



Minutes of the 1/21/2020 Meeting

The January meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held at the Derby City Hall.

Members Present

Ames, Scott (Oxford)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)
Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Fiedler, Andy (Derby)
Jacobson, Paul (Shelton)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)

Members Absent

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

Also present was Brian Brainard, LHAMP Chief.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the November 2019 meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the November 2019 meeting minutes as presented:

Motion: Behuniak Second: Fiedler Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, presented the January 2020 treasurer's report. All finances were in order. There are a few outstanding checks that were written but not yet cashed. Expenses were for water testing and accounting. Receipts included interest income. The budget will be covered under New Business.

Motion to accept the January 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented:

Motion: Fielder Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None present

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:

The Chairman asked for a motion to promote Asst Chief Brian Brainard to Chief to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Ed Baclawski

Motion to promote Brian Brainard to Chief.

Motion: Fiedler Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

The LHAMP Chief, Brian Brainard asked the board to take a moment of silence in remembrance of Chief Baclawski. The board agreed and the Chairman led the group in a brief moment of silence. The Chief distributed End of Watch decals honoring Chief Baclawski to the board members.

The Chief asked the board to consider Kevin Dunn as the Assistant Chief. The board agreed with the Chief's recommendation.

Motion to promote Kevin Dunn to Asst. Chief.

Motion: Fiedler Second: Behuniak Vote: Unanimous

The Chief reported that he had received approximately 15 applicants for the open patrol positions. At least 6 of the applicants looked qualified and would be asked to interview. There are openings for 3 officers and 2 boat handlers. Applications will continue to be accepted up until Feb 1st.

Water Quality:

Paul Jacobson reported on the proposal for a study for grass carp. The study would be to track the movement of 50 carp using radio telemetry to verify they did not go over or thru the dam. There would be two shore-based receivers, 1 above and 1 below the dam. The cost of the study would be around \$50,000. Most of which was the expense of the tracking equipment. The study is to support getting a permit for 15 to 20 car per acre.

Weed Abatement:

A proposal was made by Solitude to treat 120 acres of Milfoil with Diquat in late June or early July followed by 18 acres of tape grass with Harpoon granular in late July or early August.

As a side note the state was adding a \$5 charge to registration to cover weed control. Its unclear where those funds are going to be used.

Vessels and Equipment:

A brokerage form was received to be filled out for the weed harvester so it can be put up on consignment by the original dealer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

LHAMP Pay Rate

The board has been reviewing the current LHAMP pay scale and the need to make an adjustment. After some discussion the following rate was mutually agreed upon by the board and the Chief:

Boat Handlers start at \$15/hr, and a \$1/year annual raise (if re-hired), with a \$19/hr cap

Officers start at \$18/hr, and a \$1/year annual raise (if re-hired), with a \$22/hr cap

The Assistant Chief would get a \$1/hr adder to the base rate with no cap.

The Chief would get a \$3/hr adder to the base rate with no cap.

All hours earned to date this year would be retroactive.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Budget

The treasurer presented the final draft of the 2020 budget for the board to review. The board received a draft copy last month so minimal discussion was required before making a motion to accept.

Motion to accept the 2020 Budget as presented:

Motion: Jacobson Second: Fiedler Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since November was presented to the board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the January meeting.

Motion: Behuniak Second: Jacobson Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020, AT THE DERBY CITY HALL AT 7:30 P.M.