

CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Regular Meeting October 9, 2013

Attending:

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

Absent:

B. Kemble	New Fairfield
D. Rosemark	Danbury
E. Hayes	Sherman

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

Recorder: E. Siergiej

Guests: G. Linkletter, Sherman
S. Randall, Sherman
M. Propper, Danbury
J. McAlister, New Fairfield
S. Wodarski, New Milford

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BY:

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 there were *corrections to the minutes of the September meeting, as follows: on page two Mr. Richard Laudenat's title should be corrected to "Plant Manager" not Station Services Manager, and on page three at the top of the page at the end of the paragraph it should note: "Mr. McAlister asked a question of Mr. Laudenat 'As I understand it now, FirstLight does not have any objection to carp, is that correct?' Mr. Laudenat replied 'Yes'."* And finally at the end of

enforcement below the 440 is with the owner of the lake not the Towns. Mr. Berger noted that it might be a good idea to have Peter Siver, PhD. speak to the delegates regarding the water quality report as Phase 2 – Mr. Berger thanked Mr. Marsicano for his Phase 1 presentation.

Public Education Director:

Mark Howarth, Public Education Director, report attached to these minutes, noting that he has reworked the CLA informational tri-fold, starting working on a homeowner's guide for lake living and will be seeking a grant to fund its printing, has taken a webinar on the 6 top fundraising tips and ideas, and has begun a trial run of backing up the office computers to the Cloud.

Public Awareness: Mark Toussaint, Co-Chair reported that the committee has worked on a draft of a municipal brief for the Town Officials that will be sent out in I-Contact, the use of the restricted funds that were raised at the first Enchanted Evening event, and that the annual appeal should be ready to go out just after Thanksgiving.

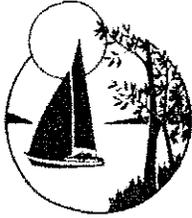
Public Safety: Jerry Murphy, Co-Chair, reported that the committee had met and they will be working with the DEEP, and First Light to identify hazards to navigation such as unpermitted buoys and who is responsible for their removal from the lake. He also noted that the committee would like to have the dinner for the Lake Patrol in early November. Discussion followed. *Jerry Murphy made a motion to have a Lake Patrol dinner at the Candlewood Lake Club Clubhouse on Friday November 8th and delegates will chip in on the cost and bring a dish to share, seconded by Norma Gyle and voted with all in favor.*

Equipment/Facilities: Ed Siergiej noted that the removal of the buoys will begin October 15th and that will be the start of closing up for the winter. He advised that at least 6 buoys will need to be replaced. There are a number of items on the Patrol Boats that will be taken care of over the winter. He advised that the brake lines on the truck had to be replaced before hauling the boats. *Mark Toussaint made a motion to approve Equipment and Facilities from exceeding line items as long as expenditures are within the committee budget, seconded by Bill Brown and voted with all in favor.*

Watershed Management: Mr. Mayer noted that satellite imaging will be used to see effects of drawdown. He noted that FirstLight is concerned about the cost of the deep drawdown and the committee would consider recommending the use of grass carp with a shallow drawdown.

Any and All Business:

Mr. Berger began with an overview of how the CLA began its process of reviewing the various methods to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. He did note that at the meeting last month Mr. Laudenat noted that FirstLight would follow the SMP and do the



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Executive Director's Report
October 4, 2013
Larry Marsicano

The following report summarizes activities of September 5, 2013 to October 4, 2013.

Invasive Species Management

As requested at the last board meeting, a summary report has been prepared outlining milfoil management option at Candlewood Lake based on the guest presenters at our board meetings starting in May, as well as other information gathered. That report is attached and for the board to use in a discussion of the position the CLA will take on what the appropriate option is for Candlewood Lake.

