



Minutes of the 9/15/09 Meeting

The September 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)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)
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Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)
Steeves, Bill (Derby)

Also present was John Annino, LHAMP Supervisor; and Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Officer.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the August 2009 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the August 2009 minutes for approval with corrections:
Motion: Behuniak. Second: Udall, M. Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Cash receipts included Webster Bank interest.

Disbursements included accounting, patrol payroll, patrol fuel & maintenance, weed harvester payroll, weed harvester fuel & maintenance, payroll taxes, and water quality testing.

Motion to accept the reading of the September 2009 Treasurer's Report:
Motion: Behuniak Second: Udall, K. Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

John Annino reported that there had been several incidents in the last few weeks including being called to the scene of a motorcycle accident. There was an incident that the LHAMP responded to at Indian Well State Park. A Jet Ski rider was struck in the face by a broken ski line. The operator refused treatment and the incident was taken over by a DEP officer whom also responded to the incident. A report was made that a pontoon boat had been abandoned and tied up on private property in the Upper Birch Bank area. The LHAMP referred the matter to the Shelton Police as the vessel was on land. The Shelton Police responded but refused to get in the LHAMP boat for safety reasons. Mr. Annino also reported that he had started on the updates to the policies and procedures for next year.

Patrick Kilby reported that there was a report of an unknown fluid in the water near Pink house Cove. It appeared to be fuel or oil but had no odor. Both the DEP and Hazmat were notified. Due to the size of the spill Hazmat did not respond but a DEP Environmental Conservation officer did respond. The size and nature of the spill was declared by the DEP Officer to not be a hazard or require mitigation.

The Chairman noted that the LHAMP may continue patrolling, weather permitting, as long as funding was available and the officers were willing.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the July results came back with normal levels indicating the previous high levels of Nitrogen were most likely due to runoff from the flooding.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak reported that harvester was running fine and has been out on a regular basis. He has not made contact with the new operator yet but will do so soon so that she can get trained while the harvester is still in the water.

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak reported that the bow light still needed to be repaired. The starter failed in one of the boats. The contents of the boat were not removed before bringing it to the shop and some items were stolen such as a fire extinguisher and binoculars. Total value is believed to be under \$200. Mr. Annino will put together a list of replacement items to be purchased.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Regatta Committee

Nothing to report at this time except a reminder about the NHRC regatta coming upon October 10th. Mr. Annino confirmed there will be two patrol boats at the event from 9:00 to 5:00. The Chairman noted that the ski course would be removed prior to the regatta.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mike Stahl is continuing to attend these meetings.

DEP Communications and Logistics agreement.

Sandy Blanchard will draft a letter to Captain Camejo requesting that he review the current policy that is in effect and make an amendment to the existing policy rather than create a new one.

LHA Website

The secretary reported that work had begun on the transition to the new website but the process may take until the end of the year.

DAM Licenses & Agreement

All Board members received copies of the agreements and licenses.

NHRC Incident Report

Sandy Blanchard reported that the issue was unresolved but required no further action at this time. The fisherman was never identified.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman noted that a tentative draw down for the river is scheduled for October 31st pending approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009 AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.