



Minutes of the 8/21/12 Meeting

The August 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)

Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)
Steeves, Bill (Derby)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)
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Also present were John Annino, Patrick Kilby, and Nick Debenedet from LHAMP, Mark Kennedy LHA weed harvester operator, and Stephen Gladstone from Yale.

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:

Stephen Gladstone, a representative from Yale Men's Crew, was present to discuss the possibility of setting up a practice race course that would consist of a 1000 meter line of buoys that would remain in the water from September 7th through late November. Mike Stahl informed Mr. Gladstone that his request would require approval from DEEP before it could be approved by the LHA. He suggested he complete an application with DEEP. It is unlikely an application could be processed through DEEP in time so the board agreed to review his request so that no time would be lost should they get an application submitted in time. The board was unanimous that it is unlikely they would approve a course that consisted of a long line of buoys that would stay in the water 24hrs a day. It would be more likely that a course or 3 or 4 main buoys would have a better chance of approval. Concerns addressed included safety and navigation issues.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the July 2012 meeting were presented to the board for approval. Minor corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the July 2012 minutes with corrections for approval:

Motion: Behuniak. Second: Ahearn Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report at this time

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

John Annino, LHAMP Supervisor, reported that one of the two patrol boats was out of service and as such he had to reduce patrol officers hours to man only one boat. He also advised the board he would only have one boat for the October 6th regatta. Mr. Annino reported that quite a few tickets were being written, mostly to non residents, and primarily jet skis. A demonstration was given for the laser speed gun. Cost is expected to be around \$2600. Scott Ames requested information on why conventional radar guns were no longer acceptable.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported testing was commencing and levels were as expected. The new oxygen meter is working well and very close to lab results.

Weed Harvester:

Mark Kennedy, Weed Harvester operator, requested safety equipment such as an anchor, throwable, fire extinguisher, etc. Some of the equipment is missing or not sufficient.

Mike Stahl asked for a motion to approve expenditure not to exceed \$300 for safety related equipment.

Motion to purchase weed harvester safety equipment not to exceed \$300.

Motion: Blanchard. Second: Ahearn Vote: Unanimous

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak reported that the engine on the older patrol boat is dead. The boat was slowly accelerating from a stop and the motor seized. The motor had oil and was in good running order up to the point of its failure. It's a five year old motor and unlikely worth the expense of rebuilding. The board agreed to table any discussion of replacing the motor or the whole boat until after the season was complete.

Regatta Committee

No report at this time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Radio Narrow Banding

Patrick Kilby requested information on the LHA radio license so that the permit could be updated. The radio hardware has already been modified.

Trailer

Quotes were received for basic trailers and sheds. A shed could be purchased however the McConnie's Grove association would need to approve it first.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since July 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 August meeting.

Motion: Behuniak. Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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, SEPTEMBER 18 2012, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.