



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Regular Meeting October 8 2014

Attending:

P. Schauer	Sherman
H. Berger	Sherman
E. Hayes	Sherman
H. Mayer	New Milford
J. Hodge	New Fairfield
J. Wodarski	New Milford
J. Murphy	Brookfield
W. Lohan	Brookfield
C. Robinson	Danbury

Absent:

E. Siergiej	Danbury
M Toussaint	New Milford
B. Brown	Brookfield
D. Rosemark	Danbury
B. Kemble	New Fairfield
N. Gyle	New Fairfield

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

Recorder: H. Berger

Guests: M. Propper, Danbury
S. Wodarski, New Milford
D. Fleming, New Milford
J. McAlister, New Fairfield
B. Tinsley, Brookfield First Selectman

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

Secretary's Report: Howie Berger, Secretary, noted there were no corrections to the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting. *Jerry Murphy moved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting as written, seconded by Bill Lohan and voted with all in favor, motion carried and minutes accepted as written.*

Chairman's Report: Mrs. Schauer reported that the annual audit had been sent to the delegates and has a few questions for the Auditor. She has been meeting with the Treasurer on budget issues and revising the presentation for the Towns. She had attended a meeting in New Fairfield on noise issues on the Lake. The grant application for the Grass Carp has been submitted and noted that there needs to be outreach and education for the public regarding the triploid grass carp. The Patrol dinner is October 25th, she asked the delegates to invite their CEO's and if they are unavailable to possibly send a representative in their place. Next month there will be a Year End Lake Patrol recap and MOA meeting with the DEEP. DGL UltraSonic has a new method for algae control, and their distributor will be here and meeting with Mrs.

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Schaer in November – this may be good in swim areas or coves. Approval of DEEP may be needed before it can be used in the lake. The following item will be taken up later in the meeting: A letter was received with questions on the Lake Patrol which had some points that indicated that the activity of the Lake Patrol is not clearly understood.

Vice Chairman's Report: In the absence of the Vice Chairman, there was no report

Treasurer's Report: Bill Lohan, Treasurer, reported on the Audit outlining how the CLA ended fiscal year 2013-2014. Discussion followed. Mr. Hodge suggested that the CLA get a legal opinion regarding the overspending the budget and made suggestion of having auditor present for discussion of audit and recommendations moving forward. Discussion continued. There needs to be a better dialogue with the Towns regarding the activities and expenses of the CLA and the need for the Towns to appropriate the money to fund the programs of the CLA that are for the benefit of the member Towns.

It was suggested as a possible method to improve the funding of the CLA to ask the Towns to support having FirstLight's contribution be the same as the Town Appropriations and request their assistance in this regard.

Discussion continued and *Ed Hayes made a motion that the Chairman call a Special Meeting to discuss the audit with the Auditor present after Mrs. Schaer speaks with the Auditor, Seconded by John Hodge and voted with all in favor.*

Mr. Lohan reported on the Report of Income and Expenses for the month ended September 30, 2014 noting that 75% of income has been received and 38% of the budget has been expensed, he *then made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenses for the month ended September 30, 2014 as presented, motion seconded by Jerry Murphy and voted with all in favor. Motion carried and Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenses for the month ended September 30, 2014 has been filed for audit.*

Executive Director: Mr. Marsicano advised that his report is attached to these minutes and items covered are Water Quality items, note that the annual report had been sent to Towns, a grant application to the Meserve Foundation is being prepared, the Grant application for the Grass Carp was submitted to DEEP, the group's visit to Lake George and meeting with the Lake George Park Commission on their measures regarding Aquatic Invasive Species, participating at New Fairfield Day, New Milford Fire Prevention Day and the upcoming Brookfield Block Party Day and finally regarding the meeting in New Fairfield with local officials, including the First Selectmen of New Fairfield, Resident Trooper of New Fairfield, the CLAMP Chief of the Marine Enforcement, CLA Chairman, Rep Richard Smith and Mr. Marsicano to discuss noise issues on the Lake. One thought was a possible modification of a state regulation regarding noise levels, as this would affect all five Towns. The CLA will ask that Towns for support of this with the State. There as a recent land use issue on the shoreline in Sherman that has been reported to FirstLight and the Town Enforcement Officer. He then introduced Mr. Don Fleming of New Milford who wanted to ask the CLA for support with a lake community forum where they could share like issues and concerns. Discussion followed and it was noted that they could do this at the State of The Lake Meeting in the spring – Mr. Fleming thought he would like to get the word out sooner and he will be in touch with the CLA Staff to help with this. Mr. Marsicano also mentioned the paper by WCSU and CLA being published in the NALMS peer-reviewed science/management journal on conditions necessary for "effective" drawdown.

