



Minutes of the 4/18/2017 Meeting

The April 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)

Members Absent

Manion, Tim (Shelton)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Also present was Ned Miller from Ned Miller Agency (insurance) and Brian Brainard, LHAMP Officer.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the March 2017 meeting was presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the March 2017 meetings minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the April 2017 Treasurer's report. Mr. Blanchard reviewed the Profit and Loss report and checking account summary. Notable payables were truck insurance and uniforms. Notable receivables were a donation from the NHRC.

Motion to accept the April 2017 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Stahl Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Ned Miller from Ned Miller Agency, a division of Starkweather & Shepley Insurance, presented an informal insurance review. He covered the various types of insurance that the LHA is required to maintain and an overall education of the insurance industry. Mr. Miller is looking into getting the LHA competitive quotes for insurance. The issue has been that the LHA is not large enough to

make it worth the risk to insure so very few insurers want to quote. He also stated that the LHA could not suspend insurance in the off season on the truck or the registration would get pulled. He will continue to look for options. The board thanked Mr. Miller for his time and he excused himself from the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Brian Brainard reported that the new lettering had been applied to the newer boat and they would wait on applying them to the older boat until we are sure it's not being replaced. The radios have been confirmed to have been programmed correctly. There will be a CPR refresher course on May 2nd. The radios need to be re-installed.

Water Quality:

No report at this time. Testing will resume in May.

Weed Harvester:

A new weed harvester operator is still needed.

Vessels and Equipment:

A radiator hose was replaced on the dump truck. The weed harvester needs to be moved prior to the park opening.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Weeds

We are moving forward with the survey with hopes the funding will be approved as delaying the survey could put us behind another year.

Insurance

Sandy Blanchard has continued to research alternative insurance companies. He has invited Ned Miller to the meeting as he had insured the LHA in the past and currently insured the City of Shelton.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Draw Down

The dam did not require any repairs and did not need a draw down. However, due to requests, they would try to do a draw down for the residents. Tentative water draw down for May 30th to June 3rd pending approval.

Fish Habitats

There was some concern over the numerous fish habitats that were being placed in the lake. The Chairman contacted DEEP to see if they had permits. DEEP didn't have any on file so they sent an officer to investigate. The individuals were able to produce paperwork from the fishery department so they were allowed to continue. The LHA needs to determine where these habitats are located and determine if they pose an issue to the weed harvester.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since March 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 April meeting.

Motion: Blanchard Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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, MAY, 16, 2017, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.