



Minutes of the 4/20/2021 Meeting

The April meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held as an online Zoom meeting.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Zitnay, David (Derby)

Also present was Brian Brainard, LHAMP Chief.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the March 2021 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the March 2021 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer Sandy Blanchard presented the April 2021 treasurer's report. Expenses included Liability Insurance, Clerical, Patrol payroll and Patrol Uniforms. All finances are in order and all bills are current. Both Shelton and Derby indicated they would fully fund the LHA this year.

Motion to accept the April 2021 treasurer's report:

Motion: Fiedler Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

The Chief, Brian Brainard, reported that the Lake Patrol classes were complete and the final exam will be tomorrow. He indicated he expected all to pass. Once the results are known he will place an order for uniforms. The CPR class was completed and \$200 was due to the instructor for the 8 people that attended. Officers also all took a 2hr online sexual harassment class. The radar gun needs to be sent off for calibration. The Chief is putting the finishing touches on the Marine Patrol Agreement. DEEP informed the chief that the new safety lanyard law was a federal law only and that DEEP only enforced Connecticut Law. It was their opinion that the new law did not apply to Lake Housatonic and as such instructed the Lake Patrol to not enforce it at this time.

Water Quality:

No report at this time

Weed Abatement:

Jim Olson reported that he was getting ready to sign the contract. The amount had been reduced due to the sale of the harvester. Still targeting mid-July for tape grass and first week of August for Milfoil. Heavy treatments would be applied at Birchbank and Wholand to try to combat Illinois Pond Weed. Permits still in process.

Vessels and Equipment:

Jim Olson reported that the weed abatement contractor Solitude has purchased the weed harvester.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Audit

Audit has not been completed yet.

Water Draw Down

DEEP will not allow a May drawdown. No date is set at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Connecticut Federation of Lakes

Sandy Blanchard has been a member on a personal level. He has seen great value in the group and the rest of the lake associations are members and as such suggested the LHA join as well. The fee is nominal at \$150.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve joining the association and the expense of \$150.

Motion: Fiedler Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since March was presented to the board

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Olson Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021, VIA ZOOM MEETING.