Public Education Director: Mark Howarth noted his report is attached and advised that the e-mail appeal has gone out and donations have begun coming in. The Citizen News would

like to have a Lake Column and he advised that Public Awareness will work on a list of topics and that the column would be every other week.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Ed Hayes reported on the September Public Safety Committee meeting where in they discussed funding for the new radios, annual allowance for a new patrol boat, proposing a wage increase for the lake patrol officers, possible training class for new POST certified officers, and support of the delegates at the annual Dinner on October 25th. He addressed some email correspondence on the Lake Patrol and noted that this was not the place to discuss it, as it showed a lack of understanding of what the Lake Patrol does. Mrs. Schaer noted that next season the officers can attend a meeting to meet the delegates and she will ask that all delegates ride on a patrol under the direction of the Chief. She then passed a sheet titled "CLA Marine Patrol Snapshot" giving a picture of some of what the officers do. Discussion followed and Mrs. Schaer noted that communication regarding the activity of the lake patrol needs to be improved not only for the boating public but for the CLA delegates as well.

Public Awareness: In the absence of the Committee Chairman, there was no report.

Equipment/Facilities: In the absence of the Committee Chairman, there was no report.

Watershed Management: Harold Mayer, Committee Chairman, reported that the committee had not met.

Old Business: Jim McAlister reported on his proposal to sell a Lake Poster with the proceeds coming directly to the CLA – after much discussion Mr. McAlister was asked for a detailed proposal for the delegates to act on that includes quantity, cost, retail price, checks to the CLA as beneficiary, sales on line and retail outlets. This item could be included in the Special Meeting agenda so that there can be an answer before the November CLA meeting.

New Business: None

Any and All Business:

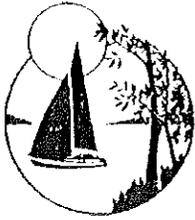
With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, *Chris Robinson moved to adjourn, seconded by Harold Mayer.*
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

