



## **Minutes of the 2/20/2024 Meeting**

The February 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)  
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

### Members Absent

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

Also present was LHAMP Chief, Brian Brainard and Asst. Chief Alex Commander.

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

### PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

### MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the January 2024 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the January 2024 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak      Second: Evans      Vote: Unanimous

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the February 2024 report. A donation was received from the New Haven Rowing Club for weed abatement. Yale had indicated it would also be making a donation again this year as well. The liability insurance was canceled as the carrier was exiting that business. A new carrier will need to be found. The current Cash Deposit (CD) account will be rolled over for another year. Scott Ames will be added as someone who can access the CD account as a backup to Sandy Blanchard.

Motion to accept the February 2024 Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion: Stahl      Second: Behuniak      Vote: Unanimous

### GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported that the patrol officer interviews went well. They had four good candidates for new officers. All four candidates have already taken and passed the swim test. Some new uniforms will be needed. The Chief is still working on getting approval from DEEP for the portable radios. He needs to meet with them to discuss further. They are also still investigating the possibility of acquiring body cameras and/or boat cameras. The Secretary asked for an updated Marine Patrol Roster so that they board can hire them at the next meeting.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the updated quote was received. It did go up slightly due to courier fees. Testing will resume in May.

Weed abatement:

No report at this time

Vessels and Equipment:

No report at this time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Draw Down

The Derby Dam will attempt to draw the water down Monday Feb 26th to Wednesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Depending on water flow.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since November was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman noted that he attended the Derby Dam Emergency Plan. Although it did not directly affect the LHA, it was of interest.

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the February meeting at 6:59PM.

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, MARCH 19, 2024, VIA ZOOM MEETING.