



Minutes of the 8/17/2019 Meeting

The August meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held at the Derby City Hall.

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

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

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the July 2019 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the July 2019 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported finances were all in order. Expenses were for patrol payroll, patrol fuel, vessel maintenance, and accounting. Receipts included payments from the City of Derby, Town of Seymour, City of Shelton. The Town of Oxford paid the month prior for full funding from all towns. A bill has yet to be received for from Solitude for the weed abatement.

Motion to accept the August 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented:

Motion: Zitnay Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None present

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

The LHAMP Chief, Ed Baclawski, reported on the patrols. The Chief requested to continue patrols up to the 2nd weekend in September. The board agreed with the Chief's request and left the schedule up to the Chief's discretion as long as he stayed within budget. Next year will be a DEEP training year and as such the Chief would like to hire 5 new officers next year to fill out the roster. The Chief expressed concerns due to the lack of boat to boat communications and requested the board consider purchasing radios. The board asked the Chief to get a quote for the radios.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the sample results have been typical and would continue through October. Paul Jacobson noted that the area in front of Birchbank was in bad shape. Part due in fact due to native tape grass but also due to dead weeds that collect there.

Weed Abatement:

Jim Olson reported the weed abatement was a big success. The invasive weeds such as Milfoil were nearly wiped out. But native weeds like Tape grass is growing in abundance. There was no charge from Solitude for the 2nd 40-acre retreatment as it was their error.

Paul Jacobson said that the weed abatement program was not viewed as a success by the Birchbank residents due to the dead weeds collecting in front of Birchbank.

Vessels and Equipment:

weed harvester still needs to be put up for sale. Photos need to be taken and an appraisal made.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Sale of Dump Truck

The dump truck has been sold and payment received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting of Lake Authorities

Paul Jacobson reported that the first of a series of meetings would be held on Sept 30th at Western State University. This first meeting would focus on introducing the various lake authorities and would discuss the use of carp for weed abatement. He asked for a volunteer to represent the LHA and present a quick presentation. Jim Olson volunteered and the Chairman appointed him as the LHA representative.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since July was presented to the board.

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 7:57PM.

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 17, 2019, AT THE DERBY CITY HALL AT 7:30 P.M.