



Minutes of the 6/21/2022 Meeting

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

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Also present was LHAMP Chief, Brian Brainard.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

None Present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the May 2022 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported that all finances were in order. Expenses for May included financial auditing, accounting, and liability insurance. Seymour has already remitted their funds and letters were sent to the remaining towns requesting they remit theirs.

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Fiedler Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported the season was off to a good start, albeit a slow start. The regatta had a delayed start and untimely canceled at noon due to high winds. He reviewed several minor issues with the patrol boats which will be detailed under Vessels and Equipment later in the minutes. He was optimistic we could hire an additional boat handler that had good availability and will help

with coverage. Uniforms were ordered for the boat handlers. A few tickets and several warnings have been given out so far. He revisited the topic of installing scanners in the boats. The board agreed, but wanted to make sure they were properly installed and adequately protected first.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported the results from the first sample were received and appeared to be in line with previous years. The next sample will be taken next week. He also reported that zebra mussels appeared to be making a comeback and were very prevalent upriver already. And a crab was found that possibly could be an invasive species as well.

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson confirmed the treatment dates are July 12th for Milfoil and August 2nd for Tape grass. Everything is in order except for working with First Light to ensure an adequate low flow period. He distributed copies of the notices to be posted. A request was made from the survey team for a place to moor a boat for 2 or 3 days during the survey. He also noted that the LHA was not approved for the grants applied for.

Vessels and Equipment:

Chief Brainard reported that the black boat fuel gauge was stuck on full, and the radio cabinet lock was faulty. The blue boat's bot to boat radio was not operating as well as the siren was not functioning. The dock is finally in at the gas station making refueling easier. The Chief will contact the radio vendor to both troubleshoot the defective radio and to quote installing new scanners. The Chairman made note that the portable bathroom needed to be ordered for the season.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Draw Down

The draw down was approved and started the evening of June 20th. The water levels were down by as of the morning of Tuesday June 21st. Anticipated completion is by Thursday, June 23rd with water levels returning to normal by Friday June 24th.

Fireworks

The fireworks have been postponed from Jul 9th to July 30th due to supply chain issues delaying delivery of the fireworks.

Swans

The board members have received numerous complaints about aggressive swans posing a safety issue. Several of the board members have experienced the issue themselves. The board reached out to both DEEP and animal control but were not offered any assistance or guidance. Therefore, the LHA cannot do anything to help mitigate the issue.

Appointments

Sandy Blanchard noted that he had just recently been re-affirmed as a Shelton commissioner. He suggested that all board members make sure their appointments are up to date as they typically expire after 3 years or so.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since May was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the June meeting at 8:05PM.

Motion: Olson Second: Zitnay 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, JULY 18, 2022, VIA ZOOM MEETING.