

*Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes -----May 20, 2019*

I. Call to Order

HILA monthly meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at Wolcott Firehouse #1 by President Kathy Mrazik.

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Mrazik, Andy Giordino, Lina Marunas, Ed Sullivan, Noreo Gabriel, Robert Browne, Cheryl Corey, David Judd

Members present: Michael Mrazik, Mark Sussman

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 2019 meeting were approved as posted on the website. Motion by Andy Giordino, Robert Browne second. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

David Judd presented the March/April 2019 Treasurer's report and Budget to Actual through April 30, 2019.

- 2018 taxes were filed by Frank Nardelli. Thank you to be sent.
- Kathy Mrazik worked with Webster Bank to resolve an issue where debit purchases were being taken out of the Money Market account and not the Checking account. Debits of \$73.00, \$70.35 and \$50.00. Money has been replaced to Money Market account.
- Renew the Lake fund donations were reported as a separate line on Annual report in 2018. Will be reported separately on the monthly Treasurer's report. To-date \$945 received.

IV. CDC: Kathy Mrazik shared the following:

- Kayak club: first meeting is 6/9 at College Place. Email to be sent out.
- Glassware ordered at Open House will be ready this weekend.
- Kathy to reach out to South Lake members who have hosted Dock to Dock in the past. Event was canceled last year. Will also need water taxis. Planned for 7/27.

V. Environmental and Safety:

- Solitude Inspection and weed treatment: Solitude inspected the lakes in April. During that inspection, curly leaf pondweed was reported as minimal and algae samples sent to lab. Kathy Mrazik has been in regular contact with Solitude about first treatment as weeds are growing, and has been discussing with project manager Dominic Meringolo. The DEEP permit has not been issued yet. Hitchcock Lake is a priority for Solitude due to curly leaf. CT permits have been reported as slow to come in. Kathy left a message for an update from Solitude on 5/20 and did not hear back prior to meeting. Mark Sussman has contacts at DEEP and will pursue update from DEEP on behalf of HLIA. Residents reporting weeds growing and inquiries about first treatment. Email to be sent to residents with an update.
- Buoys will be put out shortly
- Memorial Day safety email will be sent out with links to State boating guide and Safety class offerings
- Mattatuck Beach—Kathy Mrazik, Lina Marunas and Tom Tella met in April with Mayor Dunn to discuss status of opening and closing Mattatuck Beach for this summer. Family that cared for open/close of beach no longer available. It was requested of the town to oversee daily opening and closing and not to just leave gates open. Mayor was to get back to Kathy.
- Storm drains/Street sweeping—discussed with Mayor and asked that town suction out the drains around the lake as some are filled to the top. Mayor said crews would be out to clean and sweep. Also discussed cleaning of the catch basin system that was installed at the corner of Lake and Birch and this was on their list. Reports of drains being cleaned, street sweeping and new grates installed this month, but some basins still full.
- Valve/Dam Committee—South valve is unprotected and people fishing are leaving garbage. At the dam, Mafia block moved over winter, and concern it could move to impede valve. If falls, could block grate, and would not be able to open or close valve. Committee is continuing to explore options as DEEP registered dams and all repairs at huge expense.

VI. Correspondence

- A number of emails from potential property buyers, realtors about Lake rights, rules and regulations, HLIA membership, dock building, dam and lake treatment program. Thank you note from Dan DellaVecchia

VII. Old Business

- Membership Update: Total to date \$11,065, approx. 70 members (56 lakefront). Additional registered at May 20 meeting. This is about 20 members fewer than this time

last year and fewer boats registered. Will review lists and send next round of emails/letters for dues. Member list will be added to webpage for end of May.

- Website Update: Lina Marunas looked into Chuck Miceli's observations on web site from March meeting. The current website is not optimized for mobile devices. In order to have this format would need to update website to a business account and pay \$14.99 month. Website was set up in 2017 for a 5-year contract and ownership of the domain name until 2022. \$332 was paid upfront for this contract and HLIA does not currently pay a monthly or yearly fee. Lina did adjust the formatting of the individual web pages so that when viewed on a mobile device all of the text is visible, but it does not have the optimized view. Lina also added additional buttons and links to access membership information and registration information in more places. Lina reported any additional management of the website or added features would have to be considered by the Board in the future and using a true Webmaster.

VII. New Business

- Nominating Committee— establish committee for 2019. Two Director positions will be up for vote in January 2020. Kathy Mrazik will Chair the committee as HLIA President, and Andy Giordino and Cheryl Corey volunteered to be the Board representatives. Two members from the community are needed for the other two positions on the Nominating Committee.
- Dam Walk –the Board is going to meet this summer to walk the dams

IX. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. Motion to adjourn by: Andy Giordino.

Minutes submitted by: Lina Marunas, Vice President

Minutes posted on website pending approval at the next regular meeting, Monday, June 24, 2019.