



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Regular Meeting May 14, 2014

Attending:

P. Schaer	Sherman
N. Gyle	New Fairfield
J. Hodge	New Fairfield
M Toussaint	New Milford
J. Wodarski	New Milford
J. Murphy	Brookfield
W. Lohan	Brookfield
B. Brown	Brookfield
C. Robinson	Danbury
E. Siergiej	Danbury
D. Rosemark	Danbury

Absent:

B. Kemble	New Fairfield
E. Hayes	Sherman
H. Berger	Sherman
H. Mayer	New Milford

L. Marsicano, CLA Executive Director
M. Howarth, Public Education Director
F. Frattini, Administrative Coordinator

Recorder: E. Siergiej

Guests: M. Propper, Danbury
S. Wodarski, New Milford
L. Schaer, Sherman
S. Randall, Sherman

Phyllis Schaer, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 7:31 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. She welcomed the guests.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of the Secretary, Frances Frattini noted there were no corrections to the minutes of the April meeting. Jerry Murphy moved that the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting be accepted as written, seconded by Ed Siergiej and voted with all in favor. Motion carried, minutes accepted.

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Schaer reported that the Executive Committee had met with the Public Safety Co-Chairmen and CME Doug Vane to discuss some CLAMP issues which led to a conference call between the CME, Mrs. Schaer, Col Overturf, Deputy Commissioner Whelan and Mr. Marsicano. Issues regarding the training of POST and

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Non-POST officers was discussed, as well as the need for a review with DEEP in the fall, and adding classifications of officers within CLAMP to the MOA. Mrs. Schaer reported that FirstLight has submitted a supplemental filing on the Vegetated Buffer Plan to address our comments on the plan. She advised that she is working on a roundtable with the local municipal leaders and FirstLight to get together in a less formal way to seek solutions for issues that affect the lake. Billboards for this year have not been ordered due to the lack of funds, she has gotten a good rate and will be seeking ideas for obtaining the necessary funds.

Mrs. Schaer introduced Scott Randall, a resident of Candlewood Lake Estates in Sherman who gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding some research he had done on the Vegetated Buffer Plan. He began with the cyanobacteria bloom in October 2013 that was a huge wake up call for the area around the lake. He advised that he had done extensive reading and research regarding the cause of the blue green algae blooms and noted that the increase in phosphorus is partially responsible and that buffers can prevent some of the phosphorus from entering the lake. The present SMP does have a section on buffers – residents are required to install a buffer within one year if the property owner needs a permit for work or change of use below the 440 and when the property is sold the new owner must add a buffer within 5 years of purchase. Based on the 2013 algae bloom Mr. Randall recommended that FirstLight require that new owners install a buffer within one year, noting that this proposed change would affect only new property owners. Discussion followed. He concluded with a “call to action” initiate a formal request to FERC for the change, seek the support of the CLA, Local Town Leaders, and the DEEP and to discuss with FirstLight if they would support this change. Chris Robinson advised that local realtors need to be able to educate the new buyers and asked if the CLA could supply a packet for the realtors. Mrs. Schaer advised that she would contact the CEO’s and FirstLight regarding this buffer change to the SMP and report back next month. Mr. Marsicano advised that not only lakeside buffers but other measures are needed back into the watershed as well to mitigate the phosphorus runoff.

Mrs. Schaer reminded the delegates that the Invasive Species Sub- committee – Zebra Mussel Task Force will be meeting on May 28th, there will be Ramp Monitoring training in Sherman on May 30th and location T/B/D in June, and the Clean Up is this Saturday, May 17th.

Vice Chairman’s Report: Mark Toussaint noted that his report would be covered under Public Awareness.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Lohan, Treasurer, advised that in April Danbury had paid another \$12,500.00 making their total payment \$50,000 leaving a balance of \$7,338.00. He also advised that in May New Fairfield had paid the balance of \$7,338.00 leaving Danbury as the only town with an open balance. He also reported that FirstLight has donated \$50,000.00 towards the 2104/15 operating budget. He asked for any questions on the Report of Income and Expenses for the month ended April 30, 2014. With none, Jerry Murphy moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report of Income and Expenses for the month ended April 30, 2014 be accepted presented, motion seconded by Norma Gyle and voted with all in favor. Treasurer’s Report of Income and Expenses for the months ended April 30, 2014 has been accepted and filed for audit.

Mrs. Schaer reminded the Finance Committee members that there would be a Finance Committee meeting on June 4th prior to the Executive Committee Meeting.