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

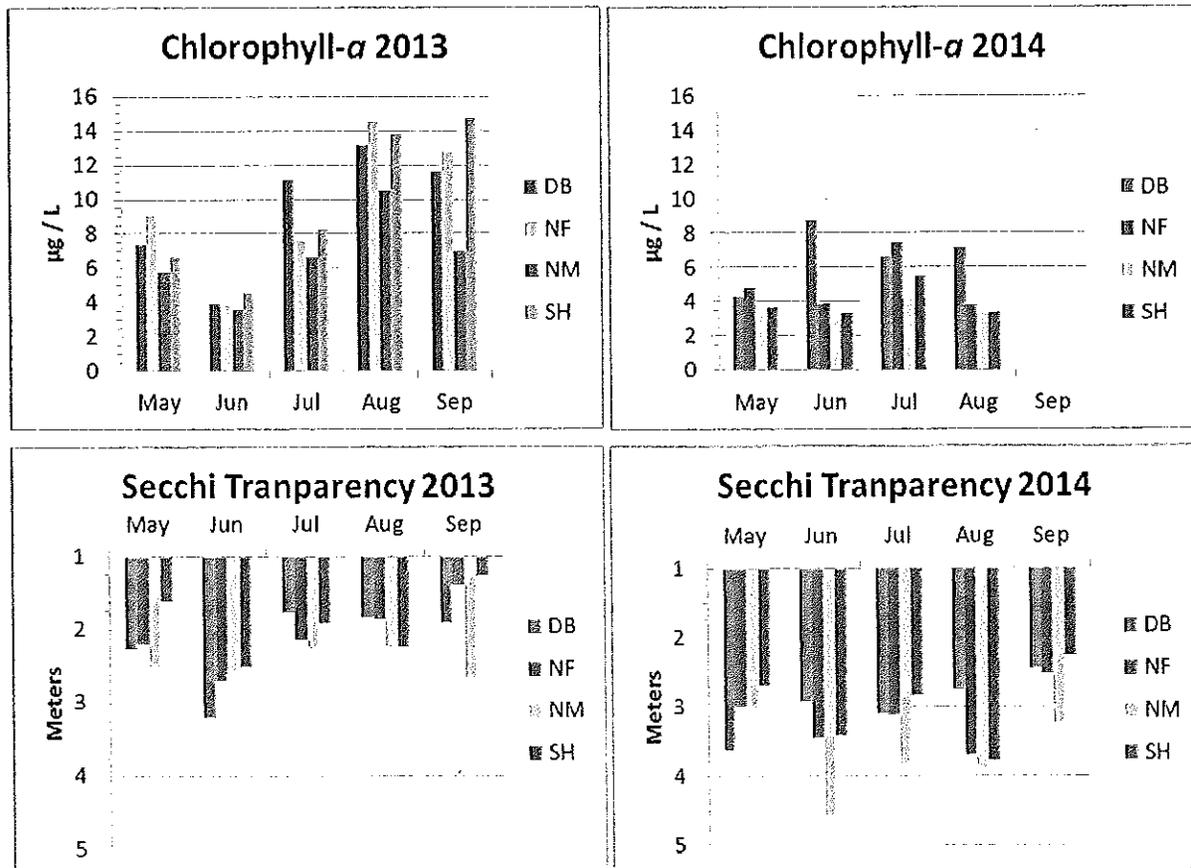
October 3, 2014

Larry Marsicano

The following report summarizes many of the Executive Director's activities from September 7, 2014 to October 3, 2014.

Water Quality

Water quality on Candlewood was most recently monitored on September 26th. Water quality continued to be good this season with trophic indicator data (e.g. Secchi disk transparency) for September of 2014 better than that observed in September of 2013. Water quality monitoring will conclude after the October sampling event.



We met with the Brookfield Directors of Health and Park & Recreation as well as their First Selectman to talk about water quality and public health in the cove where Cadigan Park is located. We discussed the Shoreline Secchi Monitoring Program which we anticipate next year will provide the Directors some near-real time assessment on water quality. We are also going to add an additional monitoring site to the 2015 monitoring program. The site will be located in the lake in the proximity of the park. Brookfield has agreed to provide funding for all additional laboratory expenses.

The new water quality monitoring equipment has provided interesting data this season as it pertains to blue-green algae. The new instrument measures relative concentrations of blue-green algae cells and we've used it to create profile of relative cell concentrations. See below (page 4).

A research paper on a study looking at conditions necessary for "effective drawdowns" is being published in *Lake and Reservoir Management*, a peer-reviewed science / technical journal this fall. I co-authored the paper with Dr. Tom Lonergan of Davenport University and Dr. Mitch Wagener of WCSU. You received that via email.

The Technical Committee on the Drawdown is scheduled to convene by conference call on October 15th.

Summary Report

The Annual Summary Report to the Town of Sherman was prepared and submitted. A copy was provided to each of the CEOs of CLA member municipalities and will be available at the meeting.

Grants

We submitted a progress report to the Meserve Memorial Fund regarding the grant we received last year. We are beginning to prepare another grant for this year's funding round.

Aquatic Invasive Species

As report on last month, funds were made available through a competitive grant program for aquatic invasive species projects with grant applications due on September 15th. We did submit a grant to the CT DEEP for funds for a triploid grass carp stocking project. We anticipate learning if our grant has been approved by mid to late November. I have received a copy of a letter from State Senator Michael McLachlan to DEEP Commissioner Klee supporting our request. I have also received copy of the press release by State Representative David Scribner also in support. In discussions with CT DEEP it appears that many applications were received with requested funds exceeding the \$150,000 made available State-wide for the grant program.

