

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

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

**Board Members In Attendance:** Ivan Wasco, 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; Patrino 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; Patrino 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 Patrino 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 Patrino 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

