

*Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association  
Meeting Minutes -----June 24, 2019*

**I. Call to Order**

HILA monthly meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, Jeremy Chicano

Members present: Michael Mrazik, Tom Tella, Susan Chase, Susan Browne, Kimberly Belval, Mark Sussman, Lisa Sussman, Chris Parsons, Sandra Guerette, Steve Sicard, Mary Fischer, Robert Dwyer; Guest: Kate Vaughan

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 2019 meeting were approved as posted on the website. Motion by Rob Browne, Jeremy Chicano second. Motion carried.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

David Judd presented the May 2019 Treasurer's report and Member Payments to date Report (\$17,232.50)

**IV. CDC:** Kathy Mrazik shared the following:

- Dock to Dock Dining, North 7/20 and South 7/27. Need more hosts for South Lake.
- South Lake Kayak Club, Susan Chase's house, 7/14
- South Lake tie-up 7/11. All welcome to join and meet in the middle of the lake.

**V. Environmental and Safety:**

- Solitude Inspection and weed treatment: Solitude treated June 5th. Follow-up inspection June 24<sup>th</sup>. Treatment worked. Water clarity is good. Reports better on South Lake. Birch Ave. Residents present noted getting weeds blowing into cove. Inspection today will determine next treatment. Some reports of algae. Algae comes and goes with rain and weather. Birch Ave. Residents expressed concerns about weeds and muck along that shoreline; the catch basin at Lake and Birch, (had been discussed with town to please clean that basin, not confirmed if has been); soap and oil from car washing on Oak St. draining into the lake (emailed concern had been forwarded to WLCT for

review). Midwood resident noted muck build up on Midwood Ave shoreline. Discussion of Dredging, mechanical harvesting, aeration, muck removal, organic treatments, permitting for muck removal, weed mats offered by C&D, use organic fertilizers on lawns. Susan Chase spoke with Joe at Solitude. Three ways to treat weeds in lake: 1. Dredging, cost \$1Ms, 2. Mechanical Harvesting, 3. Chemical Treatment.

- Residents reported Town did clean catch basins around lake.
- Mattatuck Beach—town put lock on gate, cleaned up. Town maintaining and has someone to open and close.
- Board did a Dam walk June 2<sup>nd</sup>. South lake valve cover is damaged and valve is now hard to open. Jeff Mann to build steel box as temporary protection. College Place dam: built 1905. Valve is difficult to open. Valves won't be opened this year until there is a plan in place for repairs. Dam Committee is continuing to explore options as DEEP registered dams and all valve repairs at huge expense. Early estimates in the \$100k-\$1M. Dams themselves are safe. Noreo Gabriel contacted OPM Office, they said to keep an eye out for new grants, was given a few numbers to call. Did not get calls back. Explore options for town help, possibly have Dam Committee set meeting with town.
- Suggestion to go door to door about membership; HLIA notice in Wolcott Community News
- Someone to represent HLIA at Town Hall, who is our Town Council liaison? Residents here pay more taxes, where does extra tax for lakefront go? Kim Belval to follow up with Town on liaison.
- Discussion of Tax District, possible exploration of this option again

## **VI. Correspondence**

- Calls and emails about weeds/weed treatment
- Membership dues received, donations to CDC and Renew Lake

## **VII. Old 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. Susan Chase volunteered. Need one more from the community.

## **VII. New Business**

- Susan Chase offered to put together a document or presentation to explain weed treatment and share with community, add to website.

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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, July 29, 2019.