



## **Minutes of the 10/15/2019 Meeting**

The October 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)  
Zitnay, David (Derby)

### Members Absent

Olson, Jim (Oxford)  
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

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

The Vice-Chairman, Paul Behuniak, called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

None present

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

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

Motion to accept the September 2019 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard      Second: Zitnay      Vote: Unanimous

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported finances were all in order. Expenses were for patrol payroll, patrol maintenance, and accounting. He noted the bill from Solitude still had not been received yet He noted that the bookkeeper would be moving out of state but would like to continue offering her services. The board had no issue since most correspondence happens by mail anyway and she has done a good job.

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

Motion: Zitnay      Second: Fiedler      Vote: Unanimous

### **GUEST PRESENTATION:**

None present

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Patrol:**

The LHAMP Chief, Ed Baclawski, requested that the board consider a pay rate increase for the 2020 season due to increased cost of living and the fact minimum wage is catching up with the current starting rate. A quote was received from goose Town Communications for \$2,100 for the boat to boat radios. They will be ordered in the Spring. The entire board thanked the Chief and Asst Chief for a very successful year.

**Water Quality:**

Paul Jacobson reported the first meeting of the lake authorities was very successful and the grass carp discussion was very informative. It was the first time all four authorities were in the same room. The next meeting will center on economics. He requested the LHA pick up the cost of bringing in an out of state economist to speak at a cost of \$925. This cost is travel expenses only, the economist is volunteering his time. This would be a big help to the program since they have limited funding. The board agreed.

Motion to approve \$925 for economist travel expenses

Motion: Jacobson                      Second: Zitnay                      Vote: Unanimous

**Weed Abatement:**

Paul Conti from Solitude Lake Management reported that the fall survey was completed. The treatment was very effective on the invasive milfoil. However, as expected, it had no effect on the native tape grass. What wasn't expected was the tape grass really flourished. He speculated a combination of very clearwater, no blue-green algae, and reduced competition from milfoil was to blame. He noted that what appeared to be dead vegetation collecting in front of Birchbank is actually male tape grass that uproots itself and sets adrift to try to make contact with female plants for pollination. Chemistry could be used to mitigate the tape weed but it would be difficult and expensive. It is a native species so getting DEEP approval would be difficult and would be limited. They are very hardy weeds and need a lot of chemistry which could cost 2 to 4 times as much. A better solution may be mechanical weed harvesting for the tape grass. There is a requirement to leave at least 30% of the shoreline vegetation preserved for wildlife. Solitude will put together multiple options for chemical and mechanical harvesting to combat the tape grass. A year end report will also be published in November.

**Vessels and Equipment:**

Patrol boats will stay in water until after the regatta.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

None at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Meeting of Lake Authorities**

Paul Jacobson and Jimmy Olson will represent the LHA at the upcoming meeting. All board members are invited to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None at this time

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence received since August was presented to the board.

**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 8:16PM.

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 19, 2019, AT THE DERBY CITY HALL AT 7:30 P.M.