I spoke with our CIRMA representative on October 3rd and at that time he was optimistic that they would be able to add Praxair as additionally insured during the period of time when we and our partners are to test the use of CO₂ to kill veligers. I will know conclusively their

decision possibly by next week. The fact that the project was supported by our State CT DEEP, EPA and Bureau of Reclamation was one of the reasons mentioned that CIRMA appears favorable to our request.

On September 12th, a group of us traveled to Lake George, NY to discuss AIS measures of the Lake George Park Commission. LGPC Director Dave Wick provides a presentation and discussed the measures they are implementing. A short tour on Lake George was also provided. Attending from CT were Phyllis Schaer (CLA), Jim McAlister and Bob Stryker (CWI), Bill Hyatt (CT DEEP), Rebekah White (FOTL), and Bill Tinsley (First Selectman, Brookfield) and me. A follow up with the CT contingent is scheduled for October 16th and is being coordinated by Mr. McAlister.

Public Outreach

We participated in New Fairfield Days on Saturday, September 20th. LPO Jeff Dunkertin is participating in New Milford's Fire Prevention and Safety Day on Saturday, October 4th on behalf of the CLA. We are also scheduled to participate in Brookfield Days on Sunday, October 12th.

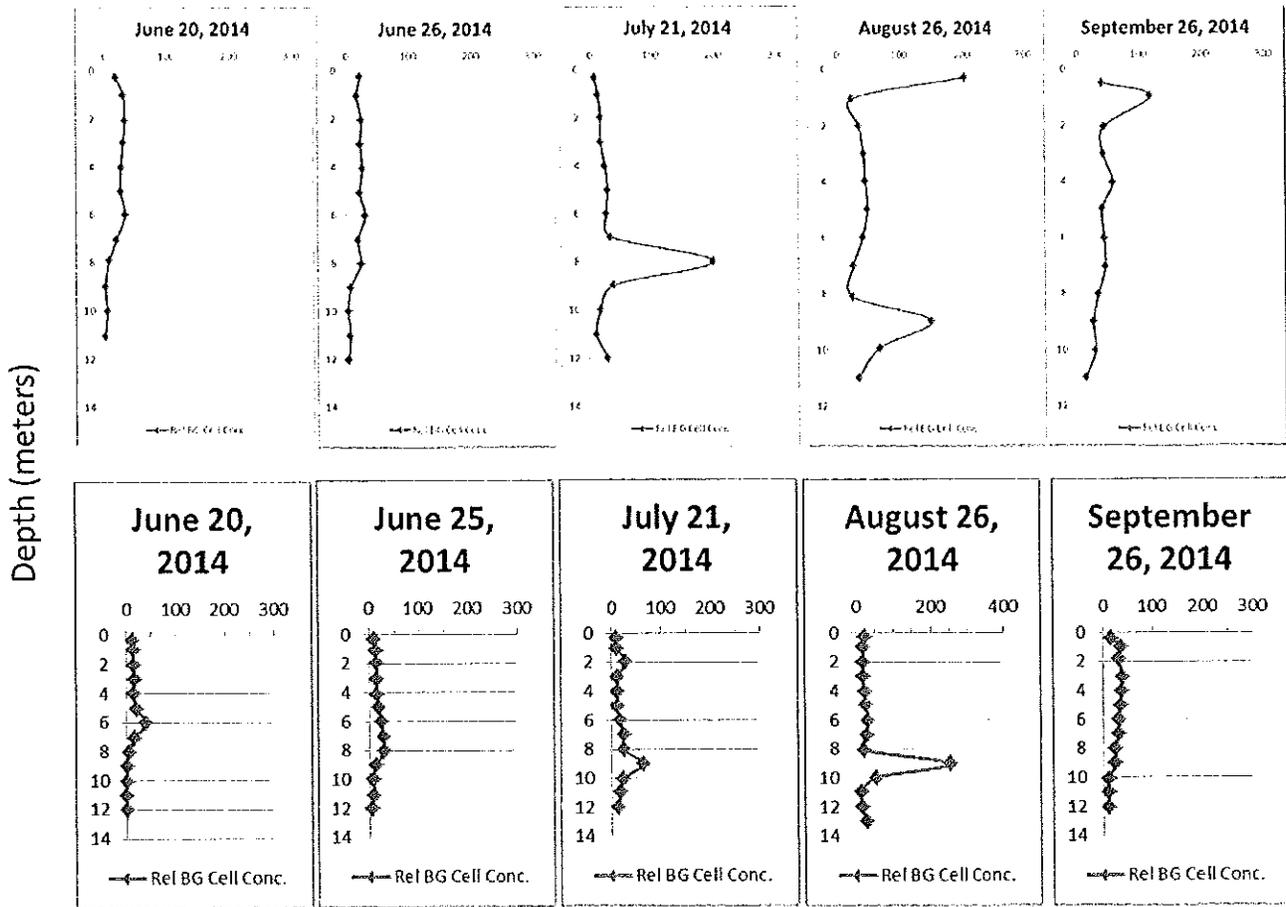
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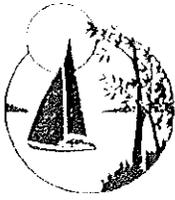
Due to our Operations Manager's recent surgery, other staff (e.g. Mark and me) have been helping out with some of the operational tasks done at the end of the season. This will include removal and maintenance of buoys that will begin later this month.

