



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Regular Meeting April 11, 2012

Attending:

H. Berger	Sherman
P. Schaer	Sherman
E. Hayes	Sherman
H. Mayer	New Milford
C. Caridad	New Milford
E. Siergiej	Danbury
C. Robinson	Danbury
W. Lohan	Brookfield
N. Gyle	New Fairfield
J. Hodge	New Fairfield

Absent:

M. Calandrino	Danbury
M Toussaint	New Milford
F. Cioffi	Brookfield
B. Kemble	New Fairfield
J. Murphy	Brookfield

L. Marsicano, CLA Executive Director
 M. Howarth, CLA Public Education Director
 F. Frattini, CLA Administrative Coordinator
 D. Vane, Chief of Marine Enforcement, CLAMP

Recorder: E. Siergiej

Guests: J. McAlister, New Fairfield
 D. Gilbert, CT Bass Federation
 J & S. Wodarski, Danbury

Howie Berger, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 7:35 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. He welcomed the guests.

Secretary's Report: Ed Siergiej, Secretary, noted that there are no corrections to the minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting. John Hodge moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting as presented, seconded by Chris Robinson and voted with all in favor. Minutes have been accepted as written.

Chairman's Report: Howie Berger, Chairman, reported the items that would be taken up this evening are:

- Dr. Kelly's visit scheduled for April 25-26 (Zebra Mussel research)

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- Science at Night at Western Connecticut State University April 26 – WCSU will be paying for the refreshments, notices and programs
- Funding through Northeast Utilities and secondary sources to cover Dr Kelley's visit
- Billboard on Invasive Species up on Route 37 South near Padanaram Road
- MOA update – sent to Towns for review and then it will be signed
- A Visit to Rocky River Plant on May 9th at 6PM and the meeting will follow at the Sherman Town Hall
- Larry Marsicano monthly meeting with John Shue of FirstLight will be April 17th this month.
- Budgets – Committees will step up to help curb expenses
- Jim McAlister will present an idea to share with the CLA
- New CLA website up and running. Looking into on-line donation ability.
- Clean Up and Dragon Boat Race – sponsorship and online registration.

Mr. Berger noted that the MOA between the DEEP and the CLA had been sent to the delegates and asked if there were any questions. He advised that this was a nice effort between Attorneys Ted Backer (CLA) and Melinda Decker (DEEP). He also noted that in the new MOA the CLA will be indemnifying the DEEP and in the future they will be named, the same as the towns, on the CLA insurance coverage. Also this new MOA is for a three-year period. Further, Atty. Backer has sent it to the five Towns and he should have a response by next week. Howie Berger made a motion to approve the MOA pending no negative comments from the towns, seconded by Harold Mayer. Discussion: If the Towns have any objections or negative comments then it will be brought back to the CLA for another vote. With no further discussion the motion was voted with all in favor. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Phyllis Schaer, Treasurer asked for a motion to approve the Monthly Report of Income and Expenses for the months ended February 29th and March 31st, 2012, moved by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mark Toussaint, and voted with all in favor. Motion carried and the Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenses for the months ended February 29th and March 31st, 2012, has been accepted and filed for audit.

Mrs. Schaer then made a motion that committees be allowed to exceed all line items, provided the committees stay within their bottom line, seconded by John Hodge and voted with all in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Berger introduced Mr. McAlister who spoke to the delegates about an idea for residents and users of the lake to participate more in the responsibility and challenges of the Lake. The idea is to create a broad based lake wide force of committed advocates. Mr. Berger advised that the CLA staff has no more resources to put into this initiative; a delegate or two would need to be involved. Mr. Mayer noted that the CLA already does

what Mr. McAlister is suggesting. Mr. Berger thanked Mr. McAlister and asked any interested delegates to let him or Mr. Marsicano know by Friday.

Executive Director's Report: Written report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Marsicano advised that Dr. Kelly would be arriving April 24th up to Laurel Lake on April 25th, meet with CT stakeholders on April 26 during the day and present at WCSU Science at Night and head home April 27th. He noted that Carlos Caridad had contacted him about the Northeast Utilities Community Foundation as an idea for funding for Dr Kelly's visit. Mr. Marsicano thanked him as CLA has applied and funding has been approved. Mr. Marsicano advised that WCSU has received additional funding from CT DEEP for their Zebra Mussel research. The 2011 Weevil results shows that they might be working – CLA will monitor weed growth and advise EnviroScience in early June so that restocking can take place, if needed. Project CLEAR began this week at the Kellogg Center in Derby – a very nice facility. He reported some important land conservation measures came out of the recent approval of the NU / NSTAR merger but that Vaughn's Neck was not included in the NU Land Trust that will be formed due to some regulatory issues associated with the Vaughn's Neck land.

