



Minutes of the 6/18/2024 Meeting

The June meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held as an online Zoom meeting.

Members Present

Ames, Scott (Oxford)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Evans, Chris (Shelton)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)

Also present was LHAMP Assistant 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 May 2024 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the May 2024 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the June 2024 report. The only expense of any significance was an invoice for insurance. All finances are in order and the LHA is in good shape.

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

Motion: Zitnay Second: Olson Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Assistant Chief Alex Commander reported that the DEEP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was approved and signed. The Chairman noted that State Representative Nicole Klarides-Ditria was instrumental in getting the agreement completed in a timely manner. All the patrol officer appointments have been completed by DEEP. The three new officers have all completed their training and are doing well. Currently only running one patrol boat but starting July there will be two patrol boats running. There was discussion about having a patrol officer stationed at the park boat launch offering complimentary voluntary vessel inspection. The idea being to identify any safety issues or lack of proper registration and/or boating licenses prior to the vessel getting on the

water. This would be completely voluntary. The board all agreed there was sufficient funding and if there were enough personnel to support an extra officer on duty, it should be implemented. DEEP has already approved the initiative.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the first month of testing data was received and was typical of last year's findings. The next sample will be taken next week.

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported the survey was completed but they are still working on the permits. A new rule limited the total acreage to a max of 80 acres. As a result, the application was amended to 79 acres. He did not foresee any issue with getting them completed prior to the first treatment date. The first treatment will be July 18th and will target Milfoil. The second treatment will be August 6th and will target Tape Grass and the new, yet to be identified, weed.

Vessels and Equipment:

Dave Zitnay reported that the ignition switch was replaced on the blue boat and he would be submitting a bill for the switch. The portable radios have been received but they are delayed from being used while waiting for DEEP to provide the codes needed to program them.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Draw Down

The Derby dam has confirmed a water draw down from June 24th through the 27th. This is weather dependent.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since May was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the June meeting at 6:56PM.

Motion: Zitnay 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, JULY 16, 2024, VIA ZOOM MEETING.