



# CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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## Minutes of Regular Meeting September 10 2014

### Attending:

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

### Absent:

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

L. Marsicano, CLA Executive Director  
F. Frattini, Administrative Coordinator  
M. Howarth, CLA Public Education Director (Arrived at 7:54PM)

Recorder: H. Berger

Guests: M. Propper, Danbury  
S. Wodarski, New Milford

Phyllis Schaer, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 7:39 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. She welcomed the guests.

**Secretary's Report:** Howie Berger, Secretary, noted there no corrections to the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting. *Harold Mayer moved to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting as written, seconded by Joe Wodarski and voted with all in favor, motion carried and minutes accepted as written.*

**Chairman's Report:** Mrs. Schaer reported that a group is going to visit Lake George on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for fact-finding on issues adaptive to Candlewood including watershed issues, aquatic invasive species and funding. She noted that the audit is still in progress and a meeting with the Treasurer, herself and the auditor is set for September 22 to go over the report. She has been meeting with the Treasurer, Bill Lohan, to revise the budget presentation, monthly report form and ideas for how capital

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equipment expenses can be presented to the Towns at budget time. She gave the delegates a list of talking points regarding the Grant for the Sterile Grass Carp. Earlier in the week she and Harold Mayer met with Northeast Utilities to discuss Vaughn's Neck/Candlewood Mountain which will be reported under Watershed Management.

**Vice Chairman's Report:** Mark Toussaint noted that there was no Public Awareness Committee meeting this month. He reported that Dragon Boat Race was a very successful event, great weather, enthusiastic crowd and just a fun day. All the volunteers and staff did a great job. Preliminary numbers look to be positive. The email fundraising letter should be ready to go out by next week.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Lohan, Treasurer, reported on some of the financial activities of the past two months. *Then he made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of Income and Expenses for the months ended July 31, 2014 and August 31, 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 months ended July 31, 2014 and August 31, 2014 has been filed for audit.*

**Executive Director:** Mr. Marsicano advised that his report is attached to these minutes.

He called attention to the Secchi Disk readings and Chlorophyll for 2013 and 2014 noting that this year is much better than last. He reported on Dr Knoecklin's presentation and advised that Dr. Knoecklin's findings were not much different than those of the CLA – there was no summary or report on those findings. It was noted that in the presentation the impacts to water quality relative to shallow versus deep drawdown were not known. Even the independent study could not find a difference in this regard.

Mrs. Schaer reported that she had attended Sherman Planning and Zoning meeting in support of a septic walkover program and not in favor of setback revisions – she noted that this was well received.

Mr. Marsicano advised that a CD compilation of documents that the CLA has prepared in regards to Lake use, Water Quality, Invasive species, etc has been prepared and sent to the CEO's and the Chairs of Land Use (Planning, Zoning, Inland/Wetlands, EIC) commissions of the five towns.

He is finishing up the Grant Application for the Sterile Grass Carp - all of the Towns have given letters of authorization and support – the Grant must be in by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Schaer read the following resolution that must accompany the grant: –

**“RESOLVED, that Laurence J. Marsicano, Executive Director of the Candlewood Lake Authority (CLA) is authorized to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the CLA the above (RESOLUTION REGARDING GRANT FROM DEEP DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES FOR CONTROL OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL FOR STOCKING TRIPLOID GRASS CARP IN CANDLEWOOD LAKE) referenced Grant application.”** *Motion to approve this resolution was made by John Hodge, seconded by Harold Mayer and voted with all in favor. Mrs. Schaer will certify the*

*Resolution for the Grant.* Mr. Marsicano advised that the date to hear back on the Grant is November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Marsicano advised the delegates about a proposal from Mr. Jim McAlister regarding the sale of a poster made with the Candlewood Lake photos from the Citizen News – Discussion followed and it was decided that this is something that the CLA does not want to partner on.

**Public Education Director:** Mark Howarth noted his report is attached and advised that he had just attended a Brookfield Chamber of Commerce event at Down the Hatch where he spoke about the lake and the Lake Authority. He added that the Dragon Boat Race was a great day and again Candlewood Isle took first place and a new team also from New Fairfield – Candlewood Dental took second. He went out on the lake with Greg Bugbee of the CT Ag Station and photographed some of the weed mapping methods and instrumentation.

