



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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Minutes of CLA Regular Meeting December 8, 2021 - 7:30PM ZOOM

Attending:

D. Cushnie
M. O'Connor

Sherman
Sherman

J. Main

New Fairfield (*joined @ 7:42*)

B. Licht
J. Archer

New Fairfield
New Fairfield

M. Gaffey
B. Lohan
W. Meikle

Brookfield
Brookfield
Brookfield

Absent:

P. Schaer

Sherman

C. Robinson
E. Siergiej
D. Rosemark

Danbury
Danbury
Danbury

S. Kluge

New Milford

M. Toussaint
J. Wodarski

New Milford
New Milford

M. Howarth, Executive Director
N. Stalter, Director of Ecology & Environmental Science
J. Usher, Administrative Coordinator
N. Mellas, Chief, CLAMP
M. Gasperino, Operations Manager

Recorder: Jeannine Usher

Guests: 1

Chairman, Marianne Gaffey called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Donohue thanked everyone for their hard work.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill Lohan noted that The Treasurer's Report was not sent yet, therefore it was removed from the consent agenda.

Bill Licht made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Bill Lohan, with all voting in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Bill Lohan)

Mr. Lohan made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2022-2023 as presented, seconded by Steve Kluge with all voting in favor.

CLAMP (Chief Nick Mellas)

An end of the year report was created. Chief Mellas is wrapping up annual reviews.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Bill Licht)

In 2022, the Public Safety Committee meetings will be changed from 7:00pm to 3:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

(Jeff Main joined at 7:42pm)

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES (Doug Cushnie)

The CLA docks and Ark were removed from the water. The jet skis are in for repairs.

PUBLIC AWARENESS (Joan Archer)

The annual report is at the printer and will be mailed. Over \$6,500 was raised on Giving Tuesday on Nov. 30, 2021. Subscribers and social media numbers are up. Annual report information will also be published on the website.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (Steve Kluge and Neil Stalter)

FirstLight submitted the intermediate drawdown request to FERC which will be an additional 2-4 feet deeper than a shallow drawdown. Neil Stalter is working on the Annual Water Quality Report and Lake Steward Program Report for a presentation early in 2022.

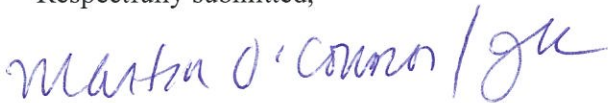
NEW BUSINESS**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

Marianne Gaffey made a motion to approve the current slate of officers, seconded by Will Meikle, with all voting in favor.

ADJOURN

Mr. Licht made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kluge, with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin O'Connor / gk".

Martin O'Connor, Secretary
Jeannine Usher, Administrative Coordinator

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



Chairman's Report

December 2021

Budget

We have finalized a recommended budget for 2022-2023 to be presented to the BOD at the December meeting. A significant amount of work has gone into creating a conservative budget to provide the services necessary to meet our mission, plan for the future and reduce the funding requested from the towns. I thank every member of the BOD for their dedication to the CLA and all the users of the lake.

Public Relations

We launched our first Giving Tuesday campaign which raised over \$6,000! The Annual Appeal letter has been written and will be mailed out soon.

Base

Martin has been leading a project to determine what we might need and want for a possible new base. Thank you to Nick and Doug for their assistance to pull this together in a cohesive document.

Public Safety

After the significant challenges on the lake during the summer of 2020, we saw a dramatic difference on many fronts during the 2021 season. The addition of the new Silver Ships, additional patrol hours and shifts, strategic focus on problem areas and proactive leadership from Chief Mellas combined to create a significantly safer and calmer lake. Nick has distributed an excellent end of season report that highlights the many challenges and accomplishments of the patrol this summer. Thank you to Nick and Henry for a great season!

Marianne Gaffey

Chair, Candlewood Lake Authority



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Executive Director
Mark Howarth

Monthly Report

2022/2023 Proposed Budget

We have completed the budget preparation process this past month and look forward to the next steps: CLA board presentation and vote followed by our presentation of our proposed budget to our 5 municipalities. Many thanks to all of the board members who worked so hard on this budget. Several delegates and I also attended the Danbury Budget Kickoff (virtual) meeting.

