



# CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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## Minutes of Regular Meeting October 10, 2012

### Attending:

H. Berger	Sherman
J. Murphy	Brookfield
P. Schaar	Sherman
H. Mayer	New Milford
J. Hodge	New Fairfield
C. Robinson	Danbury
D. Rosemark	Danbury
W. Lohan	Brookfield

### Absent:

F. Cioffi	Brookfield
B. Kemble	New Fairfield
N. Gyle	New Fairfield
E. Hayes	Sherman
M Toussaint	New Milford
E. Siergiej	Danbury

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

Recorder: F. Frattini

Guests: J & S. Wodarski, New Milford  
K. Lynch, Sherman

Howie Berger, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 7:32 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. He welcomed the guests.

Mr. Berger noted the items that would be taken up this evening are:

- Grants
- FERC Submittal
- Swim Area
- Zebra Mussels in Lake Lillinonah
- Milfoil
- Appeal/Fundraising
- Executive Session on pending litigation
- Committee Reports
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Mr. Berger reported that the CLA has found a grant opportunity from an entity that grants funds for environmental opportunities and Project CLEAR, as the premier environmental educational prospect is a prime example of an activity for the grant. It will

be to help expand the base of information that the CLA collects such as the additional data that Dr. Knoecklein has noted would be helpful in continuing his research. The CLA will be applying for fifteen to twenty thousand dollars for this grant.

Mr. Berger advised the delegates that Carlos Caridad has resigned from the CLA; this now leaves an opening from the Town of New Milford.

He noted that information in the local newspapers from time to time has been incorrect as one local reporter tends to editorialize in his articles. In the future the CLA will deal directly with the editor and not the reporter. Also another person on occasion, despite the activities of the CLA/Zebra Mussel Task Force, who have done more than any other group to help prevent the spread of the mussel, portrays CLA as doing nothing. These items cannot be ignored, they do not serve the community and the CLA will respond with the facts.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman noted there were no corrections to the minutes of the September meeting and asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting, moved by Jerry Murphy, seconded by Harold Mayer and voted with all in favor and John Hodge abstaining. Minutes accepted as written.

Vice Chairman's Report: In there absence of the Vice Chairman there was nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that she is waiting for the audit to be finalized and would have more to report next month.

Mr. Berger noted that at the next Executive Committee meeting he would be presenting recommendations on reallocating the budget, which they will then bring back to the Board at the November meeting.

Also the Committee Chairmen were reminded that their 2013-2014 budget proposals are due in the office by the end of October.

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

- Invasive Species
- Letter to CEO's for the HVCEO meeting regarding FirstLight and the winter drawdown.
- Milfoil
- Technical Committee Meeting – discussion on a deep drawdown for this year.
- Lake Advisory committee will meet October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Ta'Agan Point Dock issue – meeting with City of Danbury officials and the plan to send a letter to FERC to ask them for their guidance on this dock as it was noted that a number of items in FirstLight's own dock guidelines were not adhered to. Discussion followed. John Hodge suggested that the CLA should write to the FERC to finalize the SMP and to get the Towns behind this. Mrs. Schaer added her agreement to this.

Public Education Director's Report: Mark Howarth's written report is attached to these minutes. He reported that the CLA website now allows on-line donations with a secure system. An electronic newsletter was sent in September and another is half done and will be sent later in October. He is working on a written appeal letter that will go out before the end of the year and this will be in coordination with an electronic appeal. He is researching programs and services to allow a better job of sending to the email list than what is presently done. He is also working on the online business guide allowing area businesses to purchase space in the guide on an annual basis. Dan Rosemark volunteered to look at a "Terms of Service" agreement for this guide.

Mr. Marsicano noted one more item regarding Zebra Mussels, last year none were found in Lake Lillinonah and he recently learned that when The Friends of the Lake were removing a buoy they found a number of them attached to the buoy – they were not there when the buoy went into the water in the spring. Mrs. Schaer noted that when the zebra mussel populations are in the early stages of colonizing a lake they are not easy to find as they are usually in the deeper, darker water.

#### Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Co-Committee Chair, Jerry Murphy, reported that the Lake Patrol has had a very successful summer and the moral of the patrol is back up. He advised that the Committee would like to bring back the annual dinner in early November as a Thank you. Chief Doug Vane added that they do appreciate the event. Mr. Berger advised that everyone on the CLA contributes to the successful season and thought it could be called the "End of Successful Season Event" for the entire CLA team. Mr. Murphy will follow up.

Chief Vane noted that they will continue reviewing requests for swim areas on the lake. Mr. Lynch from the audience addressed the board noting that he has a swim area application in at present – Mr. Murphy advised him that the Public Safety Committee would be back to him on this. Mr. Berger addressed swim areas noting that they isolate a piece of the lake for the use of one user versus all, resulting in limiting the use of the water by other users, i.e. fishermen, canoers, etc. This is an alternative thought process. Mr. Lynch noted that he would like to have a dialog regarding the application.

