



Minutes of the 2/19/2019 Meeting

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

Members Present

Ames, Scott (Oxford)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)
Jacobson, Paul (Shelton)
Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

Members Absent

Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Manion, Tim (Shelton)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Also present was Ed Baclawski, LHAMP Chief and Paul Conti, a representative of Solitude Lake Management.

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 January 2019 meeting was presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the January 2019 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Fiedler Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report at this time as the Treasurer is on vacation. However, the Treasurer did email the board with updates prior to his departure. The board reviewed and discussed. All appeared to be in order and all finances are up to date.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Paul Conti an environmental scientist from Solitude Lake Management presented the results from last years weed abatement. Overall the program was a great success. It was noted that a small amount of milfoil returned in the fall. What remained was native species that would be difficult to kill and require permission from DEEP. However, he cautioned that a healthy number of native weeds is necessary to sustain wildlife and the quality of the water. The board agreed that the program should only target invasive species. He commented that we had treated the maximum area allotted by our permit, 152 acres, which is good for 2 more years. The LHA could apply for an amended permit to increase the coverage and it would not jeopardize the existing permit. The board agreed to file an amendment to increase the coverage for approximately an additional 20 acres. Treatment would be scheduled for the week after July 4th.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

The Chief, Ed Baclawski, reported that the LHA had a new DEEP Sargent and that he will meet him this weekend. The Chief noted that DEEP gave him a copy of a sign that could be posted at the boat launch with lake specific laws/regulations. The board was disappointed with the small size, 8.5" x 11" and we seek approval from DEEP to make their own, larger, sign.

Water Quality:

Paul Jacobson reported that he was going to reach out to the Housatonic valley Association to discuss water quality concerns for the lake. He is also going to contact the City of Shelton to discuss their storm water plan.

Weed Abatement:

None at this time

Vessels and Equipment:

Paul Behuniak will begin the process of putting the weed harvester on consignment. The truck will be tabled until the harvester is sold, unless a package deal is made.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Draw Down

The Chairman said he would reach out to the Derby dam to try to lock in a draw down date in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since January was presented to the board

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 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, MARCH 19, 2019, AT THE DERBY CITY HALL AT 7:30 P.M.