EOY Annual Report

We devoted significant time to come up with what we believe will be a better format to relay a summary of our activity this past year to area residents. With the 2021 End of Year Annual Report now complete, we will distribute that through both a physical mailing as well as make it available through electronic formats. We look forward to what we hope is a positive response from our efforts.

NALMS 2021

This year, the North American Lakes Management Society's Annual Symposium was once again virtual due to the pandemic. Neil and I attended the conference and a number of the presentations, choosing ones that were most applicable to us. While not the same as an in-person conference, they did a good job with a challenging situation and the information presented and knowledge shared was, as usual, quite valuable. One benefit of the virtual conference format is that the different presentations are accessible for several months following the conference conclusion.

Patrol Vessel Update

With our second Silver Ships boat in production, we received some news that there are some anticipated, pandemic-related, supply chain delays with the manufacturing of our motor. After discussions with a number of people within the CLA, we have decided that rather than change

to a different motor we will stay with what we ordered. We have been extremely happy with the motor and setup on our current boat and want the second boat to be the same. We are hopeful that the delays are resolved quickly.

CLA 50th Logo

With the CLA about to celebrate 50 years next year, we have been working on updating our logo to reflect that anniversary. In the process, we are also “cleaning up” our logo which has had some elements of it degrade when transferred from analog to digital and likely copied numerous times. We look forward to unveiling the 50th Anniversary logo next month!

FirstLight Meeting

Marianne, Joan and I met with Len Green to catch up in an effort to keep communication lines open between us all and maintain the progress we have made in building a positive working relationship in the interest of bettering the lake.

Giving Tuesday

On Giving Tuesday we asked people to consider donating to the CLA, and we were very successful. Thank you to Jeannine for getting the word out, and to Neil who helped as well...and of course thank you to all who donated that day!



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J. Neil Stalter

Director of Ecology and Environmental Education

Candlewood Lake Authority

Re: December Meeting: Monthly Report

Date: 12/8/2021

- We have all of the results from the 2021 Water Quality Monitoring! I have begun writing the report for the 2021 monitoring, and once that is complete, I will send to the entire board for their review and approval, at which point we can send to DEEP, FirstLight, and post on our website.
 - I will then use that report to make a presentation for the board, which I suspect will be either during the February or March board meeting.
- I have begun writing the final report for this year's lake steward program, which is one of the requirements for the DEEP grant. I plan to complete this report by the January board meeting, and will send it to the board by then.
 - We are finalizing the contract paperwork to submit to DEEP to begin the process of reimbursing the work from this past summer.
- I recently wrote a drawdown article that we sent out via email and posted on our social media and website. The response has been extremely positive from the community, as well as some of our stakeholders like FirstLight! Thanks to Mark and Marianne for helping edit and make it as good as possible.
 - I'm working on adding a drawdown



page to the website that is mostly the same as the article, but adapted so it doesn't need to be updated every year, for residents and visitors to understand the drawdown.

- FirstLight officially submitted the updated plan for the intermediate drawdown to FERC, and we plan to undergo another zebra mussel search during the drawdown this year with volunteers.
- Mark and I attended NALMS virtually in November, and I enjoyed learning a lot from other lake scientists, universities, and lake associations from around North America! I attended a workshop that was a deep dive into lake aeration/mechanical mixing. While Candlewood isn't a good candidate for most of these projects, it was still incredibly valuable information, and is at the cutting edge of a lot of lake management.
- I met with Brian from FirstLight, who gave me first drafts of the flyover maps from this year's boat counts. The maps look great, and they will be adding some more information that I requested, as well as giving us digital files with the actual photos taken from all 6 flyovers as well. They will also be developing a report with the results that they will share with us too.
 - We expect to get a draft version of the 2021 weed mapping survey from them soon as well.
- There have been additional reports of some adult zebra mussels found on docks removed in the "hotspots" found during last year's survey. Still no signs of large colonies or successful reproduction.
- I have been in touch with DEEP, as well as looking into options for grants to help fund the nutrient budget project, with a goal of conducting most of the sampling in the 2023 boating season.
 - I am continuing to add to the Lake Management Plan, and edit sections that have already been written.
- I have been in touch with NALMS and some lake associations to begin looking into their research vessels/environmental boats. We are hoping to schedule some visits to see boats next year in an effort to help inform our future science boat needs!