

LAKE CHAFFEE

Newsletter

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BUDGET MEETING
CHAFFEE HALL, 2:00 P.M.
AUG. 21, 2005

1. Call to order
2. Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes of the July 17, 2005 Election Meeting
3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
4. Acceptance and vote on Budget 2005/2006
5. Chairman Reports:
 - a. Road
 - b. Constable
 - c. Beach
 - d. Bingo – *Jack Pirzl*
 - e. Fundraising –
Laura Koropatkin
 - f. Environmental –
Diana Murray
 - g. Newsletter –
Laura Koropatkin
6. Correspondence
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Officers Elected
2005/2006

OFFICERS

Laura Koropatkin – *President*
860-487-3595 or 860-871-0327
Term expires 2006

Kay M. Warren – *Vice President*
860-487-3744
Term Expires 2006

Deborah Coulombe – *Secretary*
860-487-3595 or 860-659-4753
Term expires 2006

Jack Pirzl – *Treasurer*
860-487-3736
Term expires 2006

DIRECTORS

Shirley Bond
Term Expires 2007
860-429-0310

Dennis Flaherty
Term Expires 2006
860-429-3418 or
860-870-9522

Sandra Moquin
Term Expires 2007
860-487-3619

Thomas Martin
Term Expires 2006
860-487-3599

Robert Layton
Term Expires 2008
860-429-2417

Dianna Murray
Term expires 2008
860-429-4593

ALTERNATES

Pauline Backhaus
Term expires 2006
860-487-3721

Gerald Dufresne
Term expires 2006
860-487-3590

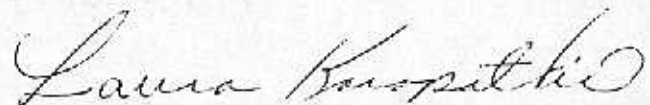
Melissa Almqvist
Term expires 2006
phone N/A

The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Chaffee Hall.

President's Remarks

I would like to THANK all the members that have expressed appreciation throughout the year and those who attended the July election meeting. I was re-elected for a third term as President of LCIA. I am grateful for having the opportunity to

serve as your leader. As in the past, and for the future, I will work with the members of LCIA. The LCIA Board Officers and Directors, work as a group to achieve the well being, safety, happiness, and growth here in our small community. Thank you again for all your support. ■



LCIA President,
Laura Koropatkin

Newsletter Guidelines

(passed by the Board of Directors, Nov. 19, 2003)

- * Published a minimum of four times a year, preferably quarterly, with the option for bulletins when appropriate.
- * Mailed to residential addresses, bulk mail (address database labels will be supplied).
- * No gossip, slander or liability issues.
- * All Letters to the Editor received, must be legible and bear the writer's signature, name, town, street address and telephone number. (The latter two will not be published, but are needed to verify the letter.)
- * Final draft must be brought to a board meeting prior to releasing, for Board of Directors Official release. Any changes will be made together with the newsletter committee and the Board of Directors.

Water Testing

The July 12 water test at the Main Beach was 100/100ml and Mother's Beach was <20/100 ml. The State of Connecticut maximum allowable (for safe swimming) is 235/100ml, and mean is 126/100ml.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters must be signed and include an address and daytime phone number. The Board of Directors reserve the right to edit the letters for length and content. The Board of Directors also reserves the right to withhold publication of letters.

Lowering of the Lake

The date that the lake will be lowered for fall cleanup will be decided at the August 21 Budget meeting. Please plan to attend for input. The Lake is lowered to allow residents to clean their lakefronts and to fix any retaining walls that are in need of repair. REMEMBER: If you put sand into the Lake you SHALL remove the same amount that you are putting.

Minutes

How to obtain monthly meeting minutes off the website:

- Go online and key in www.lakechaffee.org in your search engine.
- Click on archives tab up top of screen.
- Click on meeting minutes (minutes go as far back as 2001).

Bingo

Bingo still needs volunteers. It only takes one night of training to work on the floor and in the kitchen. See if you can spare a few hours to help.

