



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 8, 2012

Attending:

H. Berger	Sherman
E. Hayes	Sherman
M Toussaint	New Milford
H. Mayer	New Milford
B. Kemble	New Fairfield
J. Hodge	New Fairfield
C. Robinson	Danbury
D. Rosemark	Danbury
W. Lohan	Brookfield

Absent:

J. Murphy	Brookfield
P. Schaer	Sherman
N. Gyle	New Fairfield
C. Caridad	New Milford
E. Siergiej	Danbury
F. Cioffi	Brookfield

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

Recorder: M. Toussaint

Guests: J & S. Wodarski, New Milford
M. Propper, Danbury
B. Miller, Danbury
J. Dayton, Danbury
R. Roughley, Danbury

Howie Berger, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority to order at 7:30 P.M. at Brookfield Town Hall, Brookfield, CT. He welcomed the guests.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of the Secretary, Chairman Berger asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting moved by John Hodge, seconded by Harold Mayer and voted with all in favor. Minutes accepted as written.

Chairman's Report:

Mr. Berger noted the items that would be taken up this evening are:

- Commissioner Esty's visit to Candlewood
- Village Fair Days (New Milford)
- Dragon Boat Race

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- Dr. Kelly's update
- Public Safety Report on Swim Area Application
- Milfoil
- Dr. Knoecklein's Report on drawdown
- Committee Reports

Mr. Berger first thanked the staff – Mark Howarth, Larry Marsicano, Shannon Ring and Frances Frattini for all the work they put in to get the CLA to the New Milford Fair Days, especially Mr. Howarth for his design of the merchandise and his time in planning the booth.

He then thanked Commissioner Esty for having a “Commissioner in your Corner” at Candlewood. The Commissioner was very interested in Candlewood, Mr. Mayer noted how important it is that Vaughn's Neck be preserved “It should have been #1 and Skiff Mountain #2 instead of the other way around.” Other items they discussed with the Commissioner included improved relationship with the EnCON police thanks to Sgt. Ramos and the efforts of Deputy Commissioner Susan Frechette's work on the MOA. (Chris Robinson arrived at 7:40PM.) Other issues discussed with the Commissioner included milfoil, zebra mussels and the need for the State to be involved in getting Massachusetts on board with the research at Laurel Lake, docks on Candlewood and the position that the usage of the lake by all user groups be respected. The Commissioner advised he has an open door to all and if he is not available to call Deputy Commissioner Frechette.

Mr. Berger reported on finances noting that according to the ordinances signed by the five towns, they pay equally based on the average of the three approved budgets compared to the original CLA request. New Milford recently advised the CLA that they cannot pay the balance of \$1008.00, which is the amount above their approved budget amount, but is the amount due based on the ordinance calculation. Discussion followed. If the Authority must follow the rules then the Towns should too. It was decided to table further discussion until the September CLA Meetings.

Vice Chairman's Report: Mark Toussaint, Vice Chairman noted nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Berger noted that he expects that there will be a revised 2012/13 budget based on the approved appropriations and a plan to move forward to include donations received finalized at the Executive Committee meeting for presentation to the Authority at the September meeting.

Executive Director's Report: Written report is attached to these minutes. Areas covered included:

- The DEEP Commissioner's visit to Candlewood Lake
- Zebra Mussels
- Public Outreach – Presentations one of which resulted in a monetary gift to the CLA.
- Eurasian Water Milfoil
- Water Quality Monitoring
- WCSU Development Issues
- Swim Area Permit Application at Ta'agan Point
- NU/CL&P meeting
- Village Fair Days

He reported that Friday a group will be visiting the lake to discuss herbicide treatment.

Mr. Hodge reported that FirstLight and the Town of New Fairfield paid for Dr. Knoecklein's report and the other towns may be needed to help fund the follow up work that he needs to do to help answer some of the questions his research found such as clarity has gone from very good to poor and phosphorus has increased – Why?

Mr. Marsicano asked the delegates to contact their legislators to support bonding for the Connecticut Lakes Grant Program that has been approved by the Legislature but has not been put on the agenda of the Bonding Commission. Contact Mr. Marsicano for more information.

Finally, he reported on a phone call from a lakeside resident with a dead deer on the shore – he contacted FirstLight about its removal and was advised by FirstLight's Land Manager that FirstLight's policy is to manage their lands in the natural state and that FirstLight would issue a permit to those wanting to remove a dead deer from property below the 440.

Public Education Director's Report: Mark Howarth's written report is attached to these minutes. He noted that New Milford Village Fair Days was a good place to interact with the public regarding the CLA. Prior to the rain the CLA merchandise sold well and information was given to many people. He noted that they learned a lot and came away with plenty of ideas for next year.

