



## **Minutes of the 9/17/2019 Meeting**

The September 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; Liz Burleigh and Lois Shelomis from the public.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:26p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Lois Shelomis and Liz Burleigh, both residents of the Birchbank area of Shelton, addressed the board with their concerns about overall water quality. They stated that although the weed abatement may be considered a success for most of the river, for them it was a failure. They stated that it appears that dead vegetation is collecting on their waterfront and that the non-invasive weeds seem to be flourishing. They also noted that there is some type of algae like substance growing that resembles sewage and has a foul odor. They approached the health department whom said it was not their jurisdiction. They also contacted DEEP but have received no response. They asked the board if the authority knew what the algae like substance was or what to do about it. Several board members noted they saw the substance in question but none knew what it was or how to deal with it. It was suggested that in the upcoming survey by Solitude that perhaps they could identify it and suggest a solution. The board will reach out to Solitude for suggestions.

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

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

Motion to accept the August 2019 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard      Second: Behuniak      Vote: Unanimous

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

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported finances were all in order. Expenses were for patrol payroll, patrol fuel, and water testing. He noted the bill from Solitude had not been received yet. All towns have paid in full and the budget is fully funded. All finances are in good order.

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

Motion: Zitnay                      Second: Olson                      Vote: Unanimous

**GUEST PRESENTATION:**

None present

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Patrol:

The LHAMP Chief, Ed Baclawski, reported that DEEP responded to his inquiry about submerged trees. DEEP's response is that they are natural and should remain where they are as they provide a habitat for fish. They also cautioned that if the authority were to remove a tree due to a possible hazard then it could open up liability for the ones not moved. The Chief requested permission to purchase the boat to boat radios at a cost of \$2,100.

Motion to purchase radios at the cost of \$2,100:

Motion: Behuniak                      Second: Zitnay                      Vote: Unanimous

Water Quality:

No report at this time

Weed Abatement:

Jim Olson explained that the current permit allows for up to two treatments a year which allowed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment. The treatment was done at no cost due to errors by the vendor. Paul Jacobson suggested that it may be necessary to reinstate the weed harvester to help deal with the non-invasive weeds and areas such as in Birchbank where dead vegetation was collecting. The Chairman noted that the area in front of Birchbank was too shallow for the harvester. The majority of the board was not in favor of reinstating the harvester as it is a considerable expense and hasn't been effective. The suggestion will be tabled for now while alternatives are discussed with the weed abatement vendor Solitude after the survey is taken.

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:**

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 Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the September meeting.

Motion: Zitnay                      Second: Blanchard                      Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames  
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019, AT THE DERBY CITY HALL AT 7:30 P.M.