

**MINUTES: Lake Shirley Improvement Corporation (LSIC) Board Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday July 8, 2020  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** LSIC Zoom Meeting due to COVID 19 Pandemic  
**PARTICIPANTS:** Joanna Bilotta-Simeone President, Caitlin Katsich Vice President, Tammy Lovewell Secretary, Steve Bean, Jay Ellowitz, Lori Cole Godfrey, Sue Jewell, Ritchie Patry, Sandra Perko, Steve Vitone, Tom Vitone, Ron Wilson, Deb Yawor.  
**EXCUSED:** Justine Morgan, David Pelletier Treasurer, Steve Bean, Jessica Swenson  
**ABSENT:**  
**NEXT MEETING:** August 12, 2020

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
<b>Roll Call</b>	The Following Board members are present for the meeting: Listed above as Participants	It was determined by the secretary a quorum (9) was present for the meeting to proceed.
<b>Board Comments/Public Comments</b>	No one approached the board for Comment	
<b>Approval Of Meeting Minutes:</b> 6/10/2020 Jessica Swenson (not present)	Tabled	To be presented for approval at the August 12, 2020 meeting.
6/27/2020 Tammy Lovewell	<b>Lori Cole Godfrey</b> Motioned to approve, <b>Jay Ellowitz</b> seconded. All in favor: 12, All opposed: 0, Abstained: 0	Meeting Minutes from 6/27/2020 approved as written.
<b>Treasurer Report:</b> David Pelletier (excused)	Tabled	Will request report to be presented 8/12/2020 meeting
<b>Board Officer and Committee Reports:</b>	<b>R Wilson-</b> Reports the water is barely 1 inch over the spill way. Compared to last year it was 4-5 inches over the spill way at this time. Does not predict much change without significant rain.	No action
<b>Dam Safety:</b> Ron Wilson Richie Patry (excused)	<b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> Reports LSIC received approval for lake treatment on 7/16/2020 as proposed by Solitude by Shirley Conservation Commission (SCon/Com)on 6/24/2020 and Lunenburg Conservation Commission (LCon/Com) on 7/1/2020. This year’s treatment will include a small area in the Pearl street cove of Clipper	No Action
<b>Vegetation and Algae Management:</b>		

