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June 23, 2016

Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to you to request an appropriation of \$9,905 from the contingency fund for fiscal year 2015/2016 for the replacement of a Lake Safety Patrol Boat to the Candlewood Lake Authority. The replacement of this boat is necessary for the Candlewood Lake Marine Patrol in order to maintain public safety and boating law enforcement.

Contingent on our funding, the Candlewood Lake Authority is eligible for the Municipal 5 Town I.C.E Grant. If awarded the grant, the City of Danbury would be reimbursed the amount of \$4,487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Boughton", written over the printed name.

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor



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DAVID ST. HILAIRE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Mark D. Boughton via the City Council

FROM: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance *DSh*

DATE: June 23, 2016

CERTIFICATION #7

SUBJECT: Certification of Funds – Candlewood Lake Authority

Pursuant to the attached request from the Candlewood Lake Authority, I hereby certify the availability of funds.

These appropriations will come from the Contingency account 002.9300-5855.

The status of the Contingency account is as follows:

Budgeted Amount:	\$475,000
Previous Certifications:	
Charles Ives Authority:	55,404
Holiday Lights:	65,000
Hat City Monument	50,000
Zoom Foundation Fellowship	5,000
State Lobbying Services	20,000
OPM Transit Grant	25,000
Registrar of Voters	30,300
Volunteer Firefighter Pagers	40,000

This Request	9,905
Balance:	<u>\$174,391</u>

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Attachment

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CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

Member Municipalities: Brookfield • Danbury • New Fairfield • New Milford • Sherman

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April 15, 2016

Dear Chief Elected Officials of Candlewood Lake Municipalities:

This is an urgent follow-up in regards to the need originally brought before you in our correspondence of November 17, 2015 for emergency funding to facilitate the replacement of a Lake Patrol boat (*copy of original letter is attached*).

While progress has been made in the application for an I.C.E. Grant, which if successful, will reimburse 60% of the Lake Safety Patrol Boat purchase, we have not received required funding from some of the member towns to move forward with the necessary order. **We need to receive each participating Member Municipality's funding this month, before we initiate the Patrol Boat purchase.** We cannot continue to delay this order and purchase, and respectfully request your financial support at this time.

URGENT CONCERN- This is a public safety issue and a crucial service provided by the CLA for our residents who recreate and boat on Candlewood Lake. **We need to place the order this month to have a Patrol boat available for use this summer.** Boat purchases and delivery dates are now being estimated at 2 months from date of order. We at present time have only one functional patrol boat which is older than the boat taken out of service. The extra workload placed on this remaining boat will most certainly affect its operational life, and this boat does NOT have any boat towing capabilities.

DEEP CUTBACKS – With continued budget cuts by the State we have been advised that there will be only one DEEP patrol boat with limited hours available on Candlewood Lake this season... if at all. This further compounds the critical nature of this boat to the Candlewood Lake Marine Patrol and the coverage required for maintaining public safety and boating law enforcement. The CLA operates two Patrol Boats on Candlewood Lake... and cannot provide coverage and support properly with only one operating Patrol Boat.

Again, as you know our Patrol Boats are used on Candlewood Lake to provide for:

- Providing 1100 hours per season of on the water Lake Patrol May to September.
- Emergency response to boating accidents, medical emergencies
- Enforce State Boating Law Safety, Marine Sanitation Regulations & Invasive Species laws
- Enforce of Boating Under Influence control
- Emergency towing service for stranded boaters (50+ tows per year). Assist disabled vessels.
- Provide Public Safety presence during lake events (Clean-up, Dragon Boat Race, Fireworks, Fishing Tournaments)
- Check activity at public launches, Down the Hatch, Chicken Rock, respond to concerns of public called into CLA office

- Provide lost boater assistance, guidance & directions, out of fuel assistance, removal of boating hazards, floating logs & large debris.
- Resolve domestic disputes, and inappropriate boating behaviors, conduct Safety checks to ensure compliance of registration, proper boating license, life vest etc. on boats.

Funding & I.C.E Grant Details - The I.C.E. Grant coordinator has indicated that a pre-order would NOT adversely affect the grant award... in fact an invoice is required for payment. The grant application is still in process and we have been advised that the documents we have presented and quotes submitted all comply with requirements.

- **Next step is for the grant application to go before the Bonding Commission for approval and release of funds**, however we must also provide them with a signed Municipal Equipment Sharing Agreement approved by the State (a draft version has already been submitted to the State for mark-up) which will be sent to all member municipalities for signature before funds will be disbursed, if approved.

- **Our original November 17, 2015 correspondence had the following request:**

"If each of the 5 towns could provide \$ 9,905 from their capital reserve towards the purchase of this critical piece of our Patrol operation equipment by December, we could place the order in time to have the boat in the water by next spring. If we are successful in obtaining the I.C.E. Grant and additional private donations we can reduce the municipal funding request to approx. \$5,418 per town and refund any excess contribution

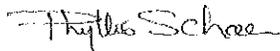
Time is of the essence as the Boat purchase order would need to be placed by December 17th to ensure timely delivery and in the water in time for the start of the April - May 2016 boating season."

- **Town Agreement** - There was agreement from all 5 member towns to apply for possible grant funding to assist in the purchase of the Lake Safety Patrol Boat
- **Current Financial Position**- We have already received funding from the Town of Brookfield for \$9,905.00; Approval from the Town of Sherman via Town Meeting for Funds not to exceed \$9,990.00 for patrol Boat purchase, and firm commitment from the Town of New Milford for required funds, The CLA has committed \$18,500 from our capital reserve for this purchase.

I respectfully ask for your help to accomplish this and provide for sufficient CLAMP Public Safety Presence THIS SEASON on Candlewood Lake.

Sincerely,

CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY



Phyllis Schaefer
Candlewood Lake Authority / Chairman

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Enclosures: Letter November 17, 2015

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Clay Cope

From: Clay Cope
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 1:10 PM
To: Mark Boughton (mayormark@outlook.com); Mark Boughton; David Gronbach; Susan Chapman; 'Steve Dunn'
Subject: ICE grant action required
Importance: High

Dear fellow Mayors and First Selectmen,



I would like to provide you with a quick status update on the issues at hand relating to the completion of the purchase of the replacement CLA Marine Patrol Boat.

The Town of Sherman has issued and paid the required \$7,000 deposit for the 2016 R222 Robalo Center Console Boat to Atlantic Outboard.

1. Payment in full of the remaining balance IS REQUIRED by the dealer BEFORE any prep work, or required Patrol electronics installation will be started.
2. The Town of Sherman requests Danbury's outstanding payment at this time of \$9,905 to complete the purchase.
3. The Town Sherman Requests New Fairfield's outstanding payment at this time of \$9,905 to complete the purchase.
4. The ICE Grant requires purchase of the boat BEFORE funds are released if approved by Bond Commission.
5. Reimbursement of any overpayment to Danbury would be made by the Town of Sherman upon Grant funding award.
6. The Bond Commission has not yet placed the request on their agenda and we cannot continue to delay this purchase based on their scheduling.

Your cooperation and support is appreciated!

Clay Cope,
First Selectman

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