



Minutes of the 5/19/15 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)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Udall, Kathy (Oxford)
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Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Seymour)
Manion, Tim (Shelton)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)

Also present was Lou and James Dimeo, from American Fireworks Displays; Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief; Edward Baclawski, LHAMP Asst. Chief; and Nick DeBenedet, former LHA patrol officer.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

James Dimeo presented the plans for the upcoming Independence Day fireworks display. The show is scheduled for July 5th starting at around 9:15 ~ 9:30 and will run for approximately a half hour. All fireworks this year will be fired from barges (docks) in the center of the river. The barges will be loaded starting at 10am the morning of the show. There will be a 300 foot zone around the barges which will result in the Shelton side of the river being closed to boat traffic for the entire day. At approximately 8pm the barges will be moved to the center of the river and the entire river will be shut down until the show is complete and the barges inspected. This could take up to a half hour after the show concludes.

The Chairman thanked the Dimeo's for the informative presentation. The board agreed to supply a dedicated boat for the entire day to enforce the 300 ft zone during loading. An additional boat will be provided at 8:00pm when the barges are moved out and the river closed. The board requested that letters be sent out to all residents informing them of the date and start/stop times.

The Dimeo's thanked the board for their support and excused themselves at 7:48pm.

Nick DeBenedet asked to address the board about being hired for the 2015 season. The Chairman deferred his request to be addressed during new business.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the April 2015 meeting were presented to the board for approval. Minor corrections were requested.

Motion to accept the April 2015 minutes with corrections:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Mike Udall read the May 2015 Treasurer's Report.

Cash disbursements included weed harvester parts and website expenses. Cash receipts included bank interest.

Motion to accept the reading of the May 2015 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Patrick Kilby reported that the recertification training is complete. The schedule was complete and distributed. At this point there will be no radios capable of calling DEEP this year. He noted that Senate bill 699 "Emily's Law" will most likely be signed into law and go into effect October 1st 2015. This law would require anyone towing a skier, kneeboard, tube, etc., to take a mandatory class. No one will be grandfathered in. The boats are prepped and will be ready to launch this weekend. The radar unit needs to be re-certified. Mike Udall took possession of the unit to have it certified.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that water testing resumed this month.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak noted that the harvester needed to be moved prior to the park opening.

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak stated the boats are ready to be launched.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

The chairman asked the board to enter executive session to have a discussion with Nick DeBenedet.

Start of executive session 8:02pm

End of executive session at 8:15pm

The Chairman asked for a motion to hire Nick DeBenedet as LHAMP Officer for the 2015 season.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

The Chairman asked for a motion to hire Brian Brainard and Rob Ferrante as weed harvester operators for the 2015 season.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since April 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 May meeting.

Motion: Udall, M Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM.

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 19 2015, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.