Committee Reports:

Watershed Management: Committee Chair, Harold Mayer reported that the committee had met and they took up a ridgeline clear-cut issue in the Town of Sherman – noting that none of the Towns have Ridgeline Protection. They plan on taking this up with all five towns using the Town of Kent as a model, starting with Sherman. They also discussed why NU did not include Vaughn's Neck in the Land Trust, Dr. Kelly's visit, and that Milfoil will be an issue this season and how to get to inform the public on what measures they can take to handle the weeds.

Equipment/Facilities: Committee Chair, Ed Siergiej reported that the hazard buoys are being deployed; the docks will be going in, the McKee II had some extensive work done over the winter and will be water tested soon. They are getting ready for another busy season. The work boat ARK II needs work on replacing the decking it will be done between the Clean up and Project CLEAR and he plans on using pressure treated plywood under the diamond plate.

Public Safety: Ed Hayes noted that the committee had met and the items discussed were: the committee budget, the Lake Patrol officers viewing "Don't Move a Mussel" – he thanked Mrs. Schaer for getting additional copies so the officers may view at home, the CLA docks in New Fairfield used by Patrol Members who patrol in their personal boats – the chief has the authority to authorize who may dock there. They also discussed some complaints regarding the use of CLA boats – he believes that the public cannot tell the difference between the CLA boats and the Patrol boats, they will address these concerns. Also the committee would like to have some type of get-together such as the dinners in the past. Mr. Siergiej asked Chief Vane about the radio system improvements – Chief Vane advised he would get the information to the CLA office.

Public Awareness and Public Education Director's Report: Mark Howarth, Public Education Director, noted that the new CLA website is up and running. E-Newsletter went out yesterday and had some positive responses on the new website. He is looking into the ability for on-line donations and hopes to have this on the site soon. The Clean Up will be May 19th and passed posters for distribution. On-line registration will be up soon. Sponsorship letters, for both the Clean Up and Dragon Boat Race, have gone out and if the delegates have any suggestions to please let him know. He noted that he put a photo of the Invasive Species Billboard up on the CLA Facebook Fan site and it has received more "likes" than anything else from the CLA site. Mrs. Schaer noted that the billboard would be floating to other billboards over the summer.

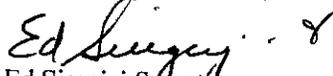
Mrs. Schaer reported that the Zebra Mussel Task Force had met and noted that WCSU is doing DNA testing so they should be able to tell where the mussels came from, and the DEEP had a Zebra Mussel insert in the boat registration renewals this year.

John Hodge asked about the CLA approach through the Towns for FirstLight activities below the 440 – Mr. Berger addressed this, noting that it was FirstLight who suggested asking the Towns to write the letter to include the CLA when the Town Land Use agencies are notified. Discussion followed. Mr. Hodge noted that the incident of the dock in Danbury is a direct violation of the agreement between the Towns and FirstLight.

Please try to attend Science at Night at WCSU as it should be a most informative evening.

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, Ed Hayes moved to adjourn, seconded by Harold Mayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,


Ed Siergiej Secretary

Frances Frattini, Administrative Coordinator

r/b/lm

These minutes are not considered official until they have been approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority.



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Executive Director's Report
April 2, 2012
Larry Marsicano

The following report summarizes activities of March 7, 2012 to April 2, 2012.

