



Minutes of the 7/16/13 Meeting

The July 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)
Steeves, Bill (Derby)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)
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Members Absent

Ahearn, David (Derby)
Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)

Also present was John Annino, LHAMP Chief; Patrick Kilby LHAMP Asst. Chief; Mark Kennedy, LHA Weed Harvester Operator; and Dave Catlia.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None Present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the June 2013 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the June 2013 minutes with a minor typographical correction:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall, read the July 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Cash disbursements included patrol payroll, patrol fuel & maintenance, weed harvester maintenance, water testing, and accounting

Motion to accept the reading of the July 2013 Treasurer's Report:

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

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

John Annino reported that he was still waiting on Ed Hunt's info. He emailed Ed the tax form and request for info with no response. He reported he is working on the August schedule but having trouble getting boat handlers. John introduced Dave Catlia, an Oxford resident and Shelton fireman. Dave is a proficient boater and familiar with the lake and would be interested in being a boat handler. The board discussed and in light of shortage of boat handlers it was agreed that hiring Mr. Catlia would be a big help. The Chairman asked for a motion to that effect.

Motion to hire Dave Catlia as boat handler for the remainder of the 2013 season:

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

Mr. Annino reported he is having trouble getting DEEP to supply training on the new laser speed gun they required us to purchase. DEEP mandated the change from radar to laser and per our memorandum of agreement they must supply training. Since he has been met with so much resistance, he is attempting to find a POST certified instructor outside of DEEP. It has also been noted that DEEP is very slow to respond and less than cooperative. An example is a call from LHAMP to DEEP in response to a sinking vessel. DEEP informed the officer they were too busy and to call the fire department. The fire department was called and once on scene they called DEEP who did then respond. It appears there may be some backlash due to the LHA's response to the new memorandum of agreement. The board agreed that a letter to DEEP was in order.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the water quality testing was continuing and results are continuing to come back as anticipated. The next sample would be taken shortly.

Weed Harvester:

Maintenance was performed on the harvester including replacing lines on the conveyor and ordering bearings. Mark Kennedy noted he would be running the harvester every Mon and Wed and the other operator could fill in between. High water has made harvester difficult or impossible at times.

Vessels and Equipment:

It was reported that equipment was being stolen from the patrol boats, life jackets, ropes, hook, etc. The fuel pump was replaced on the new patrol boat motor.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Trailer

The new trailer is nearly complete. It has been leveled and skirts installed.

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement

Waiting on response from DEEP addressing our concerns.

Radio License Issue

The new license has been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since June 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 July meeting.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Udall. M Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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, AUGUST 20 2013, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.