



## **Minutes of the 8/16/2022 Meeting**

The August 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)  
Zitnay, David (Derby)

### Members Absent

Evans, Chris (Shelton)

Also present was LHAMP Chief, Brian Brainard and Asst. Chief, Kevin Dunn.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

### PUBLIC PORTION:

None Present

### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the July 2022 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the July 2022 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak      Second: Blanchard      Vote: Unanimous

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported that all finances were in order. Expenses included patrol uniforms and patrol payroll. The invoice for the pesticide contractor Solitude was paid but shows up in the next month's finances. There is still an open bill for the weed survey. There was a minor issue with the patrol gas account as it reached its maximum credit. Going forward receipts will be picked up and processed every 2 weeks. All towns/cities have now paid their annual portion of the budget.

Motion to accept the August 2022 Treasurer's report as presented:

Motion: Zitnay      Second: Fiedler      Vote: Unanimous

### GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported that the fireworks went well without issue. He reported that approximately 22 tickets and 8 warnings were issued to vessels launching out of Indian Well State Park. Mostly jet skis. There will be two boats available for the regatta on October 8<sup>th</sup> and that will conclude the season. The Chairman advised the Chief that he was free to schedule 1 or 2 boats for the next month based on officer availability and how buys the water was. The decision was at the Chief's discretion. The Chief proposed creating a Sergeant position. As a means to both recognize an officer's tenure as well as establish another level to the hierarchy of chain of command. The board discussed. It was requested that the Chief fully define the role, the responsibilities, pay rate, etc. As well as better describe the benefit to this new position. The Chief agreed and the Chairman tabled the discussion until after the Chief was ready.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported the results from June and July were typical and as expected. The results for August were not available yet. It had been noted that there was a higher-than-normal number of dead fish and there was speculation if the lack of water flow possibly was the cause.

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported that Tape grass was not an issue this year. However, Illinois Pond Weed was. Although an invasive species and able to be treated under the current permit, it requires different chemistry. So unfortunately, we can't do anything about it this year but will plan for next year.

Vessels and Equipment:

Chief Brainard reported that the stern light on the black boat was fixed by Dave Zitnay. He also noted the props on both boats were pretty beat up. The board agreed to buy 4 new props. Two to replace the existing ones, and two as spares. The Chairman asked Dave Zitnay to purchase "On and Off" hull cleaner to clean the boats at the end of the season. It was suggested that the board consider replacing the patrol boat motors while they still had some value to them and before they became unreliable.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Head of the Housatonic Regatta

Sandy Blanchard noted that unfortunately the Chinese national team would not be attending due to political issues. The board was quite disappointed but anticipate a great event just the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since July was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the August meeting at 8:09PM.

Motion: Zitnay

Second: Behuniak

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames  
Secretary – LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, VIA ZOOM MEETING.