



Minutes of the 5/20/14 Meeting

The May 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)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford))
Udall, Mike (Oxford)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

Also present was Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief and Edward Baclawski, LHAMP Asst. Chief

The Vice-Chairman, Paul Behuniak, 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 April 2014 meeting were presented to the board for approval. A minor correction was requested.

Motion to accept the April 2014 minutes with corrections:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall, read the May 2014 Treasurer's Report.

Cash disbursements included rent and accounting.

Motion to accept the reading of the April 2014 Treasurer's Report:

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

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Patrick Kilby, the LHAMP Chief, reported that the mandatory swim test was completed successfully by all the officers and boat handlers.

One potential officer failed the written portion of the LHAMP officer test and as a result was not allowed to complete the remainder of the training per DEEP unless the LHA Board wanted to appeal their decision. The remaining five officers all passed the training. The Vice-chairman asked the board to enter executive session to discuss.

The board entered executive session at 7:55PM

The board exited executive session at 8:10 PM

The board discussed and unanimously agreed that there would be no appeal.

All officers were trained on the laser speed gun. Training was arranged by Steve Hoffman and administered by Shelton police Sergeant Peter Zaksewicz. The board recognized both Mr. Hoffman and Sgt. Zaksewicz for helping the LHA get past this hurdle. The DEEP mandated that the LHA switch from radar to laser but then would not schedule training for the officers. The brand new laser gun was not able to be used at all last year as a result. The laser speed gun will need to get recertified which is typically a one day turnaround.

The background checks on the LHAMP officers had not come back from DEEP yet. Again DEEP is not being very supportive of the LHAMP. Their inaction and lack of support is seriously detrimental to the LHAMP and the board will have to consider alternatives to relying on the DEEP. The board agreed to allow the LHAMP Chief to seek alternative sources for background checks.

Water Quality:

No report at this time.

Weed Harvester:

No report at this time.

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak reported the weed harvester needs some replacement hoses. The boats need work on the rub rails as they keep coming off. The motors were serviced. The docks will go in by the weekend.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement
No response has been received from DEEP addressing the boards concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Funding for new radio equipment
Patrick Kilby expressed concern that DEEP may be phasing out its current radios within the next year or two. As a result the LHAMP would be forced to upgrade their equipment as well. Mr. Kilby asked the board for permission to research and apply for any grants to help defray the cost. The Vice-Chairman asked for a motion.

Motion to allow Mr. Kilby to solicit and apply for funding:
Motion: Behuniak Second: Stahl Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Vice-Chairman noted that the fireworks on the river would be Sunday July 6th.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Vice-Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the May meeting.
Motion: Udall, M. Second: Blanchard. Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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, JUNE 17 2014, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.