



# CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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## Minutes of CLA Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 7:00PM via ZOOM

### ATTENDING:

D. Cushnie	Sherman
M. O'Connor	Sherman
J. Archer	New Fairfield
M. Gaffey	Brookfield
W. Meikle	Brookfield
B. Lohan	Brookfield
C. Robinson	Danbury
D. Rosemark	Danbury
S. Kluge	New Milford
M. Toussaint	New Milford

### ABSENT:

P. Schaer	Sherman
B. Licht	New Fairfield
J. Main	New Fairfield
E. Siergiej	Danbury
J. Wodarski	New Milford

M. Howarth, Executive Director  
N. Stalter, Director of Ecology and Environmental Science  
D. Wright, Administrative Coordinator  
M. Gasperino, Operations Manager

Recorder: D. Wright

Guests: 3

*Chairman, Marianne Gaffey, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

none

### CONSENT AGENDA

It was noted there were no financials in this month's consent agenda due to technical issues that resulted from the office move.

*Marianne Gaffey made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Steve Kluge, all voting in favor.*

*Bill Lohan made a motion to add George Sinnamon, CLA Auditor, to the agenda, Will Meikle seconded, all voting in favor.*

George provided an update on the 2023 audit. Martin asked if it was a clean audit with no concerns with operations or the management of funds. George confirmed there were no concerns or issues and all records were documented well. He recommended next year the records be provided sooner.

*Bill Lohan made a motion to accept the audit as submitted, Mark Toussaint seconded, all voting in favor.*

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY (Mark Howarth)**

Mark H. provided an update on Public Safety. The season is wrapped up, resumes have been received for the LPO position and interviews are expected to proceed in January. EnCon will be providing training dates and expanded training topics and will provide soon. LPO evaluations are currently in progress.

#### **EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES (Doug Cushnie)**

Doug reported that the ARK will be winterized by Echo Bay. New Fairfield has decided they no longer need the old Fire Boat which we were going to transfer back to them.

*Doug Cushnie made a motion to transport the boat to Echo Bay and let them put a number on it and consign it through them, Marianne Gaffey seconded, all voting in favor.*

Mark H. discussed the new office space in New Fairfield. As of 5pm this evening the internet service was installed, and a few final steps need to be done and the internet should be up and running. Mark mentioned we continue to unpack and organize but after being off the water for 15 years, being back on the lake is great. Prior space in New Milford served us well and the Landlord was very positive while we were there and on our exit.

#### **PUBLIC AWARENESS (Joan Archer)**

Annual Report/Appeal went out in print form and has been posted on website and on social media. More information on other projects will be presented at next month's meeting.

#### **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (Neil Stalter)**

Neil discussed the office move and that has been the focus. The new space will work out well as the lab equipment and water equipment live there and the research boat will be there as well.

The grant that funds the Lake Steward program is open now and submissions are due January 6. The Lake Steward program is funded for next year and we will be applying for 2025. The Lake Steward report should be completed soon and will be submitted to DEEP. First Light Nuisance Plant report has been received and we will be discussing it at the watershed meeting next week. We are planning a webinar to educate the community about zebra mussels next month. We met with the AP Environmental science teacher at Danbury High School and discussed ways to get involved and collaborate with the school.

#### **BOARD ELECTIONS**

Marianne discussed electing new officers for the Board.

Slate has been nominated:

Martin O'Connor, Chair

Marianne Gaffey, Vice Chair

Will Meikle, Treasurer

Joan Archer, Secretary

Marianne asked if anyone would like to make any other nominations which no one had any input.

*Marianne Gaffey made a motion that the slate as presented be voted for officers for next year, **Bill Lohan** seconded, all in favor.*

**ADJOURN**

*Will Meikle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Steve Kluge**, all voting in favor.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan Archer* <sup>DW</sup>

Joan Archer, Secretary

Dee Wright, Administrative Coordinator

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