



Minutes of the 1/17/2023 Meeting

The January 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 6:35PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

None Present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the October 2022 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported that there has been minimal activity. Expenses only included water testing. Two patrol paychecks had gone uncashed for several months and as such will be voided.

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported that he has received quite a few applications for the Marine Patrol Officer positions. Several of which look very promising. He will continue to run the ad and accept resumes up until the end of January. Interviews would begin in February. The hope is to add 10 more officers if possible. The Chief received confirmation from DEEP that training will be made available this year.

Water Quality:
No report at this time

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported that the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station aquatic vegetation survey report was completed. He stated the report was very detailed and he was very happy with it. A final draft will be forwarded to the Secretary to make available to the public. Overall, the treatment has worked well and there is marked improvement from years prior. However, there is a new invasive weed that has negatively affected the Upper Birchbank (Wholand) and Lower Birchbank areas. It appears to be a type of pond weed. Discussions are under way with the weed abatement contractor on how to deal with this new weed and will most likely require a new chemistry. There will be two treatments this year in July and early August. The Chairman said he would notify the Derby Rec so they have plenty of advance notice and see if they couldn't coordinate dates with them. The report shows that the current treatment is not overly aggressive and has maintained a healthy level of vegetation.

Vessels and Equipment:

The Chief reported that the new marine Patrol motors had arrived. The shop is ready to install but it was suggested they wait until march so that the boats stayed shrink wrapped for the winter. Unless the shop can remove and reinstall the wrap when they are done.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Budget Committee

The Treasurer had previously presented by email the draft of the 2023 budget to the board for review. There was some discussion and overall, the board members were in agreement with the proposed budget. However, it was deemed a good idea to meet in person and carefully review hard copies of the budget. The committee will meet in person with board members within the next week to finalize the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

The chairman reported that a wind storm blew a catwalk from the LHAMP dock into a neighboring yard doing damage to a gazebo. The board agreed that it was the LHA's responsibility to cover the repair or replacement of the gazebo. The matter will be investigated further and if warranted, submitted to insurance.

Jim Olson noted that First Light had launched a flood notification system for the public. He asked that the Secretary share this information on the website and social media. All residents should be encouraged to sign up.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since October 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 7:05PM.

Motion: Olson 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, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, VIA ZOOM MEETING.