



Minutes of the 8/21/2018 Meeting

The August 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)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)
Jacobson, Paul (Shelton)
Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Manion, Tim (Shelton)

Also present was: Ed Baclawski, LHAMP Chief and Brian Brainard, LHAMP Asst. 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:

None Present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the July 2018 meeting minutes was presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the July 2018 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the August 2018 Treasurer's Report. Expenses included patrol payroll, water testing, accounting, weed abatement, boat decals, and gas. Seymour, Shelton, and Oxford have all paid their portions of the budget in full. Derby paid its portion of the budget, minus \$700.

Motion to accept the August 2018 Treasurer's Report as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None at this time

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Baclawski presented the LHAMP August report. He asked how far into September to run patrols. The board said it was okay to run one boat up until two weeks after Labor Day. Then two boats for the Regatta Oct 6th. The boats need to be cleaned when pulled. One employee (name withheld from these minutes) never gave tax forms.

The board requested to have one officer at dock checking vessels and the patrol boat can stay at the dock. The board asked Chief Baclawski to confirm with DEEP we are not over stepping our bounds before starting. The Chief informed the board that they can't stop them from going on water unless it's a safety violation. He can ticket them for not having license, but can't stop them.

Chairman Stall asked why he saw boat beached at park. It was an Isolated incident following a jet ski back to the beach. In the future they should go to dock next time.

Water Quality

Scott Ames reported that August sample would be taken next week. All data looks typical at this time but a more formal analysis would take place at years end.

Paul Jacobson shared information on the Shelton stormwater management plan. They follow regulations as required and it is pretty thorough. They have programs in place to handle current and potential future issues. He suggested we reach out to the engineer from Shelton and invite him to the meeting to offer our support and perhaps glean some knowledge from them. The board agreed. Paul volunteered to reach out to engineer.

Weed Abatement:

It was noted that there was really no milfoil. Some stringy weeds (tape grass) was near shore. The herbicide was a major improvement and proved very effective. Very few weeds at all. Harvester has not been required. Feedback from NHRC and Yale is ecstatic. The permits are already in place for the next two years. Sandy Blanchard sent proposal to Yale for \$15K per year to help support the program. Jimmy Olson is investigating carp but the state is balking as they can go over dam and up Naugatuck.

Vessels and Equipment:

The boats will be washed, winterized, and shrink wrapped at end of season. Per Dave Zitnay's suggestion, the board will think about program to replace motors every few years. The board will also look at the resale value of harvester but don't want to sell it prematurely. The board needs to inquire about an insurance break for not using the truck or harvester for a year. Sandy Blanchard noted that the trailer registrations are in his Safety Deposit Box.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Draw Down

The board discussed the issues with the unscheduled water draw down. Under consideration is setting aside a specific week (with a rain date week) for the spring draw down. Plan for 2nd week of May with a rain date of 3rd week of May for drawdown. Have to reach out to Hopkins to see if Regatta can be done first week of May, was May 12th last time. No permits for regattas or other events would be scheduled during this time to guarantee the availability. Weed treatment would follow in late June.

CORRESPONDENCE

Candle Wood Lake Minutes- of interest is they have hired director of ecology and environmental education.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the August meeting.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.