

**LAKE LILLINONAH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2009
PRELIMINARY MINUTES - Approved**

CALL TO ORDER

William Davidson, Chairman, determined a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Present:

Sharon Ward – New Milford	Sara Howard - Roxbury
William Davidson – Brookfield	Bryan Piepho - Southbury
Brian Boodry – Brookfield	Bernd Woerner - Bridgewater
Alexis Hawley – Brookfield	Arthur Niedzielski - Newtown
Joe Briody – Bridgewater (arrived 8:12 PM)	

Not Present:

David Kendall – New Milford	Ron Faanes – Roxbury
Shannon Young – Roxbury	Gerry Simmons – Southbury
Ross Carley – Newtown	Linda Leaden – New Milford

Also Present:

George Walker – Friends of the Lake (FOTL)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 5, 2009 were reviewed. It was noted that the date on the minutes should be changed from May 4 to reflect correct meeting date which was May 5, 2009.

Motion by Brian Boodry to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 5, 2009 with correction as noted. The motion was seconded by Arthur Niedzielski and carried unanimously.

William Davidson suggested that a preliminary copy of the minutes of our monthly meetings be posted by Jerry Simmons on the member-only portion of the website. A copy of the preliminary minutes will be sent with the agenda near the end of the month to all members prior to the next month's meeting. A final copy of the official approved minutes will then be posted on the LLA and LLA member's only website.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

William Davidson reported that Hans Schiessl, husband of former Chairman Ann Schiessl, passed away. The members offered their condolences.

Mr. Joel Zeisler from the Leaps of Faith Water Ski Club has notified the Authority that they have decided to use an alternate site for their disabled veterans' event and thanked the LLA for their cooperation.

William Davidson announced that the Friends of the Lake were sponsoring a Family Day on August 1st from 11:30-2:30 PM. There will be a \$5 charge for a barbeque and water sport demonstrations. The event will take place at the Newtown Boat Launch with a rain date of August 2nd.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

William Davidson reported for Shannon Young that all regular buoys were in place. He is finalizing the paperwork to be sent to DEP for the new buoys.

Water Edge Restoration, owned by Bruce Lockhart, has been hired to set the buoys.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Briody was not present at this point in the meeting. William Davidson indicated that the Treasurer's report would be sent via e-mail to the members.

BOATING AND SAFETY

Brian Boodry presented the Patrol report for the month of May. Expenses totaling approximately \$4500 include administration, boat storage, fuel and equipment maintenance. Bryan Piepho asked how many patrol assistants were employed this year. The response was that there were seven assistants, who were mostly return employees.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board decided on making a donation to the CT Fund for the Environment in recognition of Hans Schiessl. An "edible arrangement" will also be sent to his wife Ann as soon as possible.

William Davidson stated that a final public hearing had been held at on the Shoreline Management Plan to be submitted to FERC by FirstLight Power. The plan includes the elimination of any fee proposals. Stakeholders have been asked to sign and return a letter of support for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Motion by Brian Piepho to approve "the purpose of this letter is to express the undersigned's affirmative support of the Revised SMP that is being submitted by FirstLight on or before June 30, 2009. We hereby urge FERC to promptly approve the Revised SMP without modification as soon as practicable." The motion was seconded by Sharon Ward and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Dock Fees at Barkwood Fees

William Davidson explained that last year Barkwood Falls had intended to send notification to the Lake Lillinonah Authority that fees would be increased to \$2000 for 2009. Research shows that this notification was never sent. A letter has already been received that the fees will now increase to \$2000 for next year, 2010. This increase will be considered when LLA prepares its budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The Authority considered sending an extra \$500 to \$1000 to Barkwood Falls Association as requested as a sign of good faith but declined.

Personal Flotation Devices

The Authority discussed the legal status of personal flotation devices for rowers. The State of Connecticut has adopted the Federal law for waterways, although States can adopt their own standards for unique and hazardous conditions.

The Coast Guard has been asked to issue a confirmation that they accept Connecticut's PFD exception ruling and will have a determination within three weeks, according to Eleanor Mariani.

GMS will be staging Olympic level tryouts this summer and the ruling by the Coast Guard will be considered by the LLA in monitoring safety issues for the rowers.

