



Minutes of the 5/30/2018 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)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)
Jacobson, Paul (Shelton)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Manion, Tim (Shelton)

Also present was: Brian Brainard, LHAMP Asst. Chief.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the April 2018 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard

Second: Behuniak

Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the May 2018 Treasurer's Report. Expenses included patrol uniforms, boat accessories, boat insurance, herbicide treatment permit, radio installation, harvester repairs, patrol payroll, and rent. Income included a partial refund on dump truck insurance

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

Motion: Zitnay

Second: Behuniak

Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None at this time

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Asst. Chief Brian Brainard reported the first weekend of patrol was very successful. Several warnings were given, mainly for canoes/kayaks without PFDs which are required until next weekend. One of the boat handlers did not show up for the swim test so he will be excluded from this year’s roster and can reapply next year if he likes. Two patrol boats will be available for both the lake fireworks on 7/7 all day and the Derby/Shelton fireworks on 7/4 from 7-11PM.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported the first sample had been taken but results were not received yet. Paul Jacobson shared several pieces of literature on the HVA and various other outreach organizations and programs for water quality. He and Sandy Blanchard met with the HVA to discuss possible collaboration and support on future programs for Lake Housatonic. Paul is reaching out to municipal public works and state DOT to discuss storm water drains. He suggested a public communications outreach program.

Weed Harvester:

Paul Behuniak reported the harvester was repaired and would be put in when the water is lowered.

Vessels and Equipment:

No report at this time (see old business for new boats)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

New Patrol Boats

The new boats were outfitted and decals applied. They are in the water and ready for service. The Chairman thanked Dave Zitnay for the donation of his time wiring the boats and preparing them for the radios.

Weed Abatement

The permit is still in process. Up to 80 acres is approved but to get the full 150 requires further approvals which has delayed the process. All towns and other agencies have already approved. Lake Zoar will move forward with treatment on 6/5 while we are targeting 6/21.

NEW BUSINESS:

McConney’s Grove Rental Agreement

The board reviewed the McConney’s Grove Rental Agreement. It was typical of previous years and no questions or concerns were raised. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve and sig the agreement. David Zitnay excused himself from the vote as he is the current President of the McConney’s Grove Association.

Motion to accept the McConney’s Grove Rental Agreement as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Abstain: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since April were made available for the Board to review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

At the start of the meeting the Chairman introduced Paul Jacobson as a new commissioner representing the city of Shelton. Paul has been contributing to the meetings prior to his appointment.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

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 19, 2018, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.