



Minutes of the 9/20/2022 Meeting

The September 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)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

Members Absent

Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Also present was LHAMP Chief, Brian Brainard.

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

PUBLIC PORTION:

None Present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the August 2022 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard Second: Fiedler Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported that all finances were in order. Expenses included patrol fuel, patrol payroll, and weed treatment. All funds have been received from all cities/towns. He informed Chief Brainard that there were still uncashed patrol payroll checks. The Chief said he would follow up on that. He also noted the patrol boat gas account would be closed some time shortly after October 8th.

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Evans Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported that, other than the regatta scheduled for October 8th, patrol was finished for the season. He expressed concern that he was understaffed this year and expects only 5 returning officers for next year making next year even more difficult. He plans to have a meeting with the current patrol officers to better understand if they will return next year. The Chief had discussions

with the DEEP Lake Sergeant about the possibility of having another training session for new officers next year. Although the Sergeant did not commit, he would consider it and will look into it. Ideally the Chief would like to hire 10 officers if training is available. He also requested the board consider overtime pay for Holidays and possibly increasing the rates. The board agreed the rates needed to be reviewed and the Chairman tabled the discussion for next meeting. In closing he noted that Assistant Chief Dunn may not be returning next year.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported the results continue to be typical. The September test was taken but results not received as of yet. October will be the last test of the season. There was some discussion about expanding the testing. This will be revisited when the new budget is reviewed.

Weed abatement:

The board all acknowledged the weeds had gotten bad. After receiving the weed survey, the plan will have to be reviewed for next year. In particular the area in front of Wholand needs to be addressed.

Vessels and Equipment:

A quote was received for repowering one of the patrol boats with a new motor. The board will review if one or both boats should be repowered when the budget is developed. It was decided the port-o-let can be removed after the October 8th regatta. A quote is needed for the shrink wrapping the boats.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since August was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

AJOURNMENT:

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard 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, OCTOBER 18, 2022, VIA ZOOM MEETING.