

DRAFT
PRELIMINARY LAKE LILLINONAH AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL
7:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young began the meeting at 7:40pm. Members Present: S. Young, B. Boodry, J. Simmons, J. Briody, S. Bowman, S. Howard, B. Piepho, J. Ginnity, G. Pettricone, R. Carley, L. Leaden, and B. Woerner.

Absent Member: A. Haas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by R. Carley, seconded by S. Bowman, to approve the Lake Lillinonah Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: S. Young introduced K. Seeley, and S. Conant (Friends of the Lake)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Young had no report for this month.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: First Vice Chairman B. Boodry had no report for this month.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: J. Simmons stated that he has received only informational calls regarding Lake Lillinonah.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Briody stated that the worker's compensation audit was completed over the internet. He discussed the liability coverage; stating that the coverage would cover the patrol for using a defibrillator or traction board as long as officers had been trained prior to performing procedures. K. Seeley state that defibrillators require a battery change every two years. J. Briody reported on profit and loss vs. actual, balance sheet, and monthly expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Report from Ross Carley on Solid Waste Transfer Station in Newtown: R. Carley stated that Chris Liddy was invited to the Lake Lillinonah Authority Meeting to discuss the Solid Waste Transfer Station in Newtown, but was not sure if he would be attending. R. Carley stated that the town got a court injunction for which the railroad is not complying with. Chris Liddy (106th District State Representative), Richard Blumenthal, and Chris Murphy are now involved. The railroad is going by eminent domain of the railroad station and that they can do whatever they want 50ft. on either side of the track which was given to them in the 1800's. Jodi Rell sided with the railroad and Chris Liddy brought it to the House and got 2/3 majority and overturned it and are back in court again. R. Carley also stated that there is traffic with trucks with dumpsters carrying hazardous materials up RT. 25 and dumping into open area and onto the edge of the aquifer. They are not accepting responsibility, but

offered to pull it back from the pond's edge and to work with DEP to clean it up. R. Carley stated that he is pushing for monthly water testing to be performed on the pond.

2. Report from Kevin Seeley: K. Seeley spoke to the Authority on the drowning incident on July 5, 2010 on Lake Lillintonah. K. Seeley read aloud the police report. He also discussed the 911 procedure when a call is received from a residence vs. a cell phone. K. Seeley also spoke about the Brookfield Dive Team, which is an organization within the Brookfield Police Department. Equipment is housed on a donated Hart Bus located at the Brookfield Fire Department. K. Seeley stated that the State Dive Team has advanced equipment using sonar.

3. Acquisition of New Boat: G. Pettricone has been working closely with K. Seeley regarding the acquisition of a new boat. G. Pettricone stated that he has put together a list of equipment that is currently on the old boat and he has updated the list to what is needed today to submit to manufacturers. Greg looked at the Justice and the Guardian. Guardian is not speced with flood lights on top, but the Justice was speced with lights on the t-top. There are differences in fuel size tanks, and both have a 10 year warranty on the hull. The consensus from the members was to order a boat with two strobes. K. Seeley stated, that in his opinion, a new trailer is not needed. He also stated that he would like to see the new boat equipped like the Boston Whaler as he is very happy with this boat. G. Pettricone will be attending the upcoming boat show. Three bids are required for the purchase of the new boat. The timeline for this purchase would be as follows; at the November 2010 meeting three proposals will be presented, at the December 2010 meeting a vote will be held on which boat to purchase, and ordering by January 2011.

4. Presentation of Budget: J. Briody presented the proposed 2011/2012 budget. He stated that in the 2009-2010 actual 128,504 was collected from the towns. The approved budget was for \$131,200, but was not met due to shortfalls from a few of the towns. Operating total spent was \$106,334. J. Briody proposed to keep the budget flat for 2011-2012 due to tough economic times. J. Briody also stated that administrative expenses have been lowered from last year's budget to closer match what was actually spent. In 2009/2010 administrative expense was \$4,324 and the budget number was significantly higher, closer to \$11,000. In 2011-2012 administrative expense will be budgeted at \$8,000 as the Executive Board will be having increased meetings with the auditors. Water quality has remained at \$35,000. \$2,200 has been budgeted for water treatments; \$4,000 for fish stocking, and \$4,000 for water testing. The decrease in administrative expenses was placed in the patrol budget for further training for officers. Salaries were brought closer to where the 2009-2010 actuals were. The operating total is \$122,700 which is approximately 15% higher than the operating total from 2009-2010. J. Briody stated the proposed town's contribution will be the same as 2010-2011. The budget will be discussed further in Executive Session.

K. Seeley stated that patrol officers have been working the patrol for Candlewood Lake instead of Lake Lillintonah due to Candlewood Lake rate of pay being higher. S. Ward went on record stating the importance of covering patrol hours. This issue will be discussed in Executive Session.

5. Report on meeting with DEP, LLA, and FOTL: S. Young stated that he, Greg Pettricone, B. Woerner, S. Conant, C. Lee, and P. Stacey met with the DEP. S. Conant stated that the purpose of the meeting was to get all out on the lake to view the algae; specifically by Poison Ivy Island. He also stated that there was algae by Poison Ivy Lake, but with the rain and cold weather the algae had 80% disappeared. They witnessed some algae in Barkwood Falls by the community docks and went up above Poison Ivy Island. A secchi disk was used and readings were taken along the way. Readings taken from Barkwood Falls was 1 ½ meters. A reading was also taken at Poison Ivy Island, in the shade at 1 ½ meters. North through Lovers Leap the secchi reading was 1/2 meter. Physical samples were taken along Lover's Leap. S. Conant said that volunteers have been out on the lake all summer taking pictures and readings. This data will be available shortly. A reading was taken above the Still River at 1 ¾ meters. S. Young stated that there will be no more funding from DEP for George Knoecklein. If George Knoecklein's services were required, Lake Lillinonah would need to come up with 100% of the funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Buoy Permits: S. Howard stated that pertinent information has been sent in and that the final DEP inspection is set for September 14, 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS: S. Conant, Friends of the Lake, asked for the Lake Lillinonah Authority member's support of his application to the CT DEP to install a water ski slalom course on Lake Lillinonah. He stated that the application would be for the installation of a water ski slalom course approximately 7/10ths of a mile north of the Shepaug Dam, located parallel to the western shoreline. He also stated that the course will be either a permanent or portable slalom course to be used several times per week during hours that are allowed by CT boating regulations. S. Conant reported that the course will be located to be in compliance with all safety and environmental guidelines required by the DEP.

A motion was made by S. Ward, seconded by G. Pettricone, to support S. Conant in his application to the CT DEP to install a water ski slalom course on Lake Lillinonah. Motion was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by B. Boodry, seconded by B. Woerner, to Adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 9:30 pm.