

**Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting May 13, 2025**



Meeting called to Order at 6:08 pm by the President, Lynn LeCours.

Officers and Directors present: President Lynn LeCours, Vice President Peggy Pahoulis (via Zoom), Secretary Kathy Gaughran (via Zoom), Treasurer Rick Ryan (via Zoom), JoAnne Bonacker, Gene Henry, Tom LeCours, Cheryl Stanford-Smith, Susie Holbritter to assume Cheryl's duties, Bob Riley, Lisa Zibella, Marie Dumas, Lynn Jackson, Star Schmalder, Sheila Rappazzo, Tom Atkin (via Zoom), Karen Ryan.

Directors present by proxy: N/A

Directors and Officers not present: N/A

Guests: Ginnie Marino

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting held October 30, 2025 as corrected, moved by Marie Dumas, seconded by Sheila Rappazzo. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion regarding staggering the rollover dates, currently \$130,000 matured on February 2025 and \$75,000 will mature on May 20, 2025. Recommendation from a board member is to rollover on one date as there are no expenses during the winter months. Board members also discussed the ins and outs of Social Events. Recommendation is to report cleaning under general, not Social Events. Rick, Karen and Marie will discuss off-line. Motion to accept Treasurer's report moved by Marie Dumas, seconded by Star Schmalder. Motion approved.

Report of Officers:

President Lynn LeCours thanked Cheryl for all her time and contributions to the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association. We appreciate you, Cheryl!!
Susie Holbritter will finish out Cheryl's term.

Cossayuna Fire Department – discussion to make a donation to CFD. For the years 2015 – 2019 CLIA donated \$100 per year. Proposal to donate \$500 this year, moved by Marie Dumas, seconded by Peggy Pahoulis. Motion approved.

Report of Committees

Membership: We currently have 296 paid members. There were three rentals on the calendar, but the 5/24 rental cancelled. The calendar is up to date.

Spillway: Water is at a good level.

Newsletter: Art Funk is submitting an article to the newsletter about how much his Dad loved Cossayuna Lake.

Building and Grounds: The kitchen ceiling will be replaced on 5/14 and thorough cleaning due to the bats will be done on 5/20.

Insurance: Tom is meeting with a new insurance agent on 5/22.

Promotions: Expect to make approximately \$600-\$700 from the Cossayuna online store.

Website/FB/Database: All good.

Social:

Sunday, May 25th - Pancake breakfast. OJ, Coffee, Pancakes and Sausage. Adults - \$10, children under 10 - \$5. We need volunteers for set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up. Campbell's Maple Syrup will be served with the breakfast and a gallon of the syrup will be a prize in the raffle.

Friday, June 13th – Movie Night. Interactive Wizard of Oz for an audience of all ages.

Saturday, June 28th - Dance. Country theme with the Broken Spur Band. \$10 per ticket. The association received an anonymous donation for the band fee. Cake will be served.

Friday, July 4th – Boat Parade

Saturday, July 5th – Bingo with donated prizes. Suggestion prizes be gift certificates from local Argyle and Greenwich establishments.

Marie put out road signs for May events. Lynn L. can make the road signs and Tom will help put them out for future events.

Education: The Aquatic Plants and Animals Invasive Species presentation will be held on Sunday, June 8th. June 9th – 15th is Invasive Species Week. Lynn Jackson attended a conference and Lake George Summit. She will be writing an article about it for the newsletter. Lynn is also going reach out to Adirondack Community College to gauge interest level of getting students involved with Cossayuna Lake water quality and testing.

Lake Management:

Harvesting: The team is ready to go. Harvesting will start the day after Memorial Day. Team met with assemblymen to discuss the need for water at the boat launch for a washing station. However, since it is a public launch and we already have invasive species at the lake, our priority is to request a grant for harvester before grant for wash station. Discussion included possibly partnering with other small lakes. Staffing for harvester – Fred and Ed from last year. Truck is ready to go, need to check with South end to make sure all good with the conveyor. Gene will check with Maple Land regarding drop off of weeds. He is also waiting for weed survey to determine where to start, possibly South End open water. Last year Harvesting started on the North End, Gene requested if someone has a boat in the water, please check North End for weeds.

Herbicide: Treatment will take place the week of May 12th, probably on May 16th. Pretreatment survey was done 3 weeks ago.

Water Chestnut: Gene will let us know the dates for pulling chestnuts.

CSLAP: Lynn Wilbur will give a report, Lynn Jackson trying to finalize a date.

Email Blasts: Karen will send out email blast for volunteers to fill vacancies on the Board. Cheryl Stanford Smith, Tom Atkin and Tom LeCours terms are expiring this year. Nominations can be made at the July 12th membership meeting.

Old or Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: The Board thanked Lisa for handling the CLIA mail over the winter. Ginnie offered to bake cookies and deliver them along with the Cossayuna Fire Department donation at an upcoming CFD meeting.
Window Washing Day – Date TBD

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 7:27 by Lynn J seconded by Gene.