

2012 Indian Lake Shores Fire District Annual Meeting

Held August 19th 2012, at 3PM, at the ILSFD Park

Presided over by president of the Indian Lake Shores Fire District Council, Pat J. Giarrusso. Attended by approximately 26 residents of Indian Lake. We were happy to see several new homeowners in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 3:08PM

Secretary's report: The 2011 annual meeting minutes were discussed and one correction was noted by Arthur Novsam. He had proposed at last year's meeting that we look into the feasibility of Presided over by president of the Indian Lake Shores Fire District Council, Pat J. Giarrusso. Attended by approximately 26 residents of Indian Lake. We were happy to see several new homeowners in attendance.

1. turning over the governance of ILSFD to the town of South Kingstown. It is becoming increasingly difficult to involve residents and homeowners in the care and maintenance of the association. Pros and cons were discussed and a vote was taken to table the discussion until next year. A motion was subsequently made, seconded and passed to accept the 2011 minutes.

2. Treasurer's report: Expenses and account balances were discussed by treasurer Hiro Uchida, copies being made available for all attendees (available upon request). There were questions asked, discussed and answered concerning property taxes in arrears – what processes we have in place and what recourse the council actually has to collect on delinquent accounts. The suggestion was made that perhaps we could look into preventing delinquent taxpayers from

registering their cars, as the town does require a tax stamp to complete registration. Judy Warburton and Kathy Spangler will look into this and report to the council. A motion was made by Art Novsam to accept the minutes and seconded by Kevin Donohue.

3. Old Business

a. Children being disruptive and unsupervised. The only real recourse is to call the police. Residents reported that the police have been called and have not responded. Pat will speak to Chief Vespia to ask for advice and a resident offered to ask the police department to come and speak at a council meeting, also to offer advice.

The by-laws and town laws were discussed and a suggestion made to remind parents that they can be fined if children are destructive.

b. The raft at the North beach was repaired and launched. The railings need to be replaced. There is a crew in place ready to volunteer their time and effort; a time and date will be decided upon soon.

c. A discussion of an Indian Lake website was discussed. Rick Perotta offered to create and maintain a site. Some residents are concerned about maintaining the privacy and anonymity of our community. President Giarrusso requested that Rick and Jan Armor (who has volunteered to create an email newsletter), present a proposal to the council.

d. Last year it was suggested that an audit be performed. We are still looking into the expense and the availability of someone to do an audit.

e. The closing time of common areas was discussed.

f. The removal of trees from the south beach was reported on by

Kevin. He emphasized that the removal was done primarily for safety reasons as the trees were rotted and many large limbs had already fallen. Discussion of planting new trees ensued and Art made a motion that a proposal concerning the trees, some landscaping and some landscaping at the north beach be presented to the council, who will decide upon a budget for the work. Judy Warburton and Jane Bessette will enlist the help of Merlene Mayette who has been a longtime supporter of ILSFD beautification, and come up with said proposal. The motion passed after being seconded by Judy Warburton.

New Business

- a. Dogs – not really new business and there is not much we can do except ask people to be respectful of their neighbors.**
- b. It was reported that the Village at Indian Lake has been spraying to deter the geese. Apparently some people are having respiratory problems as a result and a discussion ensued as to whether we should gather information on the spraying – does it pollute the lake, can it drift, and does it cause the geese population on our side of the lake to increase. Anyone wishing to research and report to the council was encouraged to do so.**
- c. In relation to the geese; in order to report a person who you might see illegally feeding the geese, you must have a picture with a time and date stamp.**
- d. Jan Armor is going to create an ILSFD e-newsletter. Jan is a professional photographer.**
- e. A motion was made by Judy Warburton to plant a tree at the south**

beach in honor of Janet Gould, who passed away in June. Lorri McGrath seconded and the motion passed.

Budget and tax rate: The treasurer presented the new budget as well as the tax rate of \$.95. This is down \$.07 from last year. A motion to accept was made by Jim Eastwood, seconded by Kathy Spangler, voted on and passed.

Slate of Officers: As no one stepped forward to run for any office, the slate of officers will remain the same as last year. President: Pat J Giarrusso, Vice President: Kevin Donohue, Treasurer: Hiro Uchida, Secretary: Pat L. Giarrusso, Tax Assessor: Emmi Uchida. The council members will be Jane Bessette, Jim Eastwood, Karla Steele, Jean Larson, John Mycroft, Bob Perrson, Kathy Spangler and Stu Westin.