



## **Minutes of the 4/17/12 Meeting**

The April 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)  
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)  
Stahl, Mike (Derby)  
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)

### Members Absent

Ahearn, David (Derby)  
Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)  
Steeves, Bill (Derby)  
Udall, Mike (Oxford)

Also present was John Annino, Patrick Kilby, and Nicholas Debenedet from the LHAMP.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

None Present

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

The minutes for the March 2012 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the March 2012 minutes for approval:

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

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

Kathy Udall read the April 2012 Treasurer's Report.

Cash disbursements included office supplies, payroll expenses, postage, and accounting fees.

Motion to accept the reading of the April 2012 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Behuniak      Second: Blanchard      Vote: Unanimous

### **GUEST PRESENTATION:**

No presentation scheduled at this time.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Patrol:

John Annino, LHAMP Supervisor, reported that all employment/tax forms were sent to the officers. A blank schedule was also sent to the officers to pencil in their availability for the season. Only five officers have responded so far, even after receiving an extension to respond. Recertification starts on April 18<sup>th</sup> and we may be at risk of losing several officers if they can not complete recertification. Mr. Annino stated that the LHAMP would still be adequately manned if the staff was reduced to just the five officers that responded and himself.

Mr. Annino reported that the LHA would not have to undergo the expense of psychological and polygraph tests for LHAMP officers. DEEP has removed the requirement from our agreement.

Mr. Annino requested a motion be made to increase the pay rate for Nicholas Debenedet and Edward Baclawski by \$1/hr in line with their years of service per the LHAMP guide lines.

Motion to increase Nicholas Debenedet and Edward Baclawski pay rates by \$1/hr:

Motion: Behuniak. Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported the updated quotes were received. Unfortunately the local lab that was handling the testing since inception will no longer process the samples locally. This will adversely affect the dissolved oxygen test and as such a method of field testing will need to be explored.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak reported that repairs on the harvester will be completed next week.

Vessels and Equipment:

The radios were reviewed by John Awalt and it was determined that they could be reprogrammed to meet the new narrow banding requirements. He will also begin the process of modifying the license.

Paul Behuniak reported that the docks would be put in the water the weekend of May 11<sup>th</sup> during the water draw down.

A request was made by John Annino to upgrade the beacon lights to strobe light bars for better visibility and reliability. It was estimated it would cost no more than \$250 per boat.

Motion for up to \$500 to upgrade strobe lights on LHAMP boats:

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

Regatta Committee

No report at this time.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

New Accountant

The new accountant, Beth Weaver, is now handling the books. The transition appears to be going smoothly.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Water Draw Down

The water level would be dropped starting the evening Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> and would be raised some time on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> to facilitate repairs on the Ousatonic (Derby) Dam.

Blessing of the fleet

The annual blessing of the fleet is tentatively scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the April meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames  
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 15 2012, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.