Noise Issues on the Lake

We continue to get many calls complaining about loud, inappropriate music being played by boaters on the water, in many instances in the vicinity of Chicken Rock in Sherman. At our request First Selectman Susan Chapman has scheduled a meeting to discuss the matter on Monday, October 5th. I have also discussed the issue with CT DEEP Director of Boating, Eleanor Mariani, and she will ask her colleagues in other States what they are doing to address this.

Relative Blue-green cell concentration profiles observed at the Danbury and New Fairfield Site since June 20, 2014.





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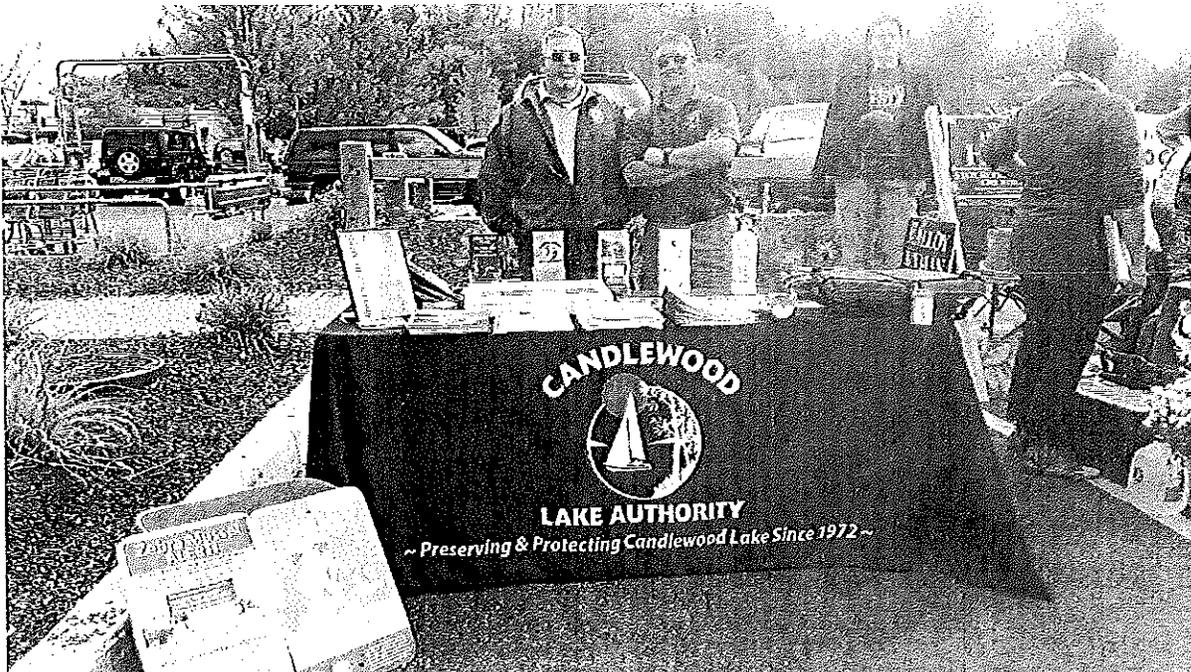
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Public Education
Mark Howarth