Bill Tinsley, First Selectman of Brookfield stopped in for a moment and noted his support of the CLA and appreciation for all that the Authority does for the lake.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Public Safety:** Jerry Murphy, Co-Chair, reported the Patrol has had a good year. The Patrol Boats are aging and there is no plan to replace them, the radio systems will be upgraded as needed for communications with the State DEEP. The date for the Patrol Diner will be Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Club. Mr. Marsicano noted that the office has received a number of complaints of noise i.e. loud music from boats on the lake in the areas of Chicken Rock, Hollywyle and Pine Island. Discussion followed – it was noted that noise travels very far over water. John Hodge reported that he had looked into an ordinance at one point while First Selectman of New Fairfield but it did not appear that it would address the issue.

It was asked that those on the Lake George trip ask about a lake-wide rafting rule that may be in place there.

**Public Awareness:** Mark Toussaint, Co-Chair had nothing further to report.

**Equipment/Facilities:** In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Mrs. Schaer reported that the CLA has been offered a pontoon boat and it has been accepted and stored over the winter.

**Watershed Management:** Harold Mayer, Committee Chairman, reported that he and Mrs. Schaer met with Northeast Utilities regarding Vaughn's Neck/Candlewood Mountain and were sorry to learn that Skiff Mountain was put into protection in the Land Trust they had created and not Vaughn's Neck. They learned that this was due to the fact that Vaughn's Neck is rate payer owned and Skiff Mountain stock holder owned. They did learn that the Utility would be agreeable to making the present logging trail into a hiking trail and the CLA can publicize this. Mrs. Gyle noted that this is very good Public

Relations for the company. Discussion ensued on the use of quads on the trails and the damage these vehicles have caused. CL&P will be notified about this and asked to contact the Local Police to ask for enforcement of no motorized vehicles on the Trail.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Any and All Business:**

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, Harold Mayer moved to adjourn, seconded by Norma Gyle. Voted – all opposed. Motion defeated.

Mr. Propper of the audience asked two questions:

1. Timing of the triploid grass carp regulation change – December
2. Number of Sterile Grass Carp per acre – 16

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, Jerry Murphy moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Wodarski. No objections.

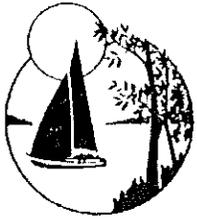
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P. M.

