



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of CLA SPECIAL Meeting

October 14, 2020, 6:00PM

via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Attending:

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| P. Schaer | Sherman |
| D. Cushnie | Sherman |
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| J. Main | New Fairfield |
| B. Licht | New Fairfield |
| J. Archer | New Fairfield |
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| M. Gaffey | Brookfield |
| W. Lohan | Brookfield |
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| C. Robinson | Danbury |
| D. Rosemark | Danbury |
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| S. Kluge | New Milford |
| M. Toussaint | New Milford |
| J. Wodarski | New Milford |

Absent:

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| E. Siergiej | Danbury |
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M. Howarth, Executive Director
 N. Stalter, Director of Ecology and Environmental Science
 J. Usher, Administrative Coordinator
 N. Mellas, Assistant Chief, CLAMP
 H. Dyson, Captain, CLAMP

Recorder: Jeannine Usher

Guests: 2

Phyllis Schaer called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Public Comment:

Danette Donofrio discussed a lake stewardship program scheduled for October 19th at 7pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Schaer made a motion to approve all the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Dan Rosemark with all voting in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Lohan made a motion to approve reimbursing expenses for Steve Kluge totaling \$134.83 seconded by Joe Wodarski with all voting in favor.

The audit is wrapping up, with a first pass on November 1st and subsequent review at the CLA meeting on November 18th.

Ms. Schaer made a motion to release from our capital item equipment fund an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the purchase of up to 2 boats for the 2021 season, seconded by Steve Kluge with all voting in favor.

CLA Strategic Task Force

Marianne Gaffey thanked everyone for their efforts with the recent work and time and efforts put in.

Ms. Gaffey suggested scheduling a CLA meeting in 2 weeks to provide updates from towns.

CLAMP

Ms. Schaer would like to form an ad hoc committee on hiring a new Patrol Chief. Approval is required from DEEP. The Ad Hoc Committee will consist of herself, Mark Howarth, Bill Licht, Joe Wodarski, Chris Robinson, and Joan Archer.

Vice Chairman's Report

Mark Toussaint updated the delegates that they plan to request a supplemental grass carp stocking in the spring. Neil Stalter is estimating how many carp are presently in the lake and determine what we need to add and coordinate with DEEP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Nick Mellas reported that someone on the patrol resigned. He suggested hiring 5 additional LPO's to join the 8 LPO's that were hired this year.

Joe Wodarski made a motion to place an Ad for the lake patrol positions, seconded by Dan Rosemark with all voting in favor.

Ms. Schaer made a motion to temporarily suspend any requirement to post print ads for lake patrol officers in the newspaper, seconded by Marianne Gaffey with all voting in favor.

Equipment & Facilities

Doug Cushnie plans to hire temporary help to assist with buoy removal. This expense will come from his budget line 200.

Public Awareness

A task force has been formed to upgrade the CLA's social media presence. Options for the annual appeal are being reviewed.

Phyllis Schaer said we will cancel the end of the year patrol dinner because of COVID.

Neil Stalter noted the AIS grant program is not open yet. Neil is seeking board approval for an Eagle Scout Project in Sherman.

Ms. Gaffey made a motion to approve of and support a new Eagle Scout Project involving the installation of an Invasive Species Disposal Station in Sherman Town Park, seconded by Doug Cushnie with voting all in favor.

New delegates from Sherman and Brookfield will be joining the CLA soon.

Ms. Schaer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Kluge with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Gaffey, Secretary
Jeannine Usher, Administrative Coordinator
r/b/mh

These minutes are not considered official until they have been approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority.