

HITCHCOCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2018

I Call To Order:

HLIA monthly meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at Wolcott Fire House #1 by President Lina Marunas

II Role Call

Board Members Present: Lina Marunas, Andy Giordino, Noreo Gabriel, Robert Browne, Dan DellaVecchia, Ed Sullivan, Kathy Mrazik, Judy Miceli, Laurie Greco

Board Members Absent: Timothy Moynihan, Cheryl Corey, Cindy Cayer

Members: Chuck Miceli, Nancy Fontanella, Mark Fontanella, Susan Chase, Rose Zolnik, Chris Parsons, David Judd

III Approval of Minutes

Motion by Andy Giordino and seconded by Laurie Greco to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2018 meeting as posted on the website. Motion passed.

IV Treasurer's Report

Dan DellaVecchia presented the September, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Recent Disbursements included:

Weed Treatment to Solitude (July both lakes) \$7,750.00

Solitude Additional Management Services: \$810.00

Bill received from WLCT for insurance: Total \$2595.00; HLIA share is 80% (\$2076.00)

V CDC Report:

Kathy Mrazik thanked Kate Healy, Rob Browne and Laurie Greco for hosting the 2 recent Kayak Clubs. An August Cocktail Party was hosted by Kathy & Mike Mrazik, and thanks to Bruce and Cheryl Corey for hosting the September "Fire Pit Party". The next event is Trivia Night at East Street Eatery on Saturday, October 20th. Cost is \$20.00 per person which includes appetizers. A Holiday Party is scheduled on Saturday evening, December 1st at the home of Judy and Chuck Miceli. A possible winter event will be a "Paint Night" Party.

VI Environmental:

- a. A Grove Beach member questioned if lake weeds could have gravitated to land. Answer was unlikely. The use of the fertilizer "Roundup" was discussed, but Solitude will be contacted as to the safety of its use.
- b. We also had an inquiry from M. Esposito asking if there were guidelines on fertilizer use around lake. The suggestion was made to use organic fertilizer. There is also concern about feeding ducks/swans . Board members have researched the do's and don't of feeding them; a tip sheet will be sent out in the spring addressing feeding and fertilizers. Laurie Greco to work on tip sheets.
- c. **Mattatuck Beach:** Around 8/25, it was discovered that someone had chained and padlocked the gate open. Lina Marunas contacted the Mayor. Tom Tella (WLCT) followed up. Mattatuck Beach is town property. Public Works will respond to secure the gate in a closed and locked position. The beach season officially ended on Labor Day. Gate was still open. Tom Tella (WLCT) was following up on this with the town.
- d. **Rules and Regulations Violations:**
 - *Complaint received from Cathy Chaikowski on the North Lake. During her son's lakeside wedding on 8/18, a boat came too close to the dock and shouted at them during photos. Witnessed by others and appears no rules officially broken.
 - *Jet ski was out September 2nd after dark (North Lake) and during Quiet Time on Sept. 3rd . Not enough info to identify the jet ski or driver.
 - *Jeff and Linda Segal addressed the board at the July 30th meeting. They had received a letter citing them for operating their boat with a wake after 9PM on 6/30/18. The board concluded, after reviewing the information the Segals presented at the July meeting, that the report of this incident is not sustained by substantial evidence. A letter stating this will be sent.
- e. **Lake Drawdown** will begin on Thursday, October 25th.

VII Correspondence

- a. A second dues letter was sent out. As of today, 48% of combined on and off-lake residents have paid their dues. 57% of lakefront residents have paid, typical for this time of year. Third dues letter reminder will be sent out in October. Members offered suggestions for enhancing future letters to make residents more aware of the benefits of joining the HLIA.
- b. A letter was received from a lakefront member, Tim Rourke, who had paid his dues, but due to a clerical error, received a reminder letter. He suggested posting names of paying members on the website as they had been in the past; if member doesn't see his/her name on the list, they can contact the board to question if dues payment was received. Board discussed adding a tab to the website and updates to be made monthly as payments are received. Lina Marunas and Dan DellaVecchia to work on updates.

A motion was made by Rob Browne to add the paid members names to the website. Seconded by Andy Giordino. Motion passed.

VIII Old Business (N/A)

- a. **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee consists of the following: President Lina Marunas, board members Laurie Greco, and Noreo Gabriel and members Al Trott and Susan Chase. Members present had no objections to the Nominating Committee members. Slate to be presented at October meeting. All Officer positions and three Director positions are up for re-election. Any member interested in serving on the board is asked to contact a member of the nominating committee.
Lina Marunas talked about an article “Ten Reasons You Might Want To Serve On A Board” that might be of interest to membership to read.
- b. Proposal for work on Causeway/Dam: Fuss and O’Neill engineering firm was out in summer 2017 and gave a rough proposal for work to the Causeway valve and Dam valve work. A new locking mechanism/housing is needed at the Causeway, as the lock was vandalized. A new project manager from “Fuss & O’Neill” Engineering firm has been in contact with the HLIA regarding this work and pursuing this project. Rob Browne to contact new project manager. Motion made by Rob Browne to further explore repair possibilities. Judy Miceli seconded. Motion passed.

IX New Business:

- a. CT Federation of Lakes holding 2 forums on Lake Management topics Saturday, 9/29 and Saturday, Oct. 13th. Lina has further info if anyone can attend.
- b. Solitude contract is up for renewal in January, new board will need to work on this.
The possibility of a one year contract was brought up, as other weed-removing methods are being explored.

X Announcements: None

- XI Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15, motion made by Judy Miceli, seconded by Laurie Greco. Motion passed

Minutes submitted by Kathy Mrazik, Director, posted on web-site pending approval at the next regular meeting.