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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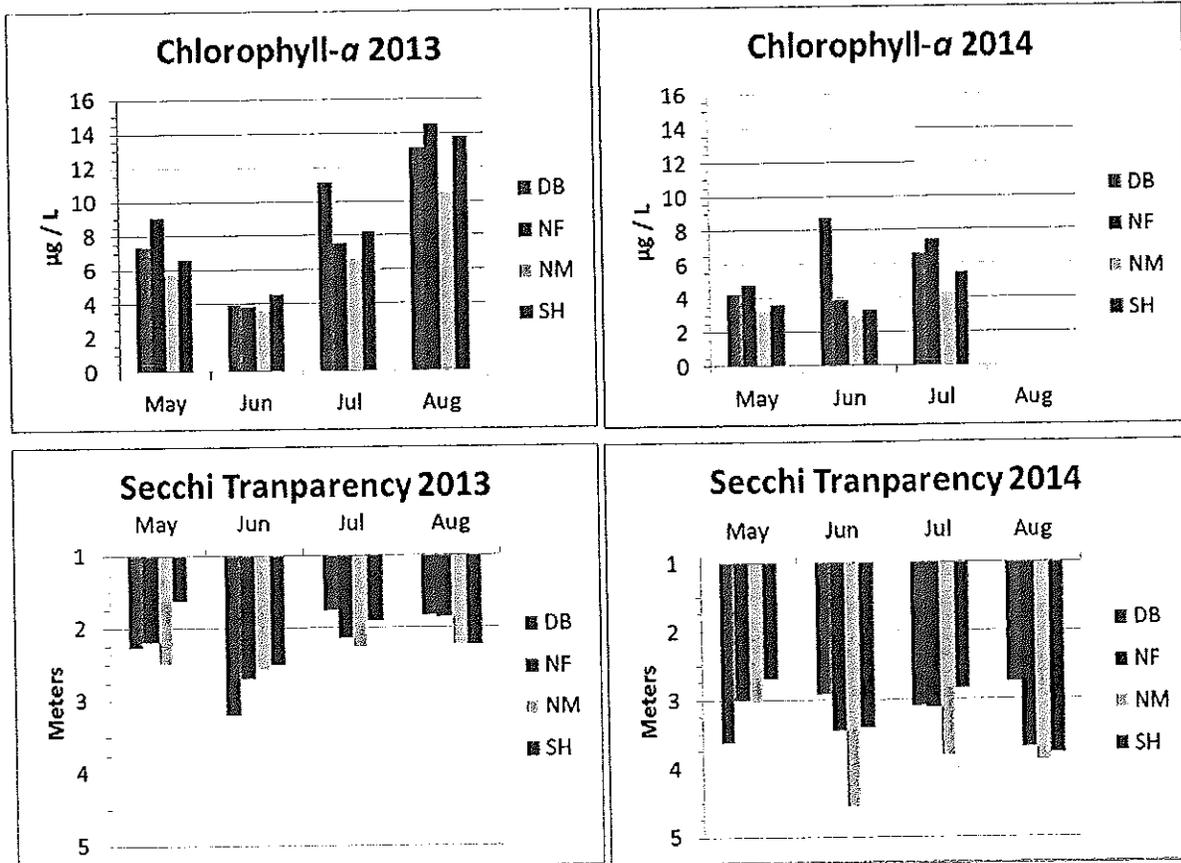
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## Executive Director's Report September 7, 2014 Larry Marsicano

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

### Water Quality

Water quality on Candlewood was most recently monitored on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Water quality continued to be exceptionally good this season with trophic indicator data (e.g. Secchi disk transparency, chlorophyll-a levels, and total phosphorus levels) for August consistent with that collected in earlier months this season.



### ***Secchi Monitoring and Volunteer Program***

The Town Beach and Volunteer Secchi Monitoring Pilot Program continues to make advancements. Two of the four town beaches where we asked Town Park and Recreation staff to collect data have provided it. Differences in Secchi transparency collected at Town Beaches in 2014 is dramatically different than that collected last year. For example, at the New Fairfield Town Beach in August of 2013, life guards measured Secchi transparency 22 times; the range of measured transparency was 137 to 376 cm; and the mean 217. In August of 2014, Secchi transparency was measured 18 times; it ranged from 241 to 308 cm; and the mean was 278 cm. A number of volunteers have also regularly measured Secchi transparency over the month of August and into September and will continue to do so into October. Two of those volunteers have begun testing the app Howie and I have been working on.

### ***Dr. Knoecklein's Presentation to CEOs***

On Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> Phyllis, Howie and I attended the presentation on water quality of Candlewood Lake by Dr. Knoecklein to the CEOs as requested by FirstLight in late July. Dr. Knoecklein presented data he collected over the last two years from the same four deep water sites the CLA has used over the last 30 years. Some of the data he presented, e.g. total phosphorus and Secchi transparency appeared within the same range that our data fall in. Dr. Knoecklein also discussed seep water sites and the samples collected at Rocky River. Total phosphorus levels from the Housatonic were reported not to be the cause of nutrient levels in Candlewood Lake. No report, summary findings or copy of presentation were provided and FirstLight stated that they intend to have George produce a report next year.

### ***AIS Grant Program***

As reported last month, we received the RFP for the Grants for Municipalities for Aquatic Invasive Plants on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Since that time we received authorization from three of the five towns and anticipate authorization from the other two by the time of our board meeting. In effort to obtain that authorization we attended Board of Selectmen meetings in New Fairfield and Sherman. We were also able to obtain a letter from FirstLight stating they had no objection to our grant submittal and provided approval to cross over project land as part of a project. We also drafted a grant for funds to stock triploid grass carp in Candlewood Lake, which should be received by the towns by the time of the board meeting. The grant application is due in Hartford to CT DEEP by Monday, September 15.

