

Legislative Tax: Kari Olson reported that our Lake Association is run by a Charter. There was a Charter Revision Committee that was formed and dis-banned several years ago. We are currently exploring options to raise our tax rates, as last year (2010-2011) we received donations so that we did not close our books in the red. We can only amend our Charter by going to the legislature and passing a special act. The last time this was done was in 2003, whereby we raised our taxation range from \$50- \$125. The Legislature wants us to go to Home Rule, so we don't have to go before them to request these special acts to change our Charter. The Committee met last week to begin decisions on how to proceed. Tony Guglielmo provided us with some information, Kari has studied the statutes, and we are working on how we can amend the charter to give us the ability to set our own taxes based on certain factors. The Legislature is not currently in session so we have the course of the summer to prepare our proposal to present to the membership. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 5th at 6:00 pm at the Lake Chaffee Hall, interested parties are welcome to attend.

Correspondence: None

New Business: A tag sale was held Sat, June 23rd at the Hall. Next Saturday, June 30th is our second Poker Run. We are looking for volunteers to host a dock. You can walk, drive, or visit the docks by boat. Entrance fee is \$25, this event is open to the all members and the public. Registration begins at the Hall at 12:00 pm. Boat parade and activities will be held on Weds, July 4th at 12 noon starting at the Boat Launch. You are welcome to decorate your boats. We are looking for volunteers to host some fund raising events. Anyone interested in hosting game nights, please contact the Board. A suggestion was made that each household volunteer 1-2 hours per year. Our next meeting will be held on Sun, July 15th. This is our election meeting and we encourage any interested members to attend and run for Officer and Director positions.

Adjournment: Linda Parent made a motion to adjourn. Kari Olson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Parent, LCIA Secretary