

**Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association
Board Meeting May 12, 2026**



Meeting called to Order at 6:06 pm by the Vice President, Peggy Pahoulis.

Officers and Directors present: Vice President Peggy Pahoulis, Treasurer Rick Ryan, Secretary Kathy Gaughran, Gene Henry, Sheila Rappazzo, Susie Holbritter, Marie Dumas, JoAnne Bonacker, Cathy Cavanagh

Directors present by proxy: President Lynn LeCours, Lynn Jackson, Karen Ryan, Chris Cooke

Directors and Officers not present: Lynn Wilbur, Bob Reilly, Lisa Zibella

Guests: Ginnie Marino, Jeff Jackson

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting held November 5, 2025 moved by Kathy Gaughran, seconded by Peg Pahoulis. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept October 2025 Treasurer's report moved by Sheila Rappazzo, seconded by Gene Henry. All in favor, motion passed.

Report of Officers:

Report of Committees

Membership: N/A

Newsletter: N/A

Building and Grounds: Porta Potty – continue with regular Porta Potty, Jeff will call for pricing to keep the handicap Porta Potty.

Casella dumpster – Jeff will call Casella.

Insurance: N/A

Promotions: N/A

Website/FB/Database: N/A

Social: Pancake Breakfast on Sunday 5/24, pancakes, sausage, OJ and coffee/tea will be served. Gene will reach out to Maple Farms for syrup. Team needs help with set-up on Friday 5/22 at 10:00AM. John and Jeff will set up tables. (Thank you John, the floor looks great!) Gene will get the signs out and check the propane tank.

6/18 – Inaugural “Thirsty Thursday” (to replace Thirsty Thursdays at the Brewery) Hosted by Skip and Ann Gifford. BYOB and Snacks. Thirsty Thursdays will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month.

6/27 – Opening Dance with the Lakesiders

7/03 – Bingo

7/04 – 250th Boat Parade

Email Blasts: N/A

Education: N/A

Lake Management:

Harvesting: Will not start this week due to milfoil treatment. Scheduled to start after 5/27

Dump truck has been inspected.

Hired another person to help with harvesting

Fred will drive the truck and harvester as well as mow the lawn. Board voted to increase Harvester driver rate by \$5 per hour, all approved. Handyman/truckdriver will continue at the current rate per hour. When driving the harvester, Fred will receive the increased hourly rate. The new hire, Chic, will be paid handyman/truckdriver hourly rate until he is trained to run the harvester.

Herbicide: Discussion about getting information out to the Community:

Have meetings in neighborhoods around the lake to explain what we are planning to do

Provide handouts or speaker (brief – 5 minutes) at events

The Board also needs to decide how much acreage to treat(120 or 160?) Lynn W. and Sheila will discuss with the contractor.

Concerns regarding what is left in budget to treat naiad weeds (\$869 per acre) which starts growing in June/July. DEC will allow that timeframe to treat. Lynn W. and Sheila will provide an update,

Spillway: N/A

CSLAP: N/A

Old or Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

Dogs/No Dogs on CLIA beach – A vote was taken, No Dogs on the beach prevailed. Motion by Gene, seconded by Peg. Motion passed. Further discussion to research our insurance covering dog bites on the property, as well as, Greenwich Dog Leash law.

Safety Deposit Box – new committee to review contents of safety deposit box. Committee members: Lynn W, Marie, Lynn L and Peg.

Discussion around reserving funds for new harvester, possibly raise Harvesting membership and/or bundle Lake Management and Harvester.

Other ideas to encourage donations – provide display signs” ***I Donated!!*** “ for property owners that donated to the Lake Management Fund. Have a Board member at the beach to collect donations.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 7:22pm by Peg, seconded by Sheila.