On September 17th a letter was sent out to CT DEEP regarding their current regulations on the importation and release of triploid grass carp (TGC). The letter described the complex nature of Candlewood as it pertains to the regulation and requested that a meeting be scheduled so we could seek their advisement on how to proceed should the community wish to pursue TGC as a management strategy for Eurasian watermilfoil. In a recent conversation with CT DEEP I learned that they are revising the regulations that will be more appropriate for a wide range of CT waterbodies, not just smaller ones which was what they had in mind back when the regulations were being first developed.

Water Quality

At our last board meeting, it was reported by Richard Laudénat that a meeting had taken place between the CEOs and FirstLight with their consultant, Dr. George Knoecklein. Mr. Laudénat further reported that Dr. Knoecklein advised the CEOs not to have a review done of his report as it would be redundant and a waste of money. I later learned that at that meeting Dr. Knoecklein expressed to the CEOs concerns with the CLA's data. When asked to provide data substantiating his claim, Dr. Knoecklein explained that he was not prepared to share any data. A meeting has been since scheduled by the New Fairfield Department of Health Director Tim Simpkins at CT DEEP offices in Hartford that will include Dr. Knoecklein, CT DEEP's Chuck Lee, Mr. Simpkins and me to discuss claims regarding the CLA's data.

We have continued to work on an assessment of water quality trends in Candlewood Lake using 28 years of data the CLA has compiled plus data from other research. A short overview of that work will be provided at the October board meeting.

We have reached an agreement with Bluewater Satellite on purchasing some data analyses and maps of water quality. The analyses will provide an interpretation of conditions in early August of 2013 following rain total of ~1 inch from the four prior days.



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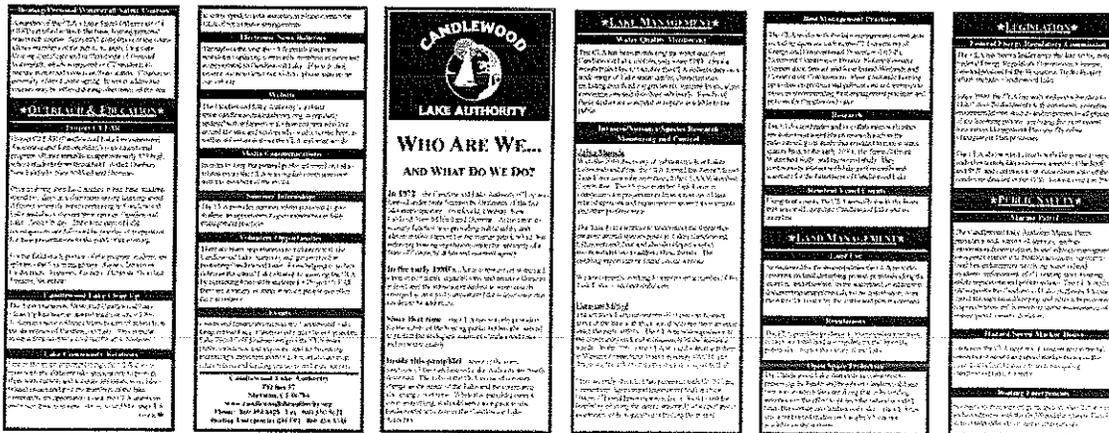
October 9, 2013
Public Education
Mark Howarth

CLA Tri-Fold Publication:

The old "Who are we and what do we do?" tri-fold about the CLA has been redesigned in an effort to create not only a more appealing piece, but also updating a document that was originally produced about 5 years ago, and had only since received minor updates. The new document may be printed here at the CLA in small numbers to begin with, but we are seeking a grant for a larger printing and distribution.

Old Format of Tri-fold Publication

The original document was designed to fill a need and help give people a better idea of what we do here at the CLA. While it does a good job providing a lot of information, the document is all text and can appear overwhelming to many, probably resulting in less people actually reading it.



New Format of Tri-fold Publication

The new format is designed to be a more visually appealing document. Much of the text of the old document has been replaced with photographs to help convey our message. The text on the document has been dramatically reduced. In all, this should be a piece that is appealing to both those who want a quick skim read and those who wish to spend a bit more time thoroughly looking through the document, thereby providing to be a more effective communication tool.