



Minutes of the 3/15/2022 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)
Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Derby)

Also present was LHAMP Chief, Brian Brainard and LHAMP 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 January 2022 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the January 2022 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the March 2022 Treasurer's report. The annual audit is currently underway by the same auditor used last year. There are no outstanding bills, however there are still 2 uncashed checks that have gone beyond 6 months. Donations were received from New Haven Rowing club and Yale for assistance with weed remediation. The Town of Seymour has paid their portion of the 2022 budget in full.

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

Motion: Zitnay Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard had previously informed the Board that contrary to what we were told in January, training was available for new officers for 2022. He further reported that the positions were advertised and there were 6 potential candidates. Of the 6 only 4 came to the interview. The four candidates were interviewed and all four were a good fit, but only two expressed interest at this time due to other opportunities. In addition to the 2 new applicants there was a boat handler from last year that also applied and was accepted. So, 3 new potential officers are currently in training. If all applications complete training and are hired there will be a total of 11 officers and 4 boat handlers. The Chairman asked that the Chief ensure he was clear on the expectations of the job and what the minimum commitments would be. The Chief acknowledged and noted that he was requesting a minimum of 3 days availability per month. He also commented that the LHA's Lake Sargent was promoted and is no longer in our region and an interim Sargent has been assigned.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported a request for quote would be submitted to the test lab by next month. Testing will resume in May. There was some discussion about if the testing can and should be expanded.

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported that he applied for two grants to help offset the expense of treatment and the survey. It will be a while before we hear anything back. The contract for the weed treatment is due from the vendor any day now. We are on year 2 of a 3-year permit. He stated there will be two dates for treatment. The first for Milfoil will be mid-July and the second for Tape Grass will be early August. The quantity would be the same as last year. The Chairman expressed his concern that the treatment not start too late. HE also requested that the operators of Stevenson dam be contacted to see if we can ensure more no flow time for the treatment.

Vessels and Equipment:

Chief Brainard noted the laser speed gun would most likely need calibrating and he would follow up on it.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee:

Dave Zitnay presented the proposed board of officers for 2022 on behalf of the Nominating Committee and asked for a motion to accept. The committee proposed the following slate of officers:

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| Stahl, Mike (Derby) | Chairman |
| Behuniak, Paul (Seymour) | Vice-Chairman |
| Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton) | Treasurer |
| Ames, Scott (Oxford) | Secretary |

Motion to accept the board as proposed:

Motion: Olson Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since November was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the January meeting at 8:04PM.

Motion: Blanchard 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, APRIL 19, 2022, VIA ZOOM MEETING.