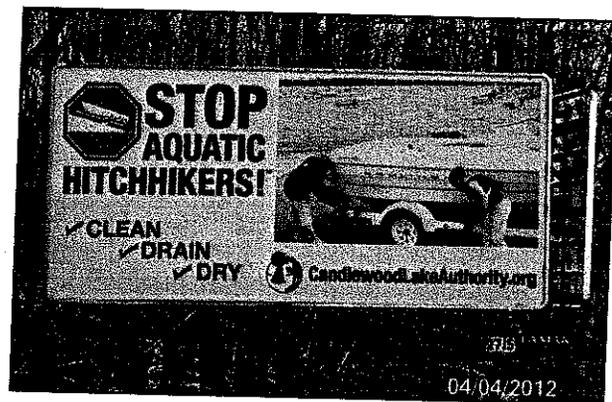
INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT – ZEBRA MUSSELS

We coordinated another meeting of the Zebra Mussel Task Force on March 28th at the New Milford Chamber of Commerce Office/Train Depot. Items discussed included: recap of the HVA Zebra Mussel Forum; results from monitoring last year; billboards; Dr. Kelly's theory; and draft legislation (HB 5259).

We have signed a project management plan/agreement with the Bureaus of Reclamation for Dr. Kelly's visit and have begun planning out his itinerary between April 24th and April 27th. Items on that itinerary include meetings with stakeholders and site visits in Lee and Lenox, MA, meetings with stakeholders and site visits in CT, tour of labs and discussion with researchers at WCSU, and a public seminar on April 26th at 6:30 PM.

WCSU/CLA has received another grant from the CT DEEP to continue the monitoring of the Housatonic River, Candlewood Lake, Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar.

A billboard contract with Lamar Advertising was signed and the billboard was erected on Monday, April 2nd at Padanaram Road in Danbury.



We prepared and submitted grant proposals to two community foundations to fund the Dr. Kelly visit, as well as the billboard, and additional zebra mussel tri-fold brochures.

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT – EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

I've corresponded with EnviroScience regarding their upcoming visit this season. They plan to come out in June or July depending on the schedules of other pending projects in our region. We will assist by visiting the new site (Site G) in early June, taking a few pictures and sending them to EnviroScience so they will have a better idea of when to survey and possibly stock. They are prepared to provide extra weevils per the conditions of the contract.

I also spoke with our colleague Dr. Michelle Marko of Concordia College in Minnesota, who is a weevil expert and associated with our project since its inception. She has reviewed the EnviroScience report and is reviewing the data collected by WCSU students and faculty over the last two years.

We will be providing links on the website to vendors of weed management tools (cutters, rakes, benthic barriers, etc.). We have asked the public in our electronic newsletter to notify us of weed removal projects via an electronic registration form.

FIRSTLIGHT POWER RESOURCES / FERC

I met again with John Shue, VP of Wind and Hydro for FirstLight on March 12th. We continued to discuss shoreline management issues and mechanisms of communication on incidents of proposed project property use. We are scheduled to meet again on April 17th.

PROJECT CLEAR

We are preparing for the start of the Project CLEAR program for 2012. On April 10th, 50 students from Bethel and New Fairfield will be meeting for the day at the Kellogg Center in Derby, CT. On April 11th, 75 students from Danbury, Brookfield and New Milford will be meeting at the Kellogg Center. I will be providing the opening lecture to both groups and then co-teaching the Plankton Research Team on the 10th.

VAUGHN'S NECK

Last month we learned that Governor Malloy, Attorney General Jepsen, and CT DEEP Commissioner approved the going forward of the merger between NU and NSTAR. Conditions of the merger included an extension of the MOA between the State and CT and NU on lands listed on the CL&P Conservation Lands List. In addition, NU plans to create a Land Trust and place into that Trust for permanent protection four properties for a total of ~1,000 acres. These were Rocky River Realty properties which were less encumbered from a regulatory perspective, and therefore, more attractive as properties to pilot the land trust program. I did speak with several environmental leaders in the State and with the Environment and Property Management Director of NU.

We encouraged our municipal CEOs to extend to the State leaders support and appreciation for the results in the agreement and to encourage them to use the momentum to develop other creative means to protect the other conservation-listed properties, e.g. Vaughn's Neck, which should be permanently protected. We have written the Governor, Attorney General and CT DEEP Commissioner with that message and have provided a draft letter to the Mayors and First Selectmen for their use in contacting the State leaders.

OTHER

Marina Renzi and Katerina Ringes from St. Rose School in Newtown reported on March 21st that they won a Special Award at the Connecticut State Science Fair held at Quinnipiac University this past week. Then at the Special Awards Ceremony they received an award from the

Connecticut Science Supervisors Association. They and their parents exuberantly extended their thanks and appreciation for our advisement of their Science Horizon Project.