Executive Director: Mr. Marsicano advised that his report is attached to these minutes. He noted that the Clean Up Boat Captains meeting preceded this meeting and they are all prepared for the Clean Up on Saturday. He thanked all who have helped thus far. The Danbury NEWS TIMES had a front page article today on the Aquatic Invasive Species and although the legislation did not pass the funding implementer did and money will be available for municipalities dealing with AIS. He noted a big thank you to our local legislators especially Senator Chapin and Rep. Buck-Taylor and Rep. Arconti. There could possibly be some funding for the Grass Carp which would be a 50% match Grant. The regulations change on the sterile grass carp is still a few months out, Mrs. Schaer and Mrs. Gyle will be going to Hartford on Monday in support of the regulation change. Grants were received from Meserve, Goldring Family Foundation and the Woman's Club of Danbury/New Fairfield. As the President of the CT Federation of Lakes, he has been helping the DEEP with the NEC-NALMS conference scheduled for June 13th and 14th at UCONN in Storrs. He advised that anyone interested should check the website *ctlakes.org* for conference info. There will be some sessions of interest to the delegates.

Public Education Director: Mark Howarth, Public Education Director, report is attached to these minutes. Two E-Newsletters went out last month. CLA is now on Twitter. He spoke of needed marketing for the Dragon Boat Race and scheduling Tuesday night meetings /conference calls. The 2014 magnets are here and they were passed to the delegates.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Jerry Murphy, Co-Chair, reported that the six new officers will be completing training shortly and made a motion that the CLA approve the hiring of the following: Douglas Clark, Matthew Heath, Nicholas Mazzo, Daniel McSweeney, Michel Sommer and Andrew Whitlock to the Candlewood Lake Authority Marine Patrol, seconded by Joe Wodarski and voted with all in favor. The six new recruits have officially been hired. He reported that quotes had been obtained for a new Radar Unit for the Patrol. Mr. Murphy made a motion that if FirstLight does not fund the purchase that the CLA purchase the unit from the money presently held in the Lake Patrol Golf Fund. Motion was seconded by Ed Siergiej. Discussion followed regarding the two units, with no further discussion, the motion was voted with all in favor. Also the Public Safety Committee and the Chief of ME have discussed a loaner PFD program (logistics to be worked out) wherein a LPO could loan a PFD to a boater missing the necessary PFD's. Jerry Murphy moved that the CLA purchase eight PFD's for the CLAMP PFD Loaner Program, seconded by John Hodge and voted with all in favor.

Public Awareness: Mark Toussaint, Co-Chair reported that the committee had met and Clean Up and Dragon Boat Race were the main focus. Mark Howarth noted that

the CLA will be participating in Village Fair Days on July 25-26 and volunteers are needed.

Watershed Management: In the absence of the Chairman, there was no report.

Equipment/Facilities: Ed Siergiej, Committee Chairman, reported that the buoys are in and a new vendor from CT will be tried, it is the one that the DEEP uses. The LED lights on McKee II were upgraded and McKee II will be in the Sherman and New Milford Memorial Day Parades this month.

Mr. Siergiej told the delegates that the Lake Kenosha Commission will be having a speaker, Todd Bobowick who was involved with the stocking of grass carp in Taunton Lake in Newtown. He will be speaking on Monday, May 19th at 5:30 PM at the Danbury Town Hall.

There had been some interest in the donated jet boat but it is still available so it will be put on E-Bay and Craig's List.

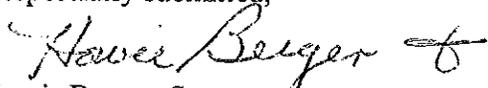
Dan Rosemark moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the selling price of the boat, seconded by Chris Robinson, voted with all in favor. All guests left and the recorder was turned off. The delegates went into Executive Session at 8:45 PM. The delegates returned from Executive Session at 8:47PM noting that they had agreed on a minimum acceptable price for the boat.

Any and All Business:

None

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, Jerry Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Bill Brown. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

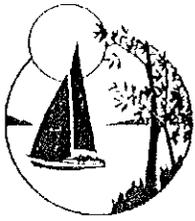


Howie Berger, Secretary

Frances Frattini, Administrative Coordinator

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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

May 9, 2014

Larry Marsicano

The following report summarizes activities of April 8, 2014 to May 9, 2014.

JMM CANDLEWOOD LAKE CLEAN UP

We have continued planning the JMM Candlewood Lake Clean Up. Over nine businesses/restaurants have committed to providing lunch. FirstLight has committed to providing gloves and two dumpsters in addition to the one donated by Winters Brothers. Mark has had good success with sponsorships. At the time Registrations are somewhat down due in large part to conflicts the high school students have with other events.

