



Minutes of the 1/17/2017 Meeting

The January 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)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Manion, Tim (Shelton)

Also present was Nate Case, a representative from Hopkins School Crew

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:

Nate Case presented an application for a marine event permit on behalf of Hopkins School Crew. This application covered two separate dates of 4/29/2017 & 5/13/2017 starting at 2:30PM and ending at 5:30PM for both events. There are no rain dates. Hopkins has submitted applications in the past so the application was fairly complete, included a map, and was similar to prior years. It was noted that the 4/29/2017 date coincided with the same date that Yale was having an event. Mr. Case acknowledged that and said that the Hopkins was working with Yale to hold both events on the same day. After a quick review and short discussion, the board agreed to approve the application. The board requested that Hopkins submit a copy of the completed permit to the LHA.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the November 2016 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the November 2016 minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the January 2017 Treasurer's report. Mr. Blanchard replaced the report previously used with a typical Profit and Loss report and asked the board for its opinion. Overall the board was satisfied with the new report format. The Chairman did request to include a breakout with more details.

Motion to accept the January 2017 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Stahl Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

No presentation scheduled at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

No report at this time as Patrol hasn't started yet this year.

Water Quality:

No report at this time as the water test program hasn't started yet this year. An updated quote for lab analysis was received and typical of last year.

Weed Harvester:

The weed harvester trailer has been fixed. It was suggested that an advertisement be placed for the weed harvester operator position as the prior operator will not be returning this year.

Vessels and Equipment:

The boats were shrink wrapped and the docks removed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Budget Committee

The budget committee met over the December break. Sandy Blanchard presented the proposed budget for 2017. The board reviewed the budget and a short discussion ensued.

Motion to accept the 2017 Budget as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Stahl Vote: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement

The board reviewed the latest revision of the agreement from DEEP. Although disappointed that the agreement still did not contain an "ever green" provision, the board approved the preliminary agreement. The secretary will request a formal copy of the final document from DEEP to be approved at the next meeting.

Weeds

A brief discussion continued on the weed issue. Early research suggest that sterile carp will not be a good solution. Their diet is very limited so they will not eat many of the weeds present and they will most likely go over the dam as they need very calm water to stay in one area. A quote was obtained for a complete survey of the lake by the same company that did it several years back for approximately \$7,500.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since November 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 January meeting.

Motion: Blanchard

Second: Behuniak

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 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, FEBRUARY, 21, 2017, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.