I have been requested (and accepted) to lecture to a 70 high school seniors who are taking a capstone science course at Canterbury School on Friday, April 13th. Their current topic is on freshwater, scarcity, & pollution.

Legislative Update

Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 5259 – AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSPECTION OF VESSELS AND VESSEL TRAILERS FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.

To protect the waters of the state from aquatic invasive species.

Date		Action Taken
3/29/2012	(LCO)	File Number 181
3/29/2012		House Calendar Number 148
3/29/2012		Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
3/29/2012	(LCO)	Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/23/2012	(LCO)	Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/28/12 5:00 PM
3/15/2012	(LCO)	Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/14/2012	(ENV)	Joint Favorable Substitute
2/24/2012		Public Hearing 03/02
2/22/2012		Referred to Joint Committee on Environment

Raised S.B. No. 254 – AN ACT RESTRICTING THE APPLICATION OF FERTILIZERS THAT CONTAIN PHOSPHATE.

To reduce the effect that phosphate runoff has on the state's bodies of water by restricting the application of fertilizers that contain phosphate.

Date		Action Taken
3/26/2012	(LCO)	Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/23/2012	(ENV)	Joint Favorable Substitute
3/2/2012		Public Hearing 03/07
2/24/2012		Referred to Joint Committee on Environment

Raised H.B. No. 5413 – AN ACT CONCERNING INVASIVE PLANTS.

To enable the Invasive Plants Council to maintain the services of an invasive plants coordinator.

Date		Action Taken
3/27/2012		Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Appropriations
3/26/2012		Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Appropriations
3/26/2012	(LCO)	Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/22/2012	(LCO)	Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office

3/21/2012	(ENV)	Joint Favorable Change of Reference Appropriations
3/9/2012		Public Hearing 03/16
3/5/2012		Referred to Joint Committee on Environment



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April 11, 2012
Public Education
Mark Howarth

Website:

In early April we launched the new website which has more information and should be much easier to navigate and allow visitors to find what they're looking for. We welcome everyone to check out all of the new features our new site offers.

Sponsors:

We are now working to get our sponsor tri-folds and letters out in the mail to all of the potential sponsors we have identified. We will also be visiting with as many potential sponsors as we can to inform them of the benefits of sponsorship for our Clean Up and Dragon Boat events.

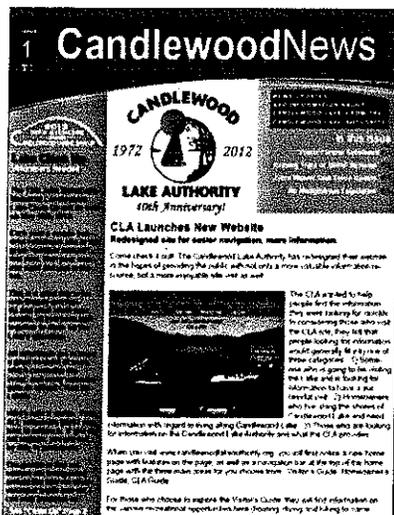
Clean Up:

Posters are being delivered and will be distributed to advertise the event. The Clean Up will be held on May 19th and we will be opening registration for the event shortly. The rain date for the Clean Up is May 20th.

Newsletter:

The April edition of our electronic newsletter is being sent out. Topics covered in this month's newsletter include:

- Redesigned website launch
- 2012 Clean Up
- Upcoming zebra mussel forums
- Milfoil study
- Zebra mussel updates



Online Donation System:

We have been researching an online donation system that will integrate with our website. The ability to make donations online is something that has been brought up to us by several people looking for that feature on our prior website. After looking into many options, we have settled on one that we feel will meet our needs and will be a welcome feature on our new site.

Candlewood Lake Products:

We are producing pre-production samples of the items we plan to sell in our store and will use them to hopefully generate pre-orders, before going into full production runs on those items.

Zebra Mussel Task Force:

The Zebra Mussel Task Force met on March 28th in New Milford to discuss progress that is being made in the effort to prevent the spread of this invasive species. We covered many topics, including future monitoring efforts on Candlewood as well as Zoar and Lillinonah, ways to get local residents involved in the monitoring efforts using simple "zebra mussel hotels" which could be hung off a dock and checked periodically to monitor for the presence of zebra mussels in that body of water.