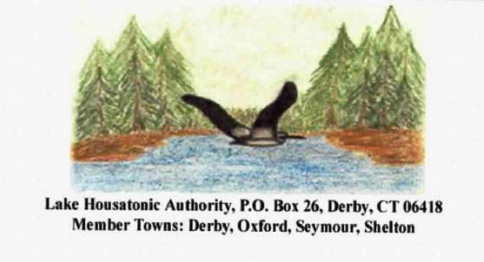

Minutes of the 7/18/2017 Meeting

The July meeting of the Lake Housatonic Authority was held at the VRPA offices in the Derby train station.

Members Present	Members Absent
Ames, Scott (Oxford)	Manion, Tim (Shelton)
Behuniak, Paul (Seymour)	Blanchard, Sandy (Shelton)
Stahl, Mike (Derby)	
Zitnay, David (Derby)	

Also present was Ed Baclawski, LHAMP Chief and Brian Brainard, LHAMP Assistant Chief.

The Chairman, Mike Stahl, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC PORTION:

No public present

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

The minutes for the June 2017 meeting was presented to the board for approval.

Motion to accept the June 2017 meeting minutes as presented:
Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report at this time. The secretary reviewed the checking activity and current checking account balance in the treasurer's absence.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

None scheduled

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Patrol:
Chief Baclawski requested approval to run two boats for the month of August. The board approved his request. He also requested approval to purchase the replacement sirens. The board did not approve the purchase pending receiving funding from the member towns. The board did agree to approve the purchase if and when full funding was received.
The Chief noted that the Seymour Police department was randomly out patrolling in the Seymour Fire boat. The Chief asked for clarification on how to respond to an incident if the Police are also on scene. What is the chain of command and how do they communicate with Seymour. Is Seymour Police trained to enforce boating law? The board was not aware that Seymour was patrolling. The

board believed a memorandum of agreement similar to the one the LHA has with DEEP would be necessary. This issue will require further review.

Water Quality:
The first two samples have been taken and the June sample will be taken later this week. Although results were received from the first two tests, the data has not been reviewed yet.

Weed Harvester:
There were three applicants for the weed harvester operator. Unfortunately, none of the three had a commercial driver's license and none could commit to full time hours. The two applicants that could commit the most hours were hired.
Significant repairs were made to the harvester including a new starter, replacement of main hydraulic hoses on motor, replaced ignition switch, replaced fittings, and repaired the conveyor. The front cutter blade still needs replacement and will be done shortly.
It was noted that the harvester takes 2 hours up river for a 4-hour round trip. So, half a shift is lost just in transport. Also, the dump truck can only handle one big load. Although a load can be left on the conveyor and one on the harvester for a maximum of 3 loads before a dump truck operator is needed. A part time dump truck operator with a CDL may be necessary to keep up with production.

Vessels and Equipment:
The boards need to be put back on the dump truck in order to get a full load. The new patrol boat is not running right and was out of commission for the fireworks display.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Insurance
The insurance program is on track with all renewals to be via the Miller agency. The LHA is currently fully insured and all lapsed policies have been replaced.

Water Survey
The first survey is complete. The second survey will be conducted in the fall. The report will be ready late November. The executive director of Candlewood Lake, Larry Mariscano has resigned and joined the Branford based company Aquatic Ecosystem Research. This firm may be helpful in reviewing the results from the survey.

Resignation of LHAMP Chief
Mike Stahl and Sandy Blanchard conducted an exit interview with Patrick Kilby on 6/29/17. The interview was productive and resulted in several suggestions from Mr. Kilby. Mr. Kilby also expressed his interest in staying involved with the LHA and assist where he could. All equipment was returned.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received since June was made available for the Board to review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the July meeting.
Motion: Behuniak Second: Zitnay Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Ames
Secretary - LHA

These minutes are subject to approval.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LAKE HOUSATONIC AUTHORITY IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST, 15, 2017, AT THE VRPA OFFICES IN THE DERBY RR STATION AT 7:30 P.M.