



Minutes of the 6/20/2017 Meeting

The June 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 Simona Tomoiu from Derby; Ed Baclawski LHAMP Chief; and Brian Brainard, LHAMP Assistant 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:

Simona Tomoiu introduced herself to the board and inquired about the open weed harvester position. The commissioner gave an overview of the position, the challenges associated with it, and answered several questions for Ms. Tomoiu. Both the board and Ms. Tomoiu felt she may be a good fit for the position. The next suggested course of action was for her to schedule an appointment to review the machine with Brian Brainard. Ms. Tomoiu exchanged contact information with Mr. Brainard and excused herself from the meeting.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the May 2017 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the June 2017 Treasurer's report. Mr. Blanchard reviewed the Profit and Loss report and checking account summary. Notable payables were Patrol payroll, patrol training, patrol fuel & maintenance, rent, general liability insurance, and partial payment of the weed survey.

Motion to accept the June 2017 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Baclawski requested approval to purchase uniforms for \$528. New bottoms were purchased but not shirts. Also, he requested a new siren for \$1,273. The board approved purchasing the uniforms but the siren would have to wait until funding was received from the towns.

Three boat handler applicants were interviewed and invited to take the swim test. Two of the applicants completed the test. The Chief and Assistant Chief recommended the board hire the two applicants, Vincent DelPrete and Robert Talloni. The board agreed. Motion to accept the May 2017 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion to hire Vincent DelPrete and Robert Talloni as boat handlers:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

Water Quality:

The second sample will be taken later this week. It was noted how bad the weeds were for so early in the season.

Weed Harvester:

A new weed harvester operator is still needed. An ad was added to the LHA website.

Vessels and Equipment:

The wiring was reviewed on both patrol boats. One boat was wired so that the radio would still be powered when the battery switch was off allowing the battery to be drained. The Chairman asked the Chief to ensure everyone was aware of this and verify the radio is turned off. It was also noted the lockable cabinet is often found not locked. This needs to be addressed as well.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Insurance

All insurance is up to date and currently being handled thru the Ned Miller Agency. Ned Miller is continuing to research options for improvement.

Water Survey

Sandy Blanchard reported that the first half of the weed survey had begun. The second half would take place at the peak of summer. The first payment has been made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of LHAMP Chief

Patrick Kilby tendered his resignation from the LHAMP via email on May 26th. Although disappointed, the board unanimously accepted his resignation. The Chairman recommended the board promote Ed Baclawski from Asst-Chief to Chief and Brian Brainard from officer to Asst-Chief. The board agreed.

Motion to promote Ed Baclawski and Brian Brainard as proposed above:

Motion: Zitnay Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since May 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 June meeting.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 845 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, JULY, 18, 2017, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.