

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2011

President Ivan Wasko called the meeting to order @ 6:34 pm.

Board Members In Attendance: Ivan Wasko, Dennis Flaherty, Brenda Chisholm, Ken Garee, Kari Olson, Laurie Layton, Tom Martin, Sandy Moquin (A), Gerry Dufresne (A), Art Apostol (A)

Brenda Chisholm motioned to seat all three alternate board members, seconded by Dennis Flaherty; motion passed.

Discuss and decide what to do about Association Road Plowing:

The Board is very well aware of the issues surrounding the plowing of the Association roads this season. After a lengthy discussion the board came to a decision to keep the current contractor. Below are the highlights of the discussion.

- Per our written contract; Patruno is required to begin plowing when we have 2" of snow; he has not been
- His equipment is not maintained well (bald tires on big truck that he is not planning on replacing)
- The Jeep was supposed to be used as a "clean-up" vehicle, being used as main vehicle for plowing
- Seems to be inexperienced and not using his equipment properly
- He didn't clear out the Chaffee Hall parking lot
- He did a good job last year; this year....very disappointed

Ivan, Dennis and Brenda received a phone call from the town Selectman regarding the road conditions. Our roads must be a minimum of 9 feet wide for emergency vehicles to be able to safely pass through to reach members of our Association. The highlights of this issue:

- Our roads are NOT 9 feet wide, some barely passable
- We are at risk from having a problem with the fire marshal, emergency crews, and people who need to get to work.
- Hire Hipsky to come in and widen the roads. Hipsky would charge approx. \$1,800; Patruno wanted \$12,000.
- We would like to hire Hipsky to plow but Hipsky is semi-retired and not interested
- Tom Martin said he would be glad to widen when he is around. Ivan said we can compensate Tom for his fuel.
THANK-YOU TOM!!
- Other Association members have been using snow blowers to widen roads, **THANK-YOU!!**
- There were discussions about firing Patruno and hiring someone new but most plowing contractors have more than they can handle right now; also, many board members feel he should have to live up to his obligations.

So, in conclusion:

- We are keeping Patruno as our contractor, at least for the time being.
- Jerry and Ivan called Eric @ 8:00 pm and informed him of all the discussions, also told him to plow Perch Drive *up* from the lake, not towards the lake.
- Hipsky will clear the snow to make the roads at least 9 feet wide.
- The board will look more closely at the plowing contract next season, especially the contractor's equipment.
- Where to take money from for Hipsky? Suggestions: A. General Fund B. Raise Taxes
- Everyone needs to remember that **EVERYBODY** in the State has been having issues with snow removal this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Chisholm
LCIA Secretary

