



Minutes of the 10/15/2024 Meeting

The October meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held in person at the New Haven Rowing Club in Oxford. Simultaneously, the meeting was broadcast live on Zoom.

Members Present

Ames, Scott (Oxford)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Evans, Chris (Shelton)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Olson, Jim (Oxford)

Also present was LHAMP Chief Brian Brainard.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 6:36PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

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

Motion to accept the September 2024 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Zitnay Second: Blanchard Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the October 2024 treasurer's report. All finances are in order. The insurance coverage was adjusted to include the additional coverage requested during the September meeting. The cost of insurance increased by approximately \$1,000 due to the increased coverage. Although liability insurance on the marine patrol vessels will be laid up (not in effect) for the off season, they will remain fully insured for theft/vandalism for the entire year. It wasn't clear if the docks were included or not and Sandy will look into that. He reported that the certificate of deposit netted nearly \$2,600 in interest. However, the interest rate is expected to drop significantly when it renews. He still needs to contact the gas station for the final marine patrol fuel bill to close out the year.

Motion to accept the October 2024 Treasurer's report as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brian Brainard reported that the season ended well. They had an end of year pizza party celebration. He requested a quote from Norcomm for three more portable radios. Norcomm was recommended by the state. He commented that there was previous discussion on a possible bonus plan for the marine patrol and wanted to know where the board stands. There was some further discussion on the matter and all agreed that there would need to be clear goals or objectives that needed to be met to receive the bonus. For example, completing three shifts minimum to be eligible. All agreed a bonus plan would be beneficial to retain officers and boat handlers which will ultimately save the LHA in training and hiring costs. However, it would need to be better defined and laid out before a decision can be made on it and as such the Chairman tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

Water Quality:

Scott Ames reported that the September sample had been taken but the results were not received yet. So far, the season has been typical. The last sample will be taken next month.

Weed abatement:

No report at this time.

Vessels and Equipment:

Mike Stahl reported that the bunks had been replaced on both trailers. The boats would be shrink wrapped on November 3rd. The stern light was fixed on one boat. The boats need oil changes and winterization. Overall, both boats are in good shape. Sandy noted that the porta potty had been picked up the day before.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

NHRC Regatta

Sandy Blanchard reported the NHRC regatta went very well. He extended a thank you on behalf of NHRC for the LHA's assistance. Mike Stahl has offered up the use of his property for NHRC spectators to view the regatta if they like. He thinks other people may also be interested in making their property available as well. Sandy thanked Mike and said he would pass that message on to the NHRC.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received since September was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

AJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the October meeting at 7:01PM.

Motion: Behuniak 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, NOVEMBER 19, 2024.