



Minutes of the 2/17/09 Meeting

The January meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held at the VRPA offices in the Derby train station.

Members Present

Ames, Scott (Oxford)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)
Udall, Mike (Oxford)

Members Absent

Ahearn, David (Derby)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

Also present was John Annino, LHAMP Supervisor

The Vice Chairman, Paul Behuniak, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the January 2009 meeting were presented to the board for approval. No corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the January 2009 minutes for approval:

Motion: Udall, M. Second: Behuniak, P. Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall, read the February 2009 Treasurer's Report.

No cash receipts received in February.

Disbursements included accounting\clerical, water testing, and patrol fuel & maintenance.

Motion to accept the reading of the February 2009 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Udall, K. Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

John Annino reported that he had received a last minute notice that training would start on February 21st and would continue every Saturday thru March. Mr. Annino suggested sending three candidates for officer training. Two officers were required to fill vacant positions and the third was suggested as training will become very expensive starting next year. He explained the

DEP has made it known that they intend to sever ties with the LHA. They will require the LHA to process its own tickets, subpoenas, etc. The LHA will also have to conduct extensive background checks on all applicants that include DMV check, fingerprints, etc. This will all be done at the LHA's expense. The biggest expense is that after 2009 the LHA will be required to administer drug and psychological tests that could run several hundred dollars. Therefore the board should try to get as many officers trained this year as possible. With the three new recruits and Mr. Annino included, the LHAMP will have a total of 10 officers for 2009. Equipment will be required for two of the three new officers and uniforms will be required for all three.

The board agreed with Mr. Annino's suggestion to train three officers this year. The vice-chairmen requested a motion be made to send the three officers to training as well as hire all ten officers for 2009 season so that training could begin next week. The board agreed and approved a \$1/hour raise for each returning officer as is allotted in the LHAMP guidelines. In addition, Mr. Annino was approved for a one time \$1/hour raise as he had reached the 4 year cap.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years Service</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Annino	4	Marine Patrol Supervisor
Mark Chanski	3	Marine Patrol Officer
Patrick Kilby	3	Marine Patrol Officer
Dan Murzin	3	Marine Patrol Officer
Jared Heon	3	Marine Patrol Officer
Tim Willis	3	Marine Patrol Officer
Richard Lucuk	3	Marine Patrol Officer
Sam Melendez	0	Pending Completion of Training
Nicholas Debenedent	0	Pending Completion of Training
Edward Baclawski	0	Pending Completion of Training

Motion to send the three officers to training, hire all ten officers (pending completion of training), and approve a \$1/hour raise to all returning officers listed above.

Motion: Udall, M. Second: Ames Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Annino further reported that Officer Kilby will be appearing in court on April 13th in regards to a ticket that he issued during the 2008 season. Mr. Annino excused himself at the close of the patrol portion of the meeting.

Water Quality:

No report at this time.

Weed Harvester:

No report at this time.

Vessels and Equipment:

The old patrol boat still needs the radio repaired.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Regatta Committee

No report at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

New LHA Docks

The board agreed to put the old docks up for sale. New docks will be purchased in the spring.

Governor's Regional Round table (Executive Order #15)

Mike Stahl will continue to attend these meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation - David Grant

The secretary informed the board that David Grant had tendered his resignation effective January 27, 2009. Mr. Grant regrettably explained he did not have the time needed to devote to the LHA and wished the board the best of luck as well as offered his services if needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since January was made available for the Board to review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Vice Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the February meeting.

Motion: Udall, M. Second: Udall, K. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009 AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.