



## **Minutes of the 3/21/2017 Meeting**

The March 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)  
Zitnay, David (Derby)

### Members Absent

Manion, Tim (Shelton)  
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

Also present was Lou and James Dimeo; Patrick Kilby, LHAMP Chief; Edward Baclawski, LHAMP Asst. Chief; and Brian Brainard, LHAMP Officer.

The Vice-Chairman, Paul Behuniak, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

James Dimeo presented an application for a marine event permit for the 2017 fireworks display. The fireworks are scheduled for Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30PM and commencing at approximately 10:00PM. The rain date is Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> at the same time. The display will be shot from pontoons positioned off the shore of 31 Birchbank Road. The Shelton side of the river will be closed starting at 10:00AM leaving a travel lane on the Seymour side until approximately 8PM when the entire width of the river will be closed. The river will re-open at approximately 10:30PM. The board reviewed the permit and map presented. The request was complete and typical of previous years. As such the Vice-Chairman asked for a motion to approve as submitted.

Motion to accept the Marine Event Permit Application as presented:

Motion: Zitnay                      Second: Blanchard                      Vote: Unanimous

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

The minutes for the January and February 2017 meetings were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the January and February 2017 meetings minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak                      Second: Zitnay                      Vote: Unanimous

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the March 2017 Treasurer's report. Mr. Blanchard reviewed the Profit and Loss report and checking account summary. He also reported that budget requests were submitted to all the towns.

Motion to accept the March 2017 Treasurer's Report:  
Motion: Zitnay            Second: Behuniak            Vote: Unanimous

**GUEST PRESENTATION:**

No presentation scheduled at this time.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Patrol:

The LHAMP Chief, Patrick Kilby, presented the 2017 Patrol Roster. The LHAMP lost three officers and one boat handler from last year. The good news is they were all lost due to the fact they took new law enforcement opportunities and that there is still adequate coverage for officers for the season. There will need to be a couple boat handlers added. The Chief noted that DEEP has requested annual meetings with the Chief prior to the start of each season. The board agreed this was a good practice. There will be CPR training made available in April. There will also be officer recertification on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Chief asked the board to approve the roster as presented as well as authorize the purchase of new shirts, hats, and patches.

Motion to accept the marine Patrol Roster as presented and authorize purchasing shirts, hats, and patches:

Motion: Zitnay            Second: Behuniak            Vote: Unanimous

Water Quality:

No report at this time as the water test program hasn't started yet this year.

Weed Harvester:

A new weed harvester operator is needed.

Vessels and Equipment:

Brian Brainard will look into getting a quote for replacing the boat lettering. Goosetown communications will need to be scheduled to install the radios prior to putting the boats in the water.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

DEEP Memorandum of Agreement

The board reviewed the final revision of the Memorandum of Agreement submitted by DEEP.

Motion to accept the DEEP Memorandum of Agreement as reviewed:

Motion: Blanchard            Second: Behuniak            Vote: Unanimous

Weeds

Sandy Blanchard reached out to Yale for help with the weed assessment but unfortunately did not get any help. The cost of the lake survey, approximately \$7,500, was added to the budget request for 2017. The goal for this year will to have the surveys taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Insurance

Sandy Blanchard has been researching alternative insurance companies. He hasn't had much luck as the LHA is too small and as such falls into an "Assigned Risk Pool". He will continue to find an alternative to the current agency which is very unresponsive and difficult to work with.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

None at this time

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Vice-Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the March meeting.

Motion: Blanchard                      Second: Zitnay                      Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 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, APRIL, 18, 2017, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.