



Minutes of the 8/15/2023 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)
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 6:30PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the July 2023 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the July 2023 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Zitnay Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported that all finances were in order. He was happy to report that all funding had been received from the member towns. The weed abatement contractor has not sent an invoice yet for the weed treatment. Workers compensation insurance has been paid. There are some outstanding patrol paychecks yet to be cashed.

Motion to accept the August 2023 Treasurer's report as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported the patrol has been diligently educating the operators of wake boats about the damage their wakes can cause and that they are responsible for the damage. The majority of the contacts they have made were well received. Many of the operators were unaware of the potential damage they were causing and were receptive to the advice from the officers.

The Chief purchased a low-cost camera to test out on a patrol boat to see how effective they are before pursuing buying a more costly high-quality camera. The board felt strongly that having cameras on the boats was a good investment. It's just a matter of researching what equipment is best and reviewing with DEEP before doing so.

There was some discussion about seeing if there should be signage at the park with laws specific to the lake such as driving on the right, speed limit, wakes, etc.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the July test results were received but not reviewed yet. Previous results have all been as expected. The next test sample will be completed next week.

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported that the 2nd weed treatment was completed. Approximately 8.5 acres of eel grass was treated and spot treatment of 25 acres of milfoil. Overall, he felt the treatment went well and the results were positive. He clarified that there will still be weeds. Per our permit, we can only treat for invasive species. We cannot treat for native species. And it's a balancing act to make sure a healthy amount of vegetation remains to balance the ecosystem. Our current permit is expiring, and we will need to reapply for a new permit for next year.

Vessels and Equipment:

Mike Stahl reported that the issue with the blue patrol boat was bad battery which has been replaced. The new tops were ordered for both boats. It was suggested that the board should explore the possibility of getting electrical power to the trailer. It would be useful for recharging radios and cameras.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

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 7:00PM.

Motion: Olson Second: Fiedler 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 19, 2023, VIA ZOOM MEETING.