Tag Sale/ Flea Market

The Association is sponsoring a Flea Market/Tag Sale on Saturday, August 27 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you can help out either in the kitchen or the lake tables please call Kay Warren at 860/487-3744.

Corporate Website

If you don't want to be listed on the website please let Bob Layton know @ (860) 429-2417.

Delinquent Taxes

LCIA is in the process of collecting delinquent taxes. If you are in arrears please remit past due amounts to Jack Pirzli, P.O. Box 231, Ashford, CT 06278-0231, (860) 487-3736 or call Kay Warren (860) 487-3744 to be put on a payment plan. ■

Sweatshirts/ Hats

We still have some sweatshirts and hats left from our fundraiser last year. If you would like one please call Laura at (860) 871-0327 or (860) 487-3595.

Oh Poop!

The Board of Directors would like to ask residents who walk their dogs to please pick up after them. Remember: your dogs must be on a leash and they are not allowed on the beach or boat launch areas leashed or unleashed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mailboxes

Please keep your mailboxes clear of the *Reminder*, *Broadcaster*, etc. or any paper that is delivered other than by the postal service.

Fall Raking/ Cleanup

LEAVES - When raking your leaves on your property please do not rake them into the water. ■

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome to help in the spring/summer/fall clean-up of the beaches and islands. As you see on the beach photo page there were several seventh graders that needed to do some community service by the month of May. We also had some adult volunteers as well. Thank you again everyone for volunteering.

Bottles/Cans

REMINDER: Please drop your returnable bottles and cans at Chaffee Hall the last Saturday of each month. This benefits LCIA. ■

A.C.E.S.

Ashford Cleaning and Errand Services



Weekly, Bi-Weekly or Monthly Cleaning

No Job Too Small

Senior Citizen's Discount Available

Sandra Moquin

Phone: 860-487-3619

Want to Serve Lake Chaffee?

The Board of Directors will be appointing chairmen for the following during the months of August, September and October. The following positions will be appointed: Beach Chairman, Road Chairman and Constable. Also we are looking for someone to clean the hall. If anyone, male or female, would like to volunteer for these positions please tell President Koropatkin at the Aug. 17 Budget meeting or come to the Director's meeting the second Wednesday of Sept. at 6:30 p.m. at Chaffee Hall or let President Koropatkin know your intentions. The *Guidelines* for these positions will be given to you upon request. The above positions have a small honorarium. Other committees that need chairmen are Bingo, Fundraising, Environmental and Newsletter. We are still looking for more people to help out at our weekly bingo. We need kitchen workers and floor workers. One Saturday a month!!! The profit from the bingo pays for the upkeep of the hall. ■

Back Taxes

We have collected \$4,150. in back taxes, \$1,911.64 in penalties, and \$68.78 in interest as of the printing of this newsletter. ■

Fundraising

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising for the Association please let Laura Koropatkin know. We are always looking for ways to fundraise. ■

Radios/ Stereos

Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep the volume down on your radios and stereos as sound does carry across the Lake. ■

Need Help?

Do you need someone to help rake the leaves in the fall? Need someone to help shovel your driveway or sidewalk in the winter? Need any kind of yardwork at all? If so, call President Koropatkin at 487-3595. ■

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2004 / 2005

- ★ **Collected** 99% of the budgeted taxes for \$29,816.25 (Budgeted amount was \$30,000.)
- ★ **Collected** over 300% of the budget amount for back taxes of \$6,030.51 (this includes the penalties and interest fees) (Budgeted amount was \$2,070.)
- ★ **Finished** paving Amidon Drive
- ★ **Grading** completed on the dirt roads
- ★ **Painted** and cleaned the interior of Chaffee Hall
- ★ **Lowered** the population of the Canada geese by purchasing fake coyotes
- ★ **Increased** the revenue of Bingo
- ★ **Water** testing done all during the summer season
- ★ **Drain** at the dam repaired
- ★ **Boat** dock repaired
- ★ **At** the request of the membership 3 stop signs were installed on Lakeview Drive, 1 at Pine Hill Drive, and 2 on Circle Drive
- ★ **Worked** with the court system on using person/s needing community service and worked with the school health groups for community service
- ★ **Met** with the State Police for more coverage at the Lake area

Flea Market/Tag Sale

Saturday
August 27, 2005

Chaffee Hall
15 Old Town Road
Ashford, CT

8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tables: \$10.00 each

Kitchen will be open for lunch

For info or to rent a table call
Kay M. Warren (860) 487-3744
or
Shirley Bond (860) 429-0310

Donations gladly accepted Friday night
at the hall from 6-9 p.m. for the Lake tables. Please have them
tagged for us with the price. Thank you.

