

Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association

Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2021

I. Opening

The regular meeting of the Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association was called to order at 7:02 pm on March 29, 2021 by Kathy Mrazik.

II. Board Members Present

x	Kathy Mrazik	x	Lina Marunas	x	Kimberly Belval
x	David Judd	x	Robert Browne	x	Jeremy Chicano
x	Edmund Sullivan	x	Noreo Gabriel	x	Laurie Greco
x	Cynthia Cayer	x	Cheryl Corey		

Members in attendance: Ashley Ruotolo, Mark Sussman, Susan Chase, Chris Parsons, Timothy Moynahan, Tom Tella, Darius Erami, Nancy Martone, Mike Martone

III. **Approval of Minutes** – Cindy Cayer Moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website, Seconded by Laurie Greco.

IV. Treasurer's Report – David Judd

- a. Revenue is low at this time of year. Payment for weed treatment this year looks different as paid monthly. The bond payment was overpaid but will be credited in March. All other regular monthly expenses have been paid as scheduled. Details in Treasurer's report.
- b. PO Box fee is up slightly.
- c. Cost of stickers went up \$0.05 each.
- d. Recommendation for CD with Goldman Sachs @ .65% for 9 months. FDIC insured. \$500 minimum. Dave will do some other checking on this and get back to the board for discussion next month.

Committee Reports

V. CDC (Community Development Committee) – Laurie Greco

- a. Laurie will look at some dates to just gather in the center of the lake and enjoy a trip around the lake.

VI. Environmental and Safety –

- a. Dam Committee – Tom and Rob Browne discussed some other options. There is a temporary set up for a pond in Chester that may also be an option for us to consider. This type of solution is efficient and does not require disruption to the dam. Could be a solution for the main dam. Rob and Tom will continue to consider and present options that are effective, and cost controlled. The other outstanding issue is that the gate on the South Lake (causeway) is damaged and requires additional effort and possibly funds to secure the cover.
 - Recommendation was made that we consider asking the Town to pay for or at least contribute to fixing the causeway.
- b. Solitude- Kathy Mrazik. First weed inspection is scheduled for April 27. The issue of tape grass is a concern. As discussed last meeting, there are a few potential outcomes with treatment that could be worse than the grass growth. Late July/Early August is usually the timing. Water is not restricted for use. The chemical is in pellet vs liquid form but one that Solitude has used previously. \$1250/acre is the cost.
 - Paul Conti recommends that people do not use fertilizers containing phosphorus which could help. There are many other options on the market.
 - Previously, Solitude has said the treatment for tape grass is toxic and caustic. We would want to validate this treatment is something different.
 - Recommendation is that we try to get a meeting with Solitude to discuss further.

VII. Correspondence

- a. North Lake Launch- Kathy Mrazik spoke with Tibbets and Garthwait families and has an updated waiver with some additional wording.
- b. South Lake launches -There is also a waiver for the South Lake boat launch owners that will be posted for use as desired. Kathy will email the launch owners on the South Lake asking if they would be amenable to making their launches available like the North Lake. Two members asked whether Mattatuck Beach had a launch. There is no launch there. Because that location is for public use, it would be challenging to control the use of launch to lake residents only.
- c. Sunken boat on South Lake has been removed!!!

VIII. Old Business

- a. Membership Drive- Kathy and Lina have developed the membership letter. Kimberly will assist Kathy with stuffing the mailings for those that do not use email.

- b. Conflict of Interest Signing – there are a few outstanding that require submission.
- c. Workflow- Lina sent the workflow doc out for review. Cindy Cayer moved to adopt the new workflow for the structure for holding general member meetings and disseminating minutes. Kathy Mrazik seconded. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

- a. Wolcott 225 Anniversary – Kathy Mrazik spoke with Amy at the Mayor’s office. There will be a celebration in October. We can request a table at the event to sell or give away info, goods, games, etc. \$25 for a table, \$35 with electrical service. Cindy Cayer recommended that the CDC consider what we might present if we participate. The Land Trust is also considering participation.

X. Announcements- none

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Cayer and seconded by Laurie Greco. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm by Kathy Mrazik.

Minutes prepared by Kimberly Belval, Secretary

Minutes to be posted on website and approved at next regular meeting.