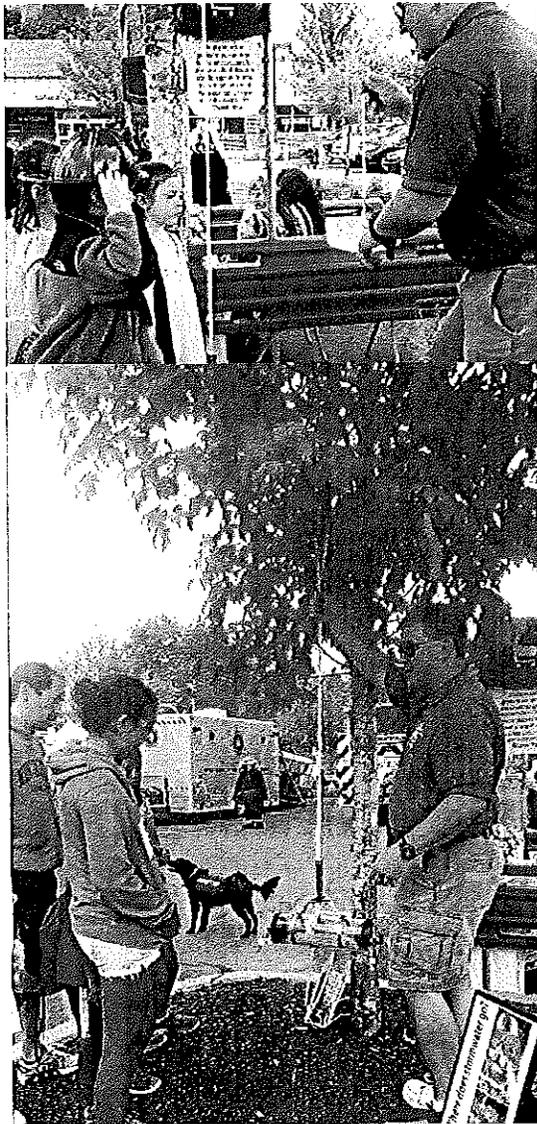
New Fairfield Day:

On Saturday, September 20th, the CLA participated in the 2nd Annual New Fairfield Day celebration. At the event, the CLA had a table, with both environmental and Patrol information and items there for public education.

In attendance from the CLA was Larry Marsicano, Bill Katzing from the CLA Marine Patrol, Mark Howarth and Phyllis Schaefer.

That day we had a number of people stop by our booth to ask lake environment and boating questions.





eAppeal:

We sent out an electronic appeal to our email list on Monday October 6th. The reason for doing an eAppeal was so that we could hopefully reach people who would be interested in donating to the CLA, but may not be on our written year-end appeal mailing list.

Citizen News:

We were contacted by the Citizen News and asked if we would be interested in providing a regular column in the paper. Our initial discussions centered on an effort to provide the paper with a column related to the lake every other week.

Newsletter:

We are nearing completion on another newsletter which we anticipate will be sent out in the next day or so. Some topics include our new hazard buoy supplier and fall buoy removal, the 2014/2015 drawdown announcement, the CLA's ramp stenciling efforts

and the CT Agricultural Experiment Station's annual mapping of Candlewood's aquatic vegetation among others.

CLA Store:

We are currently coming up with some new items and designs for items to be featured in the CLA online store, in anticipation for the upcoming holiday sales season. We will be phasing out some items that we've had for a while to make room for new items.