

**Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2020**

Type of Meeting: Board and General Member Meeting hosted on Google Meets

Members present: Ashley Ruotolo; Tom Tella; Kim Belval; John DelDonno

- I. Call to Order 7:02 p.m. by President Kathy Mrazik
- II. Roll Call – Kathy Mrazik, Dave Judd, Lina Marunas, Cheryl Corey, Jeremy Chicano, Ed Sullivan, Judy Miceli, Rob Browne, Laurie Greco, Noreo Gabriel, (Cindy Cayer joined after roll call)
- III. Approval of minutes from June 2020 meeting that were posted on the website.
Cheryl Corey made a motion to accept the minutes. Noreo Gabriel second. The motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Dave Judd presented the Treasurer's Report for May-July 2020. Dues through July \$14,850, with additional \$1200 in August. Total income through August behind \$3500 for where the income ended at the conclusion of 2019. Solitude expenses are over \$17,000 this year for the weed treatments due to extra treatments.
- V. CDC (Community Development Committee)
September Boat Parade suggested for the weekend of September 12 and 13. Parade on each lake starting 1pm. CDC flyer to be sent out with more details.
- VI. Environmental and Safety
 - a. Solitude: Inspection post treatment to take place September 2nd. One more final inspection will take place in September. Some complaints on the South Lake post August treatment. Mark Sussman reviewed contract to see if there is any language if treatments don't work. Solitude will inspect Wednesday and review photos being sent in by residents. Solitude will spot treat without charge if they find treatment didn't work. It does appear though that this is tapegrass blooming. Tapegrass is not part of the treatment program due to the toxic nature of the treatment and typically not a successful treatment track record.
 - b. Dam Repair Update: Tom Tella provide an update. The WLCT and Dam Committee have been meeting with different engineering firms and engineers to obtain ideas and bids to repair the dam and gate. Next steps will be made when all bids are in for review, and reviewed with town due to available grant funds. The lake will not be lowered this Fall.
 - c. Mattatuck Beach: Beach gate has not been locked at night. President Mrazik addressed with the town and there was discussion that due to vandalism of the lock it was kept open. The Beach will only be open one more week as it is closed after Labor Day. HLIA to address with town again before opening next year.
 - d. Buoys: suggestion to order buoys with reflectors. Currently, there is a stockpile as extras were ordered last year so HLIA not planning to order now but will note for next order. Resident of Roosevelt asked about No Wake buoy near the causeway. Previously, no fishing

buoys were near the causeway, but No Wake buoys at that location could be in the way of allowed travel lanes.

VII. Correspondence

- a. Second dues letter update: 90 Reminder letters sent out in mid-August. To-date 11 returned paid. A number of Boats remain unpaid and unregistered with the HLIA.
- b. Emails received in regard to weed complaints, missing floats and boats, questions about right of way, note of thanks from a longtime resident family. Query about people on a resident's property (South Lake) to collect water samples. It was Town Engineer Mark Possidento collecting water samples from stormwater discharges. The sample showed higher levels of fecal coliform. Discussed with Chresprocott, who tests the lake weekly for bacteria, and their tests have not shown any levels of concern.

VIII. Old Business

a. Nominating Committee

All officers are up for re-election, and board members Cheryl Corey, Judy Miceli, and Andy Giordino.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of: President, two board members (Jeremy Chicano and Laurie Greco) and two lake community members (Sharon Anderson and Brian Spirtt.)

Kathy Mrazik will not seek a second term. Andy Giordino will not seek another term. Cindy Cayer will step down as Secretary if another member is interested. Nominating Committee will present a Slate at the October meeting. If there is interest in serving, contact Kathy Mrazik.

b. South Lake Sunken Boat

Mark Sussman will follow up by phone with the owner of the property.

IX. New Business

- a. By-Law update: Lina Marunas and Cindy Cayer have been working with Mark Sussman to update the By-Laws and Articles of Corporation. The updated drafts will be presented to the Board in September for review and discussion. Tentatively, the Board will approve the updates at the November meeting with the intent to present the By-Laws and Articles of Corporation to the membership for vote at the January Annual Meeting. Copies will be presented to the membership prior to the Annual meeting.

X. Announcements.

XI. Adjournment

Cindy Cayer made a motion to adjourn. Laurie Greco second. The meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Lina Marunas, VP;

Minutes Approved by: posted on the website pending approval at the next regular meeting, September 28, 2020