



Minutes of the 2/16/2021 Meeting

The February 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)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

Members Absent

Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Also present was Brian Brainard, LHAMP Chief.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:390 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the January 2021 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Fiedler Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer Sandy Blanchard presented the February 2021 treasurer's report. There were no expenses or income reported yet for the month. Yale indicated they would be most likely making a donation towards weed abatement this year. All finances are in order.

Motion to accept the February 2021 treasurer's report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Stahl Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

The Chief, Brian Brainard, reported that all three candidates for patrol officers were interviewed and passed their swim tests. He is currently awaiting the results of background checks. The academy starts next week. He may be looking to hire an additional boat handler. The Chief asked the board for permission to hire the three new recruits for Patrol Officers.

Motion to hire all three candidates pending background approval:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Stahl Vote: Unanimous

Water Quality:
No report at this time

Weed Abatement:
The Chairman reported on Jim Olson's behalf that he was in contact with the weed abatement contractor and they were preparing to apply for permits. The existing permits have expired and the new ones would be good for three years.

Vessels and Equipment:
Sandy Blanchard noted that both Solitude and Aquarius expressed interest in the weed harvester. Paul Behuniak commented that the starter was most likely bad and it wouldn't be possible to start.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Audit
The Treasurer informed the board that the auditor was in contact with the book keeper but the audit hadn't begun yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

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 16, 2021, VIA ZOOM MEETING.