



## Minutes of the 10/18/2022 Meeting

The October 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)  
Olson, Jim (Oxford)  
Stahl, Mike (Derby)  
Zitnay, David (Derby)

### Members Absent

Fiedler, Andy (Derby)

Also present was LHAMP Chief, Brian Brainard.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

### PUBLIC PORTION:

None Present

### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the September 2022 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard      Second: Behuniak      Vote: Unanimous

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported that all finances were in order. Expenses included equipment (portable toilet), patrol fuel, patrol payroll, and patrol maintenance. The patrol boat gas account has been paid in full and closed for the season. He reminded Chief Brainard that there were still uncashed patrol payroll checks. The Chief noted that there was one last patrol payroll to submit yet for two weekends including the regatta.

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

Motion: Behuniak      Second: Zitnay      Vote: Unanimous

### GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported that the regatta was uneventful as there were no calls to the LHAMP for assistance. Overall, the event appeared to go well and was well attended. The Chief confirmed that DEEP has made a commitment to offer a training class next year. The Chief will be working on

putting together advertisements for the job openings and will forward to the Secretary for publishing on the website and Facebook.

**Water Quality:**

Scott Ames reported the September results were not received yet and the October test would be taken next week. There was some discussion around the invasive crabs that have been popping up in the lake late this Summer.

**Weed abatement:**

Jim Olson reported that although the Milfoil treatment went well, the tape grass and another yet to be identified weed both sprung up later in the season. Particularly bad was the area in front of Wholand (Upper Birchbank). It's believed to be Illinois pond weed but we are awaiting confirmation. An extensive survey was undertaken and samples were sent for DNA analysis to positively identify the species. There will definitely be two separate treatments next year. The first in mid-July and the second the first week of August. The Chairman said he would contact the Derby Rec to see if we can coordinate our schedules to accommodate them. As soon as dates are locked in, they will be communicated. These dates of course are dependent on being able to maintain no water flow. There is still one year left on the existing permit but it may need to be modified for any new chemistry required to combat the new species of weed in front of Wholand and other areas of the lake.

**Vessels and Equipment:**

The Chairman reported the boats are out of the water and cleaned. Dave Zitnay will be changing the oil and winterizing them in the next day or two. They will be shrink wrapped this weekend. The docks will be pulled out this weekend.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

None at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Patrol Boat Motors**

The Chairman reviewed the quotes received for repowering both patrol boats. The quotes were for new motors and included removal of the old motors and installation of the new ones. The controls and gauges will not be replaced and are in good working order and compatible with the new engines. Each motor is approximately \$7300 and the labor to replace each one is \$840. There is a discount for doing both motors at once. Total bill to be approximately \$16,300. The old motors are valued at approximately \$2,200 each and can be sold to offset the cost. The board discussed and agreed it made sense to replace the motors approximately every four years so that they are within warranty, trouble free, and reliable to ensure they are ready to respond to any emergencies. Overall cost of ownership will be lower due to less cost for repairs and upkeep and retaining the resale value. A 50% down payment is required at time of order.

The Chairman asked for a motion to replace both motors at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.

Motion to accept the proposal to replace the motors as outlined:

Motion: Olson                      Second: Zitnay                      Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since September was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the October meeting at 8:07PM.

Motion: Behuniak      Second: Olson      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, NOVEMBER 15, 2022, VIA ZOOM MEETING.