*Please cut and send with your check made out to Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc. to:
Kay M. Warren, 31 Amidon Drive, Ashford, CT 06076-2004*

Yes, I would like _____ table/s or spaces. @ \$10.00 each \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Cell: _____

The hall will be open at 7 a.m. for people to set up. Any questions please call Kay at 860-487-3744 or
Shirley at 860-429-0310.

Treasurer's Report as of

August 1, 2005

INCOME	Actual as of 8/1/05	Approved 04/05	Treasurer's Proposed 05/06
Association Taxes	29,941.25	30,000.00	30,000.00
Past Due Assoc. Taxes	4,150.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Penalties	1,911.64	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interest	68.78	70.00	100.00
Donations	900.60	0.00	0.00
Rentals	500.00	0.00	0.00
Bingo	4,887.26	6,000.00	6,000.00
Sealed Tickets	619.51	1,500.00	800.00
LCIA Fundraisers	217.20	250.00	250.00
Fish Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
LCIA Fund (Bazaar)	596.00	600.00	600.00
Newsletter (Ads)	10.00	100.00	100.00
Road Bond Money	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	43,802.24	40,520.00	40,850.00
EXPENSES	Actual 8-1-05	Approved 8/1/04	as of
Building Maintenance	2,697.66	3,500.00	3,200.00
Utilities	4,652.90	5,162.00	5,100.00
Office Expenses	735.23	750.00	750.00
Postage	654.25	500.00	650.00
Road Maintenance	18,229.83	16,820.00	18,000.00
Insurance	8,584.32	8,700.00	8,700.00
Honorariums	850.00	850.00	850.00
Contingency	55.96	200.00	200.00
Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal	156.00	500.00	500.00
Recreation	0.00	300.00	300.00
Beach Maintenance	364.76	800.00	800.00
Lake Maintenance	140.00	300.00	300.00
LCIA Fund	596.00	600.00	600.00
Lake Maint. Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fish Fund	0.00	200.00	200.00
Return Road Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	127.80	500.00	200.00
Total Expenses	38,344.71	40,520.00	40,850.00
	as of 8/1/05	as of 8/1/04	as of
Starting Balance	2,971.97	2,971.97	
Income to date	43,802.24		
Total	46,774.21		
Expenses to Date	38,344.71		
Income/Expenses Total	8,429.50		
FUNDS AS OF	8/1/05		
Checking	2,457.92		
Savings	5,971.58		
Total on Hand	8,429.50		

FUNDS	as of 8/1/04	as of 8/1/05
Lake Maint.	15,514.68	16,085.70
LCIA (Bazaar)	5,346.05	4,679.30
Recreation	506.31	508.41

**Tax Assessment
\$125.00**

Layton, Robert W and Lauren N
147 Lakeview Dr
Ashford CT 06278



860-684-4194

Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 231
Ashford, Connecticut 06278-0231

**STAFFORD SPRINGS
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
3 MAIN STREET
STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT 06076**

860-684-4194



Come Worship With Us

Gas Co-op

If anyone is interested in joining a gas co-op please let Kay Warren know. This is not a project of the Association. Gas companies will bid to deliver the gas usually at a cheaper price. If there is an interest Kay Warren will check into the project. ■

Coyotes

It seems that Wile E. Coyote has done his job this year in lessening the Lake of the Canada geese. If there are enough people who want to order any more please call Laura Koropatkin at 860/487-3595 or 860/871-0327 and we will do another order so you will have them ready for next year's geese arrival. Remember you must move them about every other day for them to be effective. ■