Public Awareness In the absence of the Committee Chair there was no report.

Equipment/Facilities: In the absence of the Committee Chair there was no committee report.

Mr. Berger advised that he had spoken with Mr. Siergiej and noted that the CLA provides and maintains equipment including boats, and engines as well as other items. For a number of years the CLA has not contributed to the reserve fund to replace equipment when needed as equipment wears out. Discussion followed. It was noted that monies left over at the end of the fiscal year can be set aside for such a fund.

Watershed Management: Committee Chair, Harold Mayer reported that they had no meeting but did attend the Executive Committee meeting and discussed studies on the water and the letter to FERC on the dock.

Any and All Business:

Jerry Murphy noted that the sub-committee formed for the "Gala" now has a member from each town- they have met and are looking at March or April 2014 date at the Candlewood Inn. The committee would like to have an intern to help with the legwork. There will be more on this next month.

Phyllis Schaer moved to go into Executive Session at 8:47 PM to discuss on-going litigation, Jerry Murphy seconded and voted all in favor. All members of the audience left the meeting, Chief Vane was asked to remain and the recorder was turned off.

The delegates returned from Executive Session at 8:59 PM noting that there were no votes and no action was taken during the Executive Session.

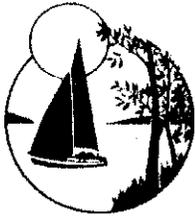
With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, Harold Mayer moved to adjourn, seconded by John Hodge. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ed Siergiej Secretary  
Frances Frattini, Administrative Coordinator

r/b/lm

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***Executive Director's Report  
October 5, 2012  
Larry Marsicano***

*The following report summarizes activities of September 5, 2012 to October 5, 2012.*

***INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT***

We assisted in coordinating a meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> in the New Fairfield Town Hall on behalf of the Town with experts in the field of aquatic weed management and other stakeholders. Attending was Marc Bellaud from Aquatic Control Technology, who in discussed his report on feasibility / cost estimates of using assorted herbicide treatments to manage milfoil in Candlewood Lake. Also attending was Brad Robinson of CT DEEP Pesticide Permitting Office. He discussed potential permitting and monitoring of wells issues.

CLA has begun investigation other alternatives to herbicides including triploid grass carp. Several nearby lakes (Ball Pond in New Fairfield, Lake Waubeeka in Danbury, and Lake Mahopac in Mahopac, NY) have successfully used grass carp.

The Technical Committee is scheduled to meet/conference call on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

***FIRSTLIGHT POWER RESOURCES***

On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> I participated in FirstLight's Rocky Run Main Dam Functional Exercise from 8 am to 1 pm. Also attending were most of the emergency management offices from municipalities and state offices to assess preparedness in the event of a hydro-related catastrophe. The exercise was well run and eye-opening.

Upcoming meetings include:

- A Technical Committee (drawdown) meeting has been scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.
- A Lake Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.

***WCUSU***

We continue to contribute to the zebra mussel veliger early detection / monitoring program.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we provided transportation for the WCUS Vertebrate Biology Class, their teacher Dr. Dora Pinou, and renowned naturalist, Alberto Mimo. Albeit a bit damp, the class

had meaningful experience learning about the fish, weeds and other environmental aspects of Candlewood Lake.

**WATER QUALITY**

Our water quality monitoring equipment developed some problems and after unsuccessful attempt to resolve the problem over the phone, was sent to the manufacture for repair.

Lake water quality was monitored on Candlewood Lake and Squantz Pond during the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HEALTH CARE**

We have spent considerable time investigating a health care program offered by the Chamber Insurance Trust thru our membership with the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce.

**GRANTS**

We have been preparing and writing in effort to submit grant applications for several projects to a local philanthropic foundation.

**OTHER**

I have been asked to present to the Danbury Garden Club on the topic of *Phosphorus and the Environment* on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.



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**October 10, 2012  
Public Education  
Mark Howarth**

## **Online Donations:**

We have made changes to our website on the Home page, Visitor's Guide page, Homeowner's Guide page and CLA Guide page. In the past we have had requests from individuals looking to be able to donate online, but we did not have a way for them to do that. Now included on all of those web pages is a "giving" button, which will allow people to make an online donation if that is their preferred method of donating.

We registered with an online donation service and created an online donation form and page for ourselves. When an individual clicks on the "giving" button on our website, they will then have access to our secure online donation form where they can make a donation if they choose.

## **Electronic Newsletters:**

We completed and sent out our September newsletter, covering a variety of topics including Candlewood Lake's islands and their future, Project CLEAR, Village Fair Days, Dr. Knocklein's report and others.

We are now in the process of completing another newsletter for the month of October covering milfoil, how it spreads and control options. We are also covering the zebra mussels and the efforts to keep them out of the Lake as well as a recap of the dragon boat races, among other topics.

## **Appeal Letter:**

We are working on our 2012 written appeal at this time, which will then be printed and mailed.