<p><b>Page 2. 7/8/2020 minutes</b> Joanna Bilotta-Simeone</p> <p><b>Water Quality:</b> Joanna Bilotta-Simeone Steve Bean (excused) Michael Gee (not present) Joel Swenson (not present)</p> <p><b>Strategic Planning Committee:</b> Deb Yawor Joanna Bilotta-Simeone Steve Bean (excused) Caitlin Katisch Tammy Lovewell Gary Spindt</p> <p><b>Membership:</b> Sue Jewell</p>	<p>treatment to treat fanwort noted on area map in yellow in addition to 68 acres of the usual treatment noted on area map in red.</p> <p><b>L Cole-Godfrey-</b> Asked if the red dots, yellow and red areas on the map signify the areas to specifically be treated and Joanna confirmed they were.</p> <p><b>C Katisch-</b> Asked about the date for pet safety and Joanne responded 3 day no pets (7/19/20-20) , 5 day no irrigation (8/22/2020), 1 day no swim/boating (7/16/2020 resume 7/17/2020)</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> Notification were also sent to all the residents in the Pearl Street Cove that Clipper would be used this year. The signage and orange posters are also up notifying residents of the treatment date of 7/16/2020. The treatment will be in the Sentinel on 7/9/2020 and in the Lunenburg Leger on 7/10/2020 meeting all the order of conditions.</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> First round of testing was submitted by Steve Bean. The reports are back and have been forwarded to Wendy Gendron today for review and submission to Conservation Commissions per the Order of Conditions.</p> <p>Please see presentation attached. The SPC presented proposed Committee Targets for the next three years.</p> <p>Motion to approve proposed committee targets <b>Tammy Lovewell</b>, Second <b>Lori Cole Godfrey</b>. All in favor of proposal: 12, All opposed: 0, Abstained: 0</p> <p><b>S Jewell-</b>There are currently 116 paid members. Very happy with the turn out for the annual meeting of 38 households in attendance. Joanna and I plan a second mailing to unpaid residents with a note focused on inability to have major fund raiser this year stressing the importance of 100% participation in dues.</p> <p><b>G Spindt-</b> Asked if 2020 stickers could be mailed. Joanna agreed to mail them out to him.</p>	<p>Joanna will send the report from Wendy Gendron out to the Board when available.</p> <p>Committee Targets accepted for 2020-2023</p> <p>Second mailing to go out before the next meeting.</p> <p>Joanna will mail stickers to Gary.</p>
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<p><b>Page 3. 7/8/2020 minutes</b></p>	<p><b>C Katisch-</b> Asked if license plates are available. Joanna asked that people be directed to email her to arrange for pick up or drop off of license plates.</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> Membership list is based on tax assessors list for the residential address of lake residents. Suggests send out the list to have Board members review and reach out to anyone on their street or neighborhood they know to try and increase membership. For example, noticed May Street had 2-3 new members who were paying and now are not. Suggest Board members enlist the help of neighbors to ask what we could be doing to help increase membership. Stressed the importance of people with docks and bots who use the water should be contributing to the care of the water.</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> Discussed with Selectman Tom Alonzo the possibility of requiring anyone mooring a boat at Lake Shirley be a dues paying member of LSIC.</p> <p>Public Comment:  <b>Alex Yawor-</b> How would we enforce the mooring fee for strangers who use the lake when we can't get 100% compliance with owners to contribute? Joanna hoped the moneys collected by the town could go towards addressing the run off contributories.</p> <p><b>T Vitone-</b> It was mentioned that we need 51% of lake residents to agree to make the dues mandatory, what is the current % of residents who are members?</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> There are 240 residents and 116 are paid so we are not there yet.</p> <p><b>T Lovewell-</b> No guarantee the number of paid members will vote to make the dues mandatory.</p> <p><b>S Perko-</b> Heard Hickory Hills pays \$900/year.</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> Yes Hickory Hills pays \$900/year, but the residents own the body of water.</p> <p><b>L Cole Godfrey-</b> If it becomes mandatory it becomes part of the deed and is more complicated.</p>	<p>Direct inquiries for license plates to Joanna by email.</p> <p>Sue will send the membership list out with the assessors list to each Board member to review and hopefully reach out to neighbors they know.</p> <p>Continued discussions. Ad Hoc Committee created Joanna-Chair, Steve Vitone and Gary Spindt members.</p>
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<p><b>Page 4. Minutes 7/8/2020</b></p> <p><b>Fundraising Committee:</b>  Gary Spindt  Jessica Swenson (not present)  Caitlin Katisch</p>	<p>Motion by <b>Gary Spindt</b> to form an Ad Hoc Committee to address the possibility of a mooring fee, Seconded by <b>Tom Vitone</b>. All in favor: 12, Opposed: 0, Abstained: 0</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> Congratulated and Thanked the organizers of the 2020 Fourth of July Boat Parade, Monica Farley, Ashley Braun, Caitlin Katisch. Suggested next year it be clearer what the prizes will be and who the winners are. Also suggested the Boat Parade end in the first Lake with announcements of who won. The video by Rebecca Noke is posted on Facebook and Website, great job and many thanks to Rebecca as well.</p> <p><b>G Spindt-</b> The Golf Tournament has been postponed until 2021 due to COVID 19. We are meeting tomorrow to further discuss the Festival of Lights Boat Display scheduled for 8/22/2020 fundraiser. We hope for sponsorships to be the main source of money raised. Ron Wilson and I have spoken about the possibility of charging the public to come to Shady Point to view the show.</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> Proposed an idea for organized fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Work with Shady point, Fire and Police Chief to hire and organize professional firework display. Hopefully to alleviate personal displays, help people with PTSD and pets who could plan to leave during that time and possibly raise some money by allowing the public to park on Shady Point to watch the fireworks.</p> <p><b>R Wilson-</b> We had checked with the Fire Chief in the past and there is paperwork that must be completed.</p>	<p>Joanna and Ron will contact the Fire and Police Chief to pursue annual professional fireworks display.</p> <p>Ad Hoc Committee created with Joanna and Ron.</p>
<p><b>Facebook &amp; Website:</b>  Caitlin Katisch  Jay Ellowitz  Jay Simeone</p>	<p><b>C Katisch-</b> Facebook posts are up to date. Plan to [post more on the Festival of Lights after tomorrow’s fundraising committee meeting. Will send out another post on 7/15 with the lake treatment information. There are more likes of the page.</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> A reminder to save all the educational posts for Dominic’s report to Conservation at the end of the year. It is part of the order of Conditions to document public outreach and education of landowners in the watershed with regard to protection, preservation and limit pollution within the lake and/or watershed.</p> <p><b>J Bilotta-Simeone-</b> The Website is up to date with the Lake treatment plan, New Board of Directors and video from the Boat Parade.</p>	<p>Caitlin will save the educational posts to send to Dominic for the year-end report to Con/Com.</p>

