

HITCHCOCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes: October 29, 2018

I Call To Order:

HLIA monthly meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm at Wolcott Fire House #1 by President Lina Marunas

II Role Call

Board Members Present: Lina Marunas, Cheryl Corey, Noreo Gabriel, Robert Browne, Dan DellaVecchia, Ed Sullivan, Kathy Mrazik, Judy Miceli

Board Members Absent: Timothy Moynihan, Cindy Cayer, Laurie Greco, Andy Giordino

Members: Susan Chase, David Judd, Jeremy Chicano

III Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rob Browne and seconded by Noreo Gabriel to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting as posted on the website. Motion passed.

IV Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report presented by Dan DellaVecchia.

- a. **Audit of Books:** Two persons needed to audit the financial records, Judy Miceli and Dave Judd offered to do this in early January, 2019.
- b. **Proposed Budget for 2019:** HLIA approximately \$3400.00 under budget in 2018. This was realized even with spending funds for additional weed monitoring (\$1600.00). Lakes did not experience as major an infestation of weeds in 2018, as in 2017. Additional funds will be added to the 2019 budget for Dam Inspection; final budget will be approved at the November meeting.

The current weed treatment Contract will expire in January. The new board will need to talk to the company about renewal terms.

V CDC Report:

October 20th Trivia Party at East Street Eatery: 50 people attended. Thanks to Laurie Greco who chaired this event. A profit of \$140.00 was made after expenses were paid. The cake, Halloween candy, and some prizes were donated, which helped keep costs down.

A reminder of our next event: The Annual Holiday Party, December 1st at the home of Judy and Chuck Miceli. A flyer with details was to be sent out via email to all HLIA members within the week.

VI Environmental:

- a. Mattatuck Beach:** It was discovered that the town (Public Works) chained the gate open, as they stated it was not opened as early as usual one day in August. They did not return to lock it at the end of the day in question, and it was finally locked “closed” for the season in late October. The official close of the beach is Labor Day. In the spring, the HLIA will speak to Public Works and review with them the opening-closing procedure, the HLIA’s responsibility and the town’s.
- b. Lake Drawdown:** Began on October 25th. The South Lake valve opened without issue, flowing well.
The North Lake valve was very difficult to open and contained a great deal of debris including leaves; however, it is flowing well. Two people will work together and continue to “exercise” the valve. Both lakes were down about 6 inches as of today’s meeting.

VII Correspondence

- a.** A third dues letter was mailed to those who have not yet paid their 2018 dues.

VIII Old Business

- a. Proposal For Work on Causeway/Dam:**
Rob Browne had further information about the proposed work on Causeway/South Lake. The engineering firm of Fuss and O’Neill has estimated costs of \$12,000.00-\$19,000.00 for just the engineering plan to fix the issues at the Causeway. Extensive masonry work is needed including replacing the damaged pipe that is dislodged from the top of the valve, a locking mechanism to prevent future vandalism, new valve, etc. It is expected that a section of the causeway will need to be excavated to complete this work. Fuss and O’Neill recommended we seek a grant to aid in paying for this work, which could possibly cost several hundred thousand dollars.
- b. Member List on Website:**
A list of 2018 HLIA members is now on the website. It will be updated monthly.

IX New Business:

- a. Poletti Property:**
A lakefront resident, Scott Poletti, approached the HLIA with his desire to will his home and property on Pine Street to the HLIA. His hope is that the property be preserved and that those without lake access may have access from the property. The Wolcott Land Trust is the Town’s land preservation body and owner of the lake, so discussion is suggested between Mr. Poletti and the WLCT. A letter will be sent to Mr. Poletti acknowledging the offer and that the HLIA decline.

Nominating Committee Slate: Our thanks to the Nominating Committee members Lina Marunas, Noreo Gabriel, Laurie Greco, Susan Chase and Alan Trott. They presented the following slate:

Proposed Slate for the 2019 Election:

Officers: Positions ending January 2021 (2 year term):

President: Kathy Mrazik

Vice President: Lina Marunas

Secretary: Cindy Cayer

Treasurer: Dave Judd

Directors: Positions ending January 2022 (3 year term):

Robert Browne

Jeremy Chicano

Edmund Sullivan

Directors: Positions ending January 2021

Kathy Mrazik: **Vacancy**- Nominating Committee replacement: **Andy Giordino**

Timothy Moynihan and Dan DellaVecchia have chosen to step down from the board. Our gratitude for their valuable service!

b. Annual Meeting: The proposed date of the Annual Meeting is Saturday, 1/26 at the East Street Eatery. Further information will be presented at the November Meeting. Lina Marunas will confirm the date with East Street Eatery and will present a joint meeting to the WLCT at their Nov. meeting

c. Lina Marunas requested funds to transition from the current board to the next. Items that need to be purchased include storage boxes, storage tubes (for lake maps), and USB drives. A motion was made by Rob Browne to spend up to \$100.00. Noreo Gabriel seconded the motion. All were in favor.

X Announcements: None

XI Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20, motion made by Judy Miceli, seconded by Kathy Mrazik. Motion passed

Minutes submitted by Kathy Mrazik, Director, posted to website pending approval at next meeting.