



Minutes of the 5/20/2025 Meeting

The 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)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)
Olson, Jim (Oxford)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)
Zitnay, David (Derby)

Members Absent

Evans, Chris (Shelton)

Also present was LHAMP Chief Brian Brainard.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 6:31PM

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the April 2025 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the April 2025 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Blanchard Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the May 2025 treasurer's report. All finances are in order. There has been no real activity over the last month. There was a bill from Bacon Point Marina for repairs. He noted that the bookkeeper needs a copy of the 2025 LHAMP roster with pay rates as well as all tax documents. Sandy commented that he would be away June 15th through July 2nd.

Motion to accept the May 2025 Treasurer's report as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

Chief Brian Brainard reported that all new officers had completed their training and all returning officers have completed their recertification. He noted that the instructor for defensive tactics was very unprofessional and very demeaning to the lake authority officers. The Chairman asked for the name of the trainer so that he could follow up on it with DEEP.

The radar guns have been dropped off for calibration and certification. The new portable radios will be programmed soon, within 2 weeks. A speed limit buoy has been ordered. The vessel safety check stickers have been received.

There was some discussion on a lake authority redemption fee that can be added to tickets to help recoup expenses. This coming weekend will be the first weekend for patrols. And they will be out Monday too. The boat ramp is scheduled to be manned as well.

Water Quality:

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

Weed abatement:

Jim Olson reported that there would be two treatments, mid-July and early August. A new chemistry has been added to combat 10 acres of eel grass as well as 2 acres of a new hybrid weed in front of Wholand and Indian Well Park. He is also getting a quote for two days' worth of weed harvesting with weed removal included. This is a plan B to address the problem areas.

Vessels and Equipment:

The dock will be in by the weekend. Hour meters have been installed in both boats. All repairs have been made to both boats. One boat will be in by Saturday. There was some discussion on replacing the motors next year. It was noted that at some point the electric bill needs to be transferred from Mike Stahl to the LHA.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

NHRC Regatta permit

There was some confusion over the latest NHRC regatta permits as the rain dates were post dated the following year. The secretary will follow up and ask for a revision to the applications.

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 7:08 PM.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Olson 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 17, 2025.