

Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association – Regular Meeting

February 24, 2020

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Kathy Mrazik.
- II. Roll Call: Board members present- Robert Browne, Cindy Cayer, Jeremy Chicano, Cheryl Corey, Laurie Greco, David Judd, Kathy Mrazik, Judy Miceli, Lina Marunas, Noreo Gabriel
Members: Michael Mrazik, Susan Chase, Kim Belval, Mark Sussman, Tom Tella
- III. Treasurer’s Report
David Judd presented the report dated January 2020.
 - a. Lease Payment of \$500.00 has been made to The Wolcott Land Trust.
 - b. A donation to the Firehouse #1 was made for \$100.00 in thanks for using the meeting space.
 - c. 2020 Directors & Officers Insurance payment of \$1,082.00 has been made. Insurance bond payment of \$359.00 also made.
 - d. Wolcott Post Office Box was renewed for \$168.00, which is a \$14.00 increase over last year’s cost.
 - e. After sharing costs with the WCLT, the Annual Meeting has an expense of \$194.49.
 - f. Membership in the Connecticut Federation of Lakes is \$150.00. Payment will be issued when notification is received from CFL.
 - g. A committee of Judy Miceli, David Judd and Kim Belval conducted an audit on the 2019 financials. They report that all income and expense was properly documented. They issued the following recommendations: 1. Use checks and debit card for purchases and limit cash transactions. 2. The treasurer should process transactions back-to-back and as a process, open and process all mail containing payments. Kathy Mrazik thanked the audit committee for its work. The officers will convene to review the recommendations and bring a suggested workflow for membership recording back to the Board at the next meeting.
 - h. Dave Judd informed the Board that the CD at Webster Bank matures on 3/9/20.
- IV. Community Development Committee
Laurie Greco reported that the CDC committee will meet after the Board meeting to set a schedule for events.
- V. Environmental & Safety Committee
 - a. Solitude Contract – The Board reviewed the contract from Solitude Lake Management and voted by email to approve. This is a one-year contract. We are in the second year of our three-year DEEP contract.
Motion: Lina Marunas motioned to affirm the email vote to approve the Solitude Contract for the 2020 season. Judy Miceli seconded. The motion passed.
 - b. President Mrazik reported that she received a copy of an email to Tom Tella, President of the Wolcott Land Trust from Mark Possidento, Wolcott Town Engineer reporting that \$75,000 in grant funds will be available to Hitchcock Lake for dam repairs. Tom Dunn, Mayor

and Mark Possidento will be present at the March 16, 2020 Land Trust meeting. President Mrazik encouraged all HLIA Board members to attend.

President Mrazik asked the members of the Dam Committee to meet and discuss the best options for use of the grant money. Committee members are Rob Browne, Norio Gabriel, Mike Martone, Jeremy Chicano. Rob Browne suggested reaching out to Bill Olmstead to join the committee.

VI. CD. Maturing

During the treasurer's report, Dave Judd reported that the 6-month CD is maturing. President Mrazik asked, considering the possible need for funds to repair the dams, what is the Board's pleasure with rolling the current 6-month CD funds into a 7-month CD with a higher rate on 3/9 as there is a penalty for early withdrawal. Lina Marunas reported that the lease agreement with the Land Trust states that the WCLT pays the first \$2,500 of cost for capital expenditure out of the rent set aside account. The remaining balance of work needed is split 50/50 between the Tenant and the Landlord until the balance of the HLIA set aside account has expired. Additionally, the HLIA has liquid assets of about \$60,000 to cover any immediate need for funds.

Cindy Cayer made a motion to roll the CD funds into a 7-month CD with Webster Bank at a rate of 1.59 (or what is available on the day of renewal). Laurie Greco seconded. The motion passed.

VII. Correspondence

President Mrazik reported the following correspondence was received:

- a. CD Renewal statement from Webster Bank.
- b. A letter from Beth Gaudiosi, Commission Secretary of Wolcott Town Council, reporting that Debbie Golden will serve as the HLIA liaison to the Town Council for 2020.
- c. A note from Sharon and Doug Anderson identifying a lost boat that is at their dock.

President Mrazik read a letter she wrote to a South Lake resident concerning a sunken sailboat.

VIII. New Business

Cindy Cayer made a motion that the 2020 membership fees and boat registration fees are the same as last year: On-Lake \$150.00, Century \$175.00, Off-Lake \$50.00 and Boat Registration \$25.00. Rob Browne seconded. Motion carried.

An email with membership information will be sent to all residents who have one on file. Paper information will be sent to all others.

Stickers – The State of Connecticut Boat Registration stickers are light blue this year.

IX. Open House – April 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

X. Announcements

Rob Browne reported that the two pipes that were installed under the bridge on College Place collect leaves and debris. He will monitor and clear as needed. Formerly the spillway had one pipe that moved overflow faster. He also reported that the lake is running a bit high due to recent rain.

Mattatuck Beach Opening and Closing Procedures: Kathy Mrazik will communicate with Mayor Dunn to see if the town will handle the opening and closing of the gate for the 2020 season.

XI. Adjournment

Laurie Greco made a motion to adjourn. Cheryl Corey seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Cindy Cayer.

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