



## **Minutes of the 6/16/09 Meeting**

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

### Members Present

Ahearn, David (Derby)  
Ames, Scott (Oxford)  
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)  
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)  
Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)  
Stahl, Mike (Derby)  
Steeves, Bill (Derby)  
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)  
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### Members Absent

Also present was John Anino, LHAMP Supervisor.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

No public present.

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

The minutes for the May 2009 meeting were presented to the board for approval. A couple of typographical corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the May 2009 minutes for approval as corrected:

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

Cash receipts included a transfer of funds from the CD.

Disbursements included accounting, patrol payroll, patrol fuel & maintenance (which included uniforms & communications), and weed harvester fuel and maintenance.

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

Motion: Blanchard                      Second: Behuniak                      Vote: Unanimous

### **GUEST PRESENTATION:**

No presentation scheduled at this time.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Patrol:

Mr. Annino reported that there was an excessive amount of towing being done by the LHAMP and wanted clarification from the board on what the policy is. The board discussed and unanimously agreed that we would offer towing assistance when needed. As long as the vessel and occupants are safe, it is not necessary for them to be towed for excessive distances. They can be brought to a safe location such as the gas station or marina. Ultimate decision was left to the officers to use their best judgment. Excessive towing puts a load on the vessels and takes the patrol boat out of service for extended periods of time.

Mr. Annino expressed concern over the fact that there is no contact phone number for the LHAMP. Officers are forced to use the DEP dispatch phone number which the DEP objects to. Officers can not be expected to give out their personal cell phone numbers. All agreed this was an issue and the board will have to investigate a solution.

Mr. Annino pointed out that Lake Housatonic was still listed as a navigable waterway. This is obviously outdated and dates back to when the canals were functional but none the less it is still listed as navigable. Candlewood Lake falls under the same scenario and was recently challenged by rowers seeking an exemption from wearing PFD's. A judge has declared that Candlewood Lake is navigable waters and under federal jurisdiction. This can become an issue for Lake Housatonic as well. It would in effect make the Coast Guard responsible for the Lake.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the second sample had been taken. The results of the testing appeared normal but had not been compared to last year's results yet.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak reported that the parts needed to repair the cutter bar had arrived and it would be repaired within the week.

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak reported that the radio was replaced in the new patrol boat. The tow lines for the boats were missing and would need to be replaced.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Regatta Committee

Sandy Blanchard reported that the Sweeps and Sculls regatta was a great success and had no major issues. Mr. Blanchard clarified to the board that returning sculls travel on the outside of the buoys. It was requested that a set of buoys be placed on the outside of the return lane to which Mr. Blanchard agreed would be a good idea.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

New LHA Docks

Mike Stahl reported that the new docks were in the water and are working out really well. The old docks have been sold.

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

Mike Stahl is continuing to attend these meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DEP Communications and Logistics agreement.

The Chairman requested that the secretary draft a letter to the DEP commissioner asking that a representative attend an LHA meeting to discuss the agreement. The board unanimously agreed to table the agreement until the discussion took place.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Mike Stahl commented that Derby /Shelton fireworks would be Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and the fireworks on the river would be on Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the May meeting.  
Motion: Ahearn            Second: Behuniak            Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames  
Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009 AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.