



Minutes of the 5/16/2017 Meeting

The May 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)

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the April 2017 meetings minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the May 2017 Treasurer's report. Mr. Blanchard reviewed the Profit and Loss report and checking account summary. Notable payables were Patrol uniforms and truck insurance.

Motion to accept the May 2017 Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Stall Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

No report at this time. Additional boat handlers are still needed. An ad will be placed on the LHA website.

Water Quality:

The first sample has been taken but the results have not been received yet.

Weed Harvester:

A new weed harvester operator is still needed. An ad will be added to the LHA website. A boat handler from Yale was mentioned as a possible candidate. Rate of pay to be \$15/hr or \$18/hr with a CDL license.

Vessels and Equipment:

The radios were installed in the boats but a bill had not been received as of yet. The LHAMP Chief has requested that the siren controllers be replaced in both boats as they were deemed defective. The chairman stated this needed to be looked at in more detail as they are \$1200 each. The board agreed the controllers should be checked thoroughly and determine if the budget could cover their replacement if needed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Insurance

The LHA’s concerns over its current insurance agency, County Agency, were justified. County Agency is no longer authorized to offer professional liability insurance. Therefore, the existing insurance policy was picked up by the Ned Miller Agency that would carry the LHA through until the original policy expires in August. There will be no lapse in insurance. An application was submitted to Ned Miller for renewing the professional liability insurance in August. General liability insurance was also purchased through Ned Miller.

Water Draw Down

The water draw-down is still expected to happen. But due to the amount of water upstream it would most likely only be lowered for a half a day.

Fish Habitats

The fishery department approved the project however permits were never applied for through DEEP. The LHA needs to determine where these habitats are located and determine if they pose an issue to the weed harvester.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Survey

Sandy Blanchard requested the board to make a motion to fund a two-part water survey. The survey will determine the species, density, and location of plant life in lake Housatonic. The first part of the survey would begin immediately in early Spring and the second part at the peak of the weed season on the summer. With the survey will be suggestions for remediation. Total cost to be \$7,500 payable in thirds.

Motion to fund survey not to exceed \$7,500

Motion: Behuniak

Second: Stall

Vote: Unanimous

LHAMP Roster

The secretary presented the proposed LHAMP roster for the 2017.

POSITION	NAME		YEARS SERVICE
	LAST	FIRST	
Chief	Kilby	Patrick	11
Asst. Chief	Baclawski	Edward	9
Officer	Annino	John	12
Officer	Brainard	Brian	4
Officer	Dunn	Kevin	4
Officer	Gangnath	Philip	4
Officer	Quagliaroli	Paul	4
Officer	Bass	Wesley Joel	2
Officer	Catania	Matthew	2
Officer	Henrietta	Josh James	2
Handler	Ehman	Patrick	12
Handler	Stahl	Cheyenne	4
Handler	O'Connell	Shannon	4
Handler	Lee	Eddie	4

Motion to hire all applicants as proposed above:

Motion: Behuniak

Second: Blanchard

Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since April 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 May meeting.

Motion: Behuniak

Second: Blanchard

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, JUNE, 20, 2017, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.