SB 466 – AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT GRANT AND PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

SB 446 did not pass. However, CT has moved forward in efforts to manage AIS. HB 5597 is the State budget implementer bill and did pass. Within, it reads:

Sec. 248. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2014) (a) There is established an aquatic invasive species management grant and prevention and education program that shall be administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Pursuant to such program, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may make a grant to any municipality for: (1) Up to seventy-five per cent of the cost of conducting an aquatic invasive species diagnostic feasibility study associated with the abatement of a population of an aquatic invasive species in an inland water body of this state; or (2) up to fifty per cent of the cost of conducting a project to restore an inland water body of the state through the control and management of a population of aquatic invasive species that exists in said inland water body as of the effective date of this section.

(b) In addition to making grants, as described in subsection (a) of this section, pursuant to such aquatic invasive species management grant and prevention and education program, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may educate persons who engage in boating in this state on measures to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the inland water bodies of this state and conduct a rapid response to a population of aquatic invasive

species in an inland water body of this state that is identified after the effective date of this section.

(c) Not less than thirty per cent of any funds available to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for such aquatic invasive species management grant and prevention and education program shall be used for the purpose of making grants in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section. The remainder of any such funds shall be used for: (1) The prevention and education and rapid response efforts described in subsection (b) of this section, and (2) the administration of such program, provided not more than ten per cent of such funds shall be used for such administrative purposes.

(d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the aquatic invasive species management grant and prevention and education program described in this section. Such regulations may include, but shall not be limited to, eligibility criteria and priorities for the award of any grant pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

The proposed funding of \$426 K was cut by over half but the language in § 248 makes possible things like rapid response money, ramp monitors money, and grants to municipalities. Given how these things often take several years, this was a significant move forward in legislative session's time. Our State legislators, in particular Sen. Chapin, should be commended for their work on this.

INVASIVE SPECIES

The next Invasive Species / Zebra Mussel Task Force meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th. We are preparing / planning for that. We are also planning an Invasive Investigator Volunteer Training for Saturday May 31st.

GRANTS

In April we received a grant of \$3,000 dollars from the Goldring Family Foundation. With that grant and the Meserve Fund grant we were able to purchase new water quality monitoring equipment that also includes a probe for relative measures of cyanobacteria. The equipment should be arriving shortly and we will begin learning how to calibrate it and use it.

On April 22nd Phyllis and I attended the Woman's Club of Danbury/New Fairfield Celebration of Giving where we received our grant of \$500 dollars that has been used to print our new Candlewood Lake Authority informational trifold. On the back of the publication we have included "Printing of this publication made possible by the Woman's Club of Danbury/New Fairfield.

PROJECT CLEAR

Two more classroom sessions will have occurred before our May board meeting. On both occasions Project CLEAR students and staff have met at Indian Rock Preserve in Bristol, CT. The first was on April 24th and the second was on May 13th. On both occasions students have been working in their research groups to learn what they will be doing during the one week field research portion of the program from June 24th to 28th.

We need your help during the field research week in providing on-the-water transportation for the students. You can help by volunteering to captain your boat for one or several days or driving a pontoon donated by Echo Bay or Gerard's Waters Edge Marina or enlisting the volunteer services of others. Fuel expenses are covered in the grant for the program.

NEC-NALMS CONFERENCE

As President of the CT Federation of Lakes, I have been working with Chuck Lee of the CT DEEP in planning the upcoming New England Lakes Conference sponsored by the New England Chapter of the North American Lakes Management Society. A preliminary program is available by going to the CFL's website at www.ctlakes.org. The conference will be held at UCONN on Friday and Saturday, June 13th and 14th.

MISCELLANEOUS

On April 22nd I attended the Danbury Budget Committee meeting where I learned the recommendation for next fiscal year is \$57,338.

On April 25th I provided a lecture and Power Point Presentation to the Conservation Biology class at WCSU at the request of Dr. Thomas Philbrick.

On May 8th I met with faculty and students at WCSU to discuss zebra mussel monitoring for the coming season.

On Monday, May 12th I'll be meeting with the New Fairfield Senior Environmental Corps.

I have been working on a technology project with Howie that has great potential. It integrates GIS and the Internet and provides a public component that Project CLEAR students or the general public can benefit from.



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May 14, 2014
Public Education
Mark Howarth

eNewsletters:

This past month we sent out two electronic newsletters to our mailing list.

In the April 10th newsletter we announced topics such as:

Explanation of the Winter Fish Kill, Boat Length Reminder, Candlewood Lake Clean Up, Available Boating Courses, Debris in Water, Northwest Conservation District Plant Sale
To see this newsletter go to:

<http://www.icontact-archive.com/HJfY9I0NQYSQqba7q97Dvop-yllllZ8m?w=3>

In the May 2nd newsletter we announced topics such as:

Planting a Lakeside Buffer, New CLA Social Media Venture, Clean Up / Dragon Boat Sponsor Opportunities, Clean Up Online Registration, Candlewood Lost and Found, Hazard Buoy Deployment, NEC-NALMS Invitation, Soil Testing Day Recap, Dragon Boat Date etc.