The Dragon Boat Race is Saturday August 18th and there are 18 teams signed up. There are many volunteer opportunities at the Race, so please contact him at the office to help out.

Prior to the Committee Reports Mr. Berger gave the guests a chance to ask questions or comment:

Mr. Propper asked if the Patrol had given out any citations on the new 26' rule – he was advised that the law has not yet gone into effect.

Mr. Wodarski asked if merchandise is available only at events. Mr. Howarth noted that plans are for it to be at local Marinas on consignment and that the CLA is looking into web sales. It will not be direct sales.

Committee Reports:

Watershed Management: Committee Chair, Harold Mayer thanked Mr. Hodge for the meeting with Dr. Knoecklein on the milfoil. He reported on a lunch meeting with Sri Madhusudhan of Northeast Utilities and their discussion on adding Vaughn's Neck to the Land Trust – he noted that NU is planning on a trail system from Sherman to the bottom of Vaughn's Neck and he believes that it will be in the Land Trust "in his lifetime". She will be back in September for a tour of the lake.

Public Safety: Ed Hayes noted that the POST Certified Lake Patrol officers will be appointed Constables in the Town of Sherman at the August BOS meeting. He has sent a letter to Mayor Murphy, New Milford, about a waiver of the charges at the NM Recycling Center for debris picked up by the CLA from around the lake, awaiting a reply.

He next reported that the Public Safety Committee had visited the site of the application for a swim area permit at 57 Ta'Agan Point Road, Danbury and it is the opinion of the committee that to use the area requested as a swim area would pose a highly unsafe situation and therefore the committee would not recommend approval of the application. Mr. Roughley from the audience asked what is the recourse of the applicant whose application is not approved. Mr. Berger explained the FirstLight permit process, Town Inland Wetland/EIC application process and FERC. Discussion followed. DEEP has recourse if something in the water is deemed a hazard to navigation. Jennifer Hudson spoke to the issue noting that she has a permitted dock and fishing boats do fish on both sides of the dock.

Ms. Hudson, Ms. Miller and Mr. Roughley left at 8:50 PM

Public Awareness: Mark Toussaint, Committee Chair had nothing to report.

Ed Hayes did report that he had received feedback on the dinner event for next fall – he has a committee formed consisting of himself (Sherman), Dan Rosemark (Danbury), Jerry Murphy (Brookfield), Norma Gyle (New Fairfield) and non-delegate members Susan Murphy and Glenn Hofsess. He noted that the consultant Jack Doyle has offered his services pro-bono. He advised that they have agreed that the venue should be the Candlewood Inn and that a thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) deposit is needed to reserve the date. Discussion followed. Ed Hayes made a motion for approval of an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) as the deposit for Candlewood Inn provided it is refundable within 45 days with the funds to come from the reserve account upon approval of the CLA Treasurer, seconded by Mark Toussaint and voted with all in favor. Mr. Hayes will check on what amount is required for the second deposit. Mr. Berger asked if they could keep the price where a more diverse group could attend. They plan on doing a revenue model of the event.

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

Any and All Business:

Mr. Berger noted that at the Executive Committee Meeting it was brought up that the CLA needs to refund the line item in the reserve accounts for the replacement of patrol boats/motors. Discussion followed. The CLA needs a mechanism to be able to replace an engine or boat when the time comes, it could be fundraising, grants or a line item. The members of the CLA are not fundraisers. There needs to be a solution on how to do this.

With no further business to come before the Candlewood Lake Authority, John Hodge moved to adjourn, seconded by Harold Mayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Siergiej 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
August 2, 2012
Larry Marsicano***

The following report summarizes activities of July 9, 2012 to August 2, 2012.

VISIT BY CT DEEP COMMISSIONER ESTY

Commissioner Esty, Deputy Commissioner Frechette, and a number of other CT DEEP staff visited Candlewood Lake on July 17th. CLA provided transportation for the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and others from Gerard's Waters Edge Marina out on the lake and back. During the tour CLA had the opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues with the Commissioner and his staff. We are currently following up with them on some of those issues.

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT – ZEBRA MUSSELS

Veliger sampling on Candlewood, Lillinonah, and Zoar occurred the weeks of July 9th and 23rd and are scheduled for the week of August 6th. Samples continued to be analyzed in the WCSU laboratory. We also continue to train WCSU and other students to do the analyses as well. Veligers have been consistently observed in Zoar, in Lillinonah to a lesser degree, and not at all in Candlewood samples. A new method of sampling in the Housatonic River is being tested and there have been some signs of it being more useful.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This past month I was scheduled and provided public presentations for a wide range of audiences:

- Matson Financial Advisors, Inc. clients on August 19th and 26th
- Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Danbury program on July 26th
- New Milford Rotary Club on July 31st

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT – EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

I was asked by New Fairfield First Selectman John Hodge to set up a meeting of parties that could discuss Dr. Knoecklein's report and alternative/supplemental Eurasian watermilfoil control measures. That meeting is scheduled for August 6th and will include Dr. George Knoecklein, Greg Bugbee, CT DEEP's Chuck Lee, John and myself.

