



Minutes of the 3/16/2021 Meeting

The March 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 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the February 2021 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer Sandy Blanchard presented the March 2021 treasurer's report. Expenses included Patrol payroll and Patrol Uniforms. Income included a donation from Yale towards the weed abatement program. All finances are in order and all bills are current.

Motion to accept the March 2021 treasurer's report:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Fiedler Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

The Chief, Brian Brainard, reported that the Patrol Officer training was going well. There are 6 officers in the class. They meet once a week, this being the fourth week. PFDs were sent out to be embroidered with the LHAMP badge to ensure we comply with identification requirements. The Chief stated that he would do a review of the current LHAMP Policies and Procedures as is customarily done every couple years. The secretary asked about the new lanyard law going into effect this year. The Chief said he heard about it but was waiting on official word from DEEP before further action is taken.

Water Quality:

No report at this time

Weed Abatement:

Jim Olson reported that all permits have been applied for. Similar acreage as last year. Two applications. Targeting mid-July for tape grass and first week of August for Milfoil.

Vessels and Equipment:

Jim Olson reported that the weed abatement contractor Solitude has agreed to purchase the weed harvester for \$4,000. He asked the board to make a motion to accept the offer and apply the purchase price to the weed abatement bill.

Motion to sell the harvester for \$4,000 to Solitude:

Motion: Blanchard Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Financial Audit

Audit is in process.

Water Draw Down

There was some discussion as to if DEEP would allow a May drawdown. The Chairman said he would follow up with the Derby dam to try to get a date prior to Memorial Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since February was presented to the board

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Fiedler Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021, VIA ZOOM MEETING.