To see this newsletter go to:

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Twitter Launch:

The Candlewood Lake Authority is now utilizing Twitter as an additional social media platform to hopefully reach a new audience. We can be found on Twitter as @CLAOnTheLake.

Sponsors / Tri-fold:

We created and printed a new 2014 Dual Event Sponsor tri-fold and letter, and generated a mailing to notify potential sponsors of our sponsor opportunities this year. Those mailings went out and we have received a good response from our efforts.

Clean Up:

We have created a new Jotform online registration system for the 2014 Clean Up. This allowed us to decommission the old registration system, which lived on the Visual Access Technology servers, which the CLA's website is no longer hosted by.

The Captain's Hats and Volunteer T-Shirts are being printed this week for Saturday's event.

LL Bean:

On April 26th we went to LL Bean and had a table in their store. We spend a few hours there that afternoon, meeting with the public and talking about Candlewood Lake and

what we do, as well as distributing information on a variety of topics, including zebra mussels. This was part of the Paddlesports Weekend, of which we plan to participate in future events.

Dragon Boat Race:

We have created an Online Payment System for the 2014 Dragon Boat Races (to be held August 16th). For those utilizing the system, it will allow us to spend less time processing checks and other payments and should make tracking our payments easier as well.

The payment system was created in Click & Pledge, which we currently use for such things as our online donations, sponsorships and boating course payments.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE DRAGON BOAT RACE
ONLINE PAYMENTS

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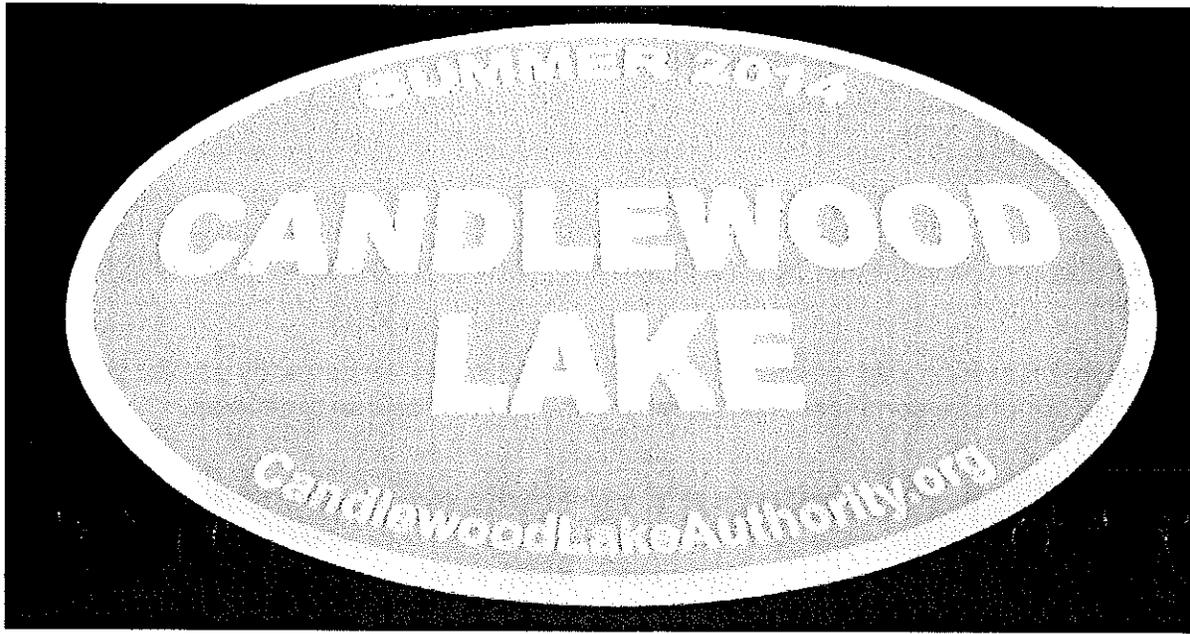
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for your participation in the Candlewood Lake Dragon Boat Race!

Magnets:

The new Summer 2014 Candlewood Lake magnets are in. This is the 7th year for these popular magnets, which have our website on them and serve as a way to make people aware of our site and allows them to learn about what we do and how they can become better lake stewards.



Lillinonah Boat Launch Dedication:

The new State boat launch at Lake Lillinonah was dedicated on April 23rd in Bridgewater and the CLA was in attendance. Featured at this new launch are pavement stencils to reinforce the Clean, Drain, Dry message for invasive species, as well as a PDF reminder. The CLA has asked the CT DEEP to borrow the signs so that they can be used to stencil Candlewood ramps.