WATER QUALITY & BACTERIA MONITORING

Bacteria sites are visited and samples collected each Tuesday. Water quality was monitored on July 25. Candlewood Lake has experienced poor water quality in recent weeks.

WCSU DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

We assisted in coordinating and participated in a July 25th evening tour and dinner on the Lake with WCSU President Jim Schmotter, other WCSU staff, faculty and students, and potential supporters of lake research by WCSU faculty and students. Also participating were Brookfield Delegate Jerry Murphy and his wife (and former Delegate) Susan, as well as former CLA Delegate and Chairman Patrick Callahan and his wife Andrea.

REVIEW OF PROPOSAL AND SITE FOR SWIM AREA AT TA'AGAN POINT ROAD

On July 20th Ed Hayes, Doug Vane and I visited 57 Ta'agan Point Road for proposed swim area. We were visited by Ms. Jen Dayton of 59 Ta'agan Point Road and owners of the 80' X 60' foot dock who expressed displeasure with her neighbor making the application for the swim area. Ms. Dayton later emailed request a time to meet to discuss the application and how it might impact her. Calls were returned as were emails. In response to email, Ms. Dayton explained that she would be attending the board meeting.

NU / CL&P

Harold Mayer and I met with representatives from NU, including their Director of Real Estate and Corporate Property Management, on July 25th to discuss open space issues and plans for Vaughn's Neck. Another meeting in September is being tentatively set up and both Harold and I will be invited to their event inaugurating their Land Trust in the fall.

VILLAGE FAIR DAYS

CLA at Village Fair Days was a worth-while effort, despite weather. Kudos to Frances, Shannon, and especially Mark for their work on this.



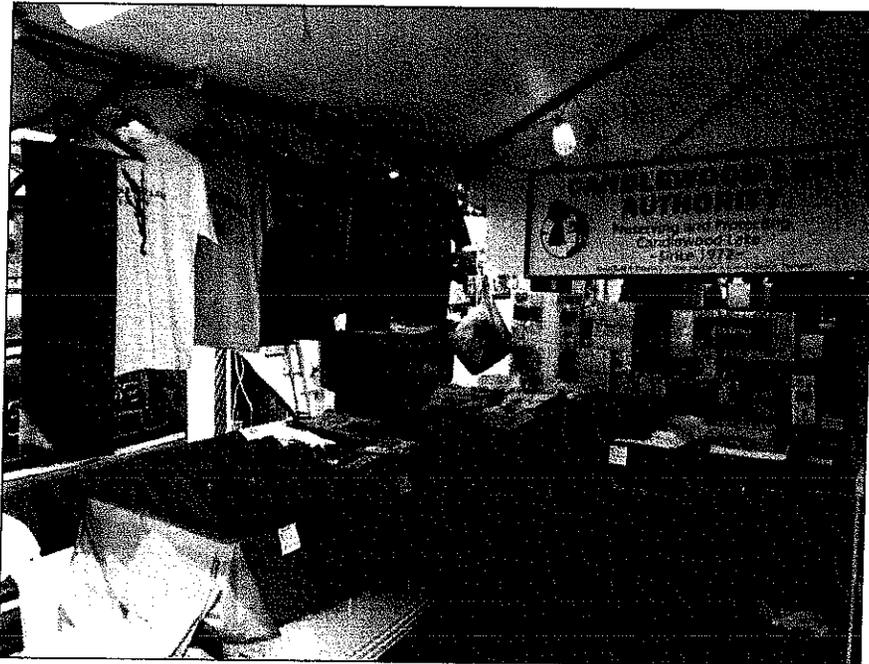
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Village Fair Days:

The CLA participated in Village Fair Days in New Milford this year. The event ran on Friday July 27th and Saturday July 28th, from 10AM to 10PM. The CLA had a booth at the event both days where we had information for the public about the different programs we have and the things we are involved with here at the Lake Authority. We also had a number of items for sale at the event – a variety of Candlewood Lake t-shirts, beach towels and hats. Unfortunately, on Saturday at 2pm a huge storm blew in and the downpour drove the crowds away. It rained lightly afterwards until after 6pm, effectively ending the event at 2pm on Saturday, which up until the rains was proving to be a much busier day than Friday.



Dragon Boat Race:

The 4th Annual Candlewood Lake Dragon Boat Race is being held on Saturday August 18th. We've had 16 teams register so far with a few others we know of that are either working on forming or are expected to register. We are still hoping to get more registrations in as we draw closer to the event. Additionally we are seeking additional volunteers to help us out that day. All volunteers should register on our race site.

