



Minutes of the 5/16/2023 Meeting

May 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

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the March and April 2023 meetings were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the March and April 2023 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, reported that all finances were in order. Payment was received for one of the two used motors sold. Liability insurance was paid, making all insurance up to date. The results of the audit done by the outside auditor were received and all was in order.

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard was not present but had emailed a summary report to the board prior to the meeting. He asked that the board review and approve the proposed 2023 Lake Patrol roster and set the pay rates.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the first test of the season would be taken next week.

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported that he is still working with the weed abatement contractor Solitude to formalize the plan for 2023 and to lock in treatment dates. As of now they are looking at the 2nd or 3rd week of July for the Milfoil treatment and the first week of August for the Tape grass treatment. The Chairmen noted that the Derby Rec has requested that the first treatment be on July 20th and the second on August 8th to coincide with days they will not be in the water anyway. Jim Olson said he would communicate with the Derby Rec and do his best to accommodate them if possible. The area in front of Wholand still remains an issue as the DEEP denied the request to treat the Illinois Pond Weed located there. The plan for now is to attempt to use a copper sulfate in that area. Although not ideal for treating Illinois Pond Weed, it is the only herbicide allowed under the current permit.

Vessels and Equipment:

Dave Zitnay reported that a spare prop had been ordered. The docks would be going in this weekend. The gas account for the patrol boats was set up and ready for use at the gas station. It was agreed that both boats could be used at the beginning of the season and that they should be used equally.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Marine Patrol Roster & Pay Rate:

The Chairman asked for a motion to hire the full roster for the marine patrol as prepared by Chief Brainard.

Motion: Zitnay Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

The Chairman asked for a motion to increase the pay rate of all officers and handlers by \$2 per hour as well as increase the starting pay and increase the maximum limits.

Motion: Blanchard Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

The board agreed unanimously that all officers should receive full pay during their training at the newly established rate.

Purchase of AEDs:

The idea had been discussed previously about the possibility of purchasing portable automated external defibrillators (AED) for the patrol boats. The LHA insurance company stated there was no liability in carrying and using such devices. They also stated there was no discount for having them but encourage the board to purchase them. It was estimated that they would be no more than \$1500 each. The board members all indicated it was a good idea.

The Chairman asked for a motion to purchase two automated external defibrillators.

Motion: Olson Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since April was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the May meeting at 7:26PM.

Motion: Evans Second: Zitnay 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, JUNE 20, 2023, VIA ZOOM MEETING.