Vote on \$4000 (40%) Share to Support 319 Grant

William Davidson reviewed information regarding George Knoecklein, a qualified limnologist, doing testing of Lake Lillinonah for the DEP under a 319 Grant. The grant requires that the LLA provide 40% of the 2-year study which will cost \$20,000 total. The DEP will fund \$12,000 and the LLA's share would be \$8000 over the two years.

A question at the previous meeting was raised asking what the studies have done for the Lake Lillinonah Authority. It was pointed out that enforcement work on the Danbury Sewage Treatment Plant is a result.

William Davidson recommended that the LLA continue their participation in the 319 Grant. Bryan Piepho discussed putting something proactive to improve the Lake. He told the Authority that the State already requires the Danbury Sewage Treatment Plant to use the best possible practices. He questioned where in the budget funds were available for more testing.

William Davidson stated that there is \$5000 in the budget for water testing.

Sharon Ward stated that the studies would document whether there is a reduction in phosphates. William Davidson said that this is the most important use of funds and years have been spent gathering prior information.

George Walker (FOTL) reminded the members that the FOTL has hired George Knoecklein to gather data on the Still River regarding water quality.

Vote on \$2000 (50% share) to Support CCA Update of Shoreline Study

Three years ago CCA did a comprehensive shoreline study for \$10,000. The purpose of the update would be to show any changes to the current status. The proposed cost would be \$2000 which is a 50% share with FOTL. Sara Howard reported that CCA already has a signed contract with FOTL.

Vote on \$3400 to Support CCA Study of Wake Effects on Shoreline

Bryan Piepho has proposed a Littoral Zone Study by CCA to monitor the effect of boat wakes on different water zones. A Littoral Zone proposal has been requested by DEP from FirstLight Power. DEP has the power to set the water level on the Lake.

Art Niedzielski asked whether boat wakes at low water levels might actually show more damage by way of bank erosion.

Joe Briody questioned whether a study is really needed and suggested that a video of the wake effects on the shoreline could be made by the Lake Lillinonah Authority.

Sharon Ward said that the Littoral Zone Study as proposed by Bryan Piepho sounded like a reasonable study to support.

At this point in the meeting the difficulties in preparing a budget in November of one year for the following Fiscal Year which anticipates expenditures such as these proposals was discussed. Joe Briody reviewed the status of any surplus which might exist for the end of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

William Davidson told the Authority that although all three proposed studies have merit, there were not enough funds in the budget to accomplish them all at this time. He

felt that the priority should be given to the support of the 319 Grant. The \$5000 in the budget for water testing could be used to fund the grant.

He also proposed that the FOTL be told that LLA needs to close out this Fiscal Year before we know if there is another \$2000 available to share the CCA update of the shoreline study. The Authority did feel strongly that it needs to keep ownership of the shoreline study, but would be willing to share with FOTL.

William Davidson proposed a compromise on the Littoral Zone Study. He suggested that members of the Authority take representatives of DEP out on the Lake and ask them whether the Littoral Zone Study as proposed by LLA would enhance DEP's position.

Motion by Bryan Piepho to table the expenditure of \$3400 for a study of the wake effects on the shoreline until the July meeting. The motion was seconded by William Davidson and carried unanimously.

Motion by Joseph Briody to table the expenditure of \$2000 to support an update of the CCA shoreline study until the current budget year is over. The motion was seconded by Bryan Piepho and carried unanimously.

There was further discussion on the 319 Grant. Alexis Hawley asked if the DEP would use George Knoecklein to complete the study without the support of LLA. The response was that they would not.

Motion by William Davidson to approve an expenditure of \$4000 in support of the 319 Grant. The motion was seconded by Joseph Briody.

Vote on the motion: In Favor – 7

Opposed – 2; Alexis Hawley and Bryan Piepho

Motion carried.

George Walker reported for the FOTL that the recent Lake clean-up was a successful event. 2 ½ containers were filled up and 20-25 tires were removed from the Lake.

Motion by Art Niedzielski to adjourn at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Giordano,
Administrative Assistant

These minutes are not considered official until approved at the next Regular Meeting of the Lake Lillinonah Authority.

The next Regular Meeting of the Lake Lillinonah Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Brookfield Town Hall.