### ***CLA Document Compilations***

We were asked by one of our Committees to create a compilation of the important documents authored by the CLA and others that provide foundation of our policies and of our recommendations to the member municipalities and reflect the scope of the work of the CLA. Over 30 documents were assembled which fell under the following sections:

- Water Quality Monitoring
- Land Use, Shoreline, and Watershed Management
- Invasive Species: Eurasian Watermilfoil

- Invasive Species: Zebra Mussels
- Candlewood Lake: FERC Project #2576
- Vaughn's Neck / Candlewood Mountain
- Recreation and Economic Importance of Candlewood Lake

DVDs containing all of the documents were provided to the Chief Elected Officials and Chairmen of Land Use Commissions of the member municipalities. A DVD can be provided to members the board upon request.



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**September 10, 2014**  
**Public Education**  
**Mark Howarth**

## Dragon Boat Race:

On August 16<sup>th</sup> we had our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlewood Lake Dragon Boat Race. We had 15 teams competing, with a number of returning teams and new teams that day.

We had great weather and everything went smoothly. The UConn Taiko Drummers entertained us throughout the event, with Mustafa Alexander on the steel drums at lunch time.

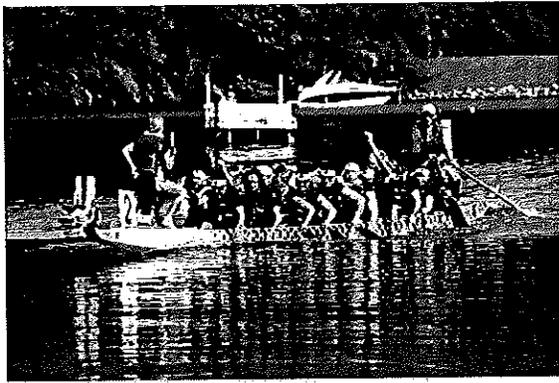
The New Milford Lions Club cooked food all day – from breakfast through lunch. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> year the New Milford Lions did the food and as always, they did a great job.

We had numerous volunteers who helped us out that day – from dock marshals who tied up the incoming dragon boats, to safety boats and other assistants. We couldn't do this without them.

At the CLA booth Phyllis and Sophie Licht helped to raise awareness about zebra mussels and other CLA activities.

All, in all it was a great day with fun competition and lots of teams celebrating a fun day on Candlewood Lake.

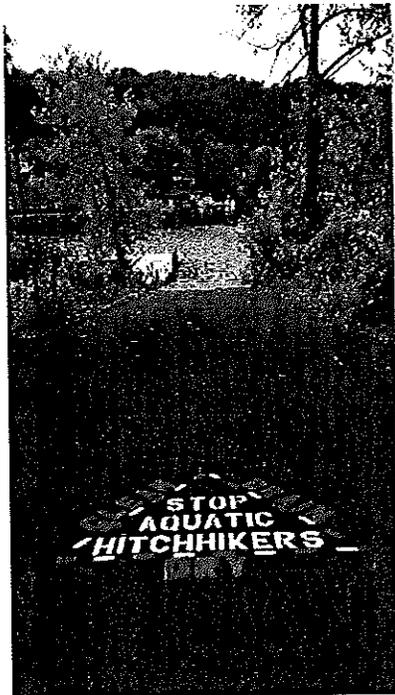




### Stenciling Program:

The CLA has received boat launch stencils from the CT DEEP which will serve to provide a highly visible message to boaters using Candlewood's launches.

The CLA has completed a number of ramp stencils around the lake, including those at Sherman, New Milford, Brookfield and Danbury town launches.



We have also completed the stenciling at Lattin's Cove state launch and we hope to be able to stencil Squantz Cove, Squantz Pond SP and NF Town Park launches shortly (currently repaving/repairs are scheduled or are being done at those launches).

