



Minutes of the 3/19/2024 Meeting

The March 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 and Asst. Chief Alex Commander.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 6:34PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the February 2024 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Fiedler Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the March 2024 report. The Certificate of Deposit will be maturing in about a month. It will be rolled over for another year. A form was given to Scott Ames to fill out for the account authorization as a backup to Sandy Blanchard. An alternate source has not been found for the liability insured that has been discontinued but efforts are being made to find one. A check has been distributed to McConney Grove Association for the yearly lease.

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

Motion: Behuniak Second: Fiedler Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brainard reported that he addressed any concerns that DEEP had with the mobile radios. The good news is that it was determined that encryption was not required since the base units don't have it. This was a savings of roughly \$1,000 per radio. The savings on the two radios was enough to purchase a third radio and stay within budget. The new Memorandum of Understanding is still being worked out with DEEP. One possible change is to have the Chief and Assistant Chief appointments be active for the entire year since they are often required to perform duties for the LHA beyond the boating season. The radar gun will be going out for calibration shortly. He is still researching body cameras. There was discussion about possibly posting an officer at the state boat launch at an attempt to preempt unregistered or improperly equipped vessels from entering the water. There was also discussion about putting a sign up at the launch that highlighted boating laws that were specific to Lake Housatonic.

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:

Jim Olson reported there was concern that the herbicide would be too close to the water company wells. But after review and an adjustment to the map, the concern was addressed. The application has been submitted for a new 3-year permit. There will continue to be two treatments. The first in mid-July and the second early August. A new species of invasive weed has been discovered near McConney Grove. It has yet to be identified and may be an entirely new undiscovered species. Although not identified it was known what chemistry is needed to address it. The permit will be for 100 acres of Milfoil, 10 acres of Eel Grass, and 10 acres of the yet to be identified new weed. Surveys will be taken before and after as usual.

Vessels and Equipment:

Both boats are already serviced and cleaned. They need to have the batteries re-installed. One ignition switch still needs replacing as well as one lock on the radio box.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Draw Down

The water draw down did take place and the Derby Dam did complete its repairs. However, it was rushed and not optimal due to impending rain and the need to allow water to flow. It appears based on how the boards look that they may need additional repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since February was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the March meeting at 7:12 PM.

Motion: Evans

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, APRIL 16, 2024, VIA ZOOM MEETING.