



Minutes of the 10/17/2017 Meeting

The October 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 Ed Baclawski, LHAMP Chief.

The Vice-Chairman, Paul Behuniak, 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 September 2017 meeting was presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the September 2017 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the October treasurer's report. Expenses included Patrol Payroll, patrol Fuel & Maintenance, Weed Control Payroll, Weed Control Fuel & Maintenance, Accounting, and Insurance. All bills are up to date and financials are in good shape. The treasurer noted he would be absent from the November meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled at this time

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Baclawski reported that the regatta went well. There was a back injury for which the patrol called in the fire department rescue boat for assistance. There was also a minor boat accident involving a safety boat and a rowing shell that resulted in damage to the shell. With the completion of the regatta patrols are now done for the year. New officer training will be conducted in the late

winter early spring time frame so the Chief asked for permission to send officers to training and requested that a job posting be put up as soon as possible for new officers so they could be hired in January. The board discussed and agreed. Approval was given for up to 6 officers to attend the training. The goal is to get the total number of officers up to 12 with 4 to 6 boat handlers. The secretary said that the posting would go up on the LHA website within the week with a cut-off date of January 15th.

Water Quality:

The last sample of the year is scheduled to be taken this week. A thorough review of the data will be made over the winter but initial review looks typical to past results.

Weed Harvester:

The harvester has done a good job once it was up and running. It was note that perhaps it stopped too soon as some weeds spring back up since. It is still in the water and will come out before the end of the month.

Vessels and Equipment:

The boats are out of the water. They are waiting to be shrink wrapped until it is none if they will be sold or not.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee

The Vice-Chairman appointed a nominating committee to propose the slate of officers for next year. The committee consists of Sandy Blanchard, Dave Zitnay, and Tim Manion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Survey

The first survey is complete. The second survey is under way and the report will be ready by Thanksgiving.

New Patrol Boat

Funding was approved by the towns so the decision was made to go ahead with the purchase of two replacement vessels. The board reviewed and discussed all quotes for the new patrol boats. The best package was supplied by Bass Pro Shops for Mako Skiffs. The boats totaled \$22,500 each. A 10% deposit would be required now and payment in full by end of year.

Motion to purchase two replacement vessels as proposed and authorize payment of \$5,000 for down payment.:

Motion: Zitnay

Second: Blanchard

Vote: Unanimous

The two old boats will be stripped of rigging and decals and put up for sale as soon as possible.

Water Draw Down

The draw down took place but for an extended amount of time. Residents were not made aware of the extension and when the water would be brought back up.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since September 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 October meeting.

Motion: Zitnay Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.