



Lake Housatonic Authority, P.O. Box 26, Derby, CT 06418
Member Towns: Derby, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton

Minutes of the 10/20/15 Meeting

The October 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)
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Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

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

Also present was Steve Burt, President NHRC; Sergeant Keith Williams, DEEP; Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief and Edward Baclawski, LHAMP Asst. Chief

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:

Steve Burt, President of the New Haven Rowing Club (NHRC), was present to report the regatta went well with no real issues and he thanked the LHAMP for their great support. He also discussed an encounter between a LHAMP officer and NHRC member. The officer commanded the member back to the dock due to no life jacket. There was some discussion and disagreement between the two as to the requirement for having a jacket on board. The board discussed with Mr. Burt and varying opinions on the subject matter were reviewed. Mr. Burt stated the NHRC position is they are governed by Coast Guard regulations not State Law. The LHA Chairman informed Mr. Burt that the LHAMP was to enforce CT State boating as trained by the DEEP. If NHRC took exception to this they would have to address it with DEEP. Mr. Burt thanked the board for their time and excused himself.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the September 2015 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the September 2015 minutes as presented.

Motion: Behuniak

Second: Zitnay

Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Cash disbursements included patrol payroll, fuel & maintenance; weed harvester payroll, fuel & maintenance; clerical, and water testing. No cash receipts.

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

Motion: Zitnay Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief, reported that the season ended well. He stated he is concerned that the patrol will be down 3 officers and 1 boat handler next year. He also noted that training would be available from DEEP next year however it would most likely be early, perhaps in January. He asked the board to consider hiring more officers before the end of the year so that they could attend the training in January. The board agreed that more officers would most likely need to be added. The decision to add, and how many, was tabled until the November meeting. The loaner radios were turned over to DEEP and new radios would be needed for next year. This discussion was also tabled for November.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported testing was complete for the season and results were typical.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak reported that the weed harvester was still in the water and would be removed within the week. Repairs will be necessary before next season.

Vessels and Equipment:

The boats have been pulled and the docks will come out in the next couple days.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee

The Chairman appointed a nominating committee to propose the slate of officers for next year. The committee consists of Kathy Udall, Paul Behuniak, Dave Zitnay, and Tim Manion.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement

Sergeant Keith Williams was present to review the MOA and answer any questions the board may have. Although the board was very appreciative that Sergeant Williams was present they were also caught off guard as quite some time had passed since the last communication with DEEP. The board thanked Sergeant Williams for his time but stated they would need time to review the agreement again and to review the list of questions and concerns that were last

submitted. The secretary will forward a copy of the agreement and questions to Sergeant Williams and the board members to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman stated that the draw down was extended due to issues with the work being performed on the dam. The operators of the Derby Dam expressed concern over issues with communications with the operators of the Stevenson dam.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 2015, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.