

Mariaville Civic Association
Wednesday, September 24, 2025
South Shore Rd.
Linda Hayen- President

In attendance: Linda Hayen, Greg Starker, Chris Shaver, Tom Collins, Tim Porter, Bob Hurry, Lou Ann DiNardi, Gerri Casso, Sue Weakley, Vivian Ferraro, Tony Irvin, Terry Weber, Chris Hayen

5:31 Meeting called to order

Acceptance of last meeting minutes - Correction to the last minutes remove Darlene Needham as co-chair of the social committee and replace it with Gerri Casso.

Tony made a motion to accept the minutes, Greg Second

Dam Committee: Bob Hurry/Chris Hayen

KB Engineering want to go on a contract basis and have the MCA send in a retainer instead of sending bills. Bob is getting a quote from Gomez & Sullivan Engineering to compare prices. In the past, we have never had to send in a retainer. There is an outstanding bill of \$3700 and an additional \$2900 that is yet to be billed. Linda has called 3 times to see what it is for and has yet to hear from them. We believe it is due to the 10 year recertification but want clarification. Bob Hurry will call his contact at KB to confirm.

Regarding the sink hold, Bob would like to get a meeting with the dam committee and the County Engineer. There is still confusion on who owns the property, we believe the store owns it. Tony to go to the county to review the deed records to confirm. We don't know how much it is to fix it, however KB suggested it would be around \$50,000.

There is quite a bit of seepage coming out of the dam. Within the last 10 days, the lake has fallen 3 inches. Bob suggested we put die in the water to see where the seepage is coming from. A suggestion was made to put sand bags in, however the engineer stated they would erode very quickly and would be useless.

DEC is coming on 10/8 to inspect the dam. Tony has a person who will do the clean up of the spillway. The estimate is \$1700 and they would do it prior to the inspection. The board voted to spend the \$1700 to clean it up as we have already been written up for it and could face a fine. Tony has already spoken to Joe and they are able to use the store's parking lot.

Lake Management – Lewis/Bob

The milfoil on the big side has been eradicated. This has let the native and invasive pond weeds grow. Curly leaf is invasive while large leaf pond weeds are native. Both are the next to tackle. Met with Pond and Lakes and Ready Scout for a proposal. Bob is getting estimates from both companies and also Nicole White from Little Bear. The last water testing was done on 9/20 for CSLAP. We will get the results in March. The weed harvesting permit expired. Since we are now treating the water, DEC is requiring that the MCA President sign the paperwork instead of Lewis. Eric did not renew it so if we want to get one for hand pulling, Lewis will complete the paperwork, Linda will sign it and Lewis will send it to DEC. Everyone agreed that we need to continue to hand pull the weeds. The treatment for next year will need to include an herbicide as well as an algaecide as the small lake was all but useless this year due to the amount of dead weeds and resulting algae. In 2028 the wetland definition is being updated by NYS. During a meeting with Nancy from CSLAP it was mentioned that we should tackle the lake clean up as aggressive as possible because we may not be able to after 2028. The algaecide permit needs to be filed every year with DEC at a cost of \$1200. Our wetlands permit is in place until 12/27

Finance – Tim Porter

The finance committee had a meeting on 8/27. It was recommended to change banks from NBT since they were so difficult to deal with during the transition of board members. Terry has suggested Trustco. It was agreed to move banks. All known bills are now being sent to the PO Box instead of peoples houses. The school tax bill was sent there. Tim proposed that we do a profit and loss stated. Vivian will do an internal audit and go back as far as she can with the records turned over to Terry to prove to the community that we are good stewards of their money. Check with Dottie to see if she has previous minutes of budgets and bank figures.

Boat launch committee – Greg has not reached out to Pete yet but he will. Pete couldn't make the meeting but he is planning on getting the gate issue fixed ASAP. Lewis said Pete could use his tractor if needed.

Social Committee – Lou Ann/Gerri September soup stroll flyer. It is 10/18 on S Shore Rd Trunk or Treat will be 3-6 at LouAnn's on 10/31. Tree Lighting at Gerri's house at 4 on 12/13. Santa will be delivering between 11-2. Sue will drive again. The on-line auction that Barb and Tony are doing will now fall under the social committee. Linda will ask Brenda at Back Barn about the beer truck.

Old Business – Fee Structure meeting with the Town of Duanesburg. This is a fee that the people who are in the current sewer district would pay. This would be collected by the Town of Duanesburg and then given to the MCA to use for the lake. Tom, Linda, Terry and Tim have all volunteered. Tom to make arrangements with the town.

We tabled the the new entity discussion since it involves if we are going to continue to provide a boat launch. The FD does not want to work with the MCA and we only got \$1400 for boat launch memberships while it costs the MCA over \$2000 to pay Larry for his services. Larry also does not want to continue to do this and there are several open boat launches on the lake.

Treasurers report – Terry

This is \$8490.07 in the checking account. Pay Pal has \$165. The Auction account has \$1,000 total checking \$9,490.07 Savings \$11,900 FAM is getting 9.35% return \$35860.86

The school tax bill is \$65. Terry called the Town of Duanesburg that we are now tax exempt and would they waive it. She may be able to get this done but it would be about a month. The board voted for her to just pay it this year.

Directors and Officers insurance. The current policy is up for renewal at \$1005. Terry has quoted it with one of her companies , Philadelphia, and can save us \$49.

Outstanding bills \$3700 + \$1005 + \$500 (web site)

Terry worked with Bricks are Us. They deposited \$150 into our checking account. Terry will update the mailing address from Eric's house to the PO Box.

Elma's Tax Service has agreed to take our account back again.

Terry is taking an on line class about quickbooks as the on line version is a huge learning curve than the desktop version she is familiar with.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm