



CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

Member Municipalities: *Brookfield • Danbury • New Fairfield • New Milford • Sherman*

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Minutes of CLA Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 7:00PM via ZOOM

ATTENDING:

R. Paladino	Sherman
D. Cushnie	Sherman
M. O'Connor	Sherman
D. Minchin	New Fairfield
J. Archer	New Fairfield
J. Main	New Fairfield
M. Gaffey	Brookfield
B. Lohan	Brookfield
E. Siergiej	Danbury
S. McColgan	Danbury
J. Laughinghouse	Danbury
S. Kluge	New Milford
M. Toussaint	New Milford

ABSENT:

W. Meikle	Brookfield
J. Wodarski	New Milford

M. Howarth, Executive Director
N. Mellas, Chief
D. Wright, Administrative Coordinator
M. Gasperino, Operations Manager

Recorder: D. Wright

Guests: 3

*Chairman, **Martin O'Connor**, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

***Martin O'Connor** made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by **Bill Lohan**, all voting in favor.*

TREASURER (Martin O'Connor)

Martin noted we are wrapping up the year end on positive note. The audit will begin shortly and target date to be completed by end of September.

Martin O'Connor made a motion to transfer \$5,000 to the Lake Management Plan Restricted account for the final phase of developing the Lake Management Nutrient Plan, seconded by **Marianne Gaffey**, all voting in favor.

Martin O'Connor made a Motion to transfer \$75,000 to the Capital Fund from line item 261, in line with our approved budget, seconded by **Marianne Gaffey**, all voting in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Shaun McColgan)

Shaun discussed new PWC legislation, bow riding legislation, contact information requirement on all vessels, and the island closures. Shaun added we are starting to discuss content for the next term of the 3-year MOA with EnCon.

Mark elaborated on the island closures and that they have been largely effective. Michael G. worked with New Fairfield Public Works and fixed the fencing on some of the New Fairfield islands. Mark noted that Little Neck has seen a lot of activity and carry in, carry out signage was posted. Nick noted that infractions are down for the year, possibly the messaging from the CLA boating safety videos have helped decrease violations. The new wave runners have received a great response from the Marine Patrol officers.

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES (Ed Siergiej)

Ed stated that the water pump has been repaired at Sherman base. Mike G. has been doing some minimal warranty related repairs to science boat and he has spent time cleaning up debris from the storms this summer. Ed noted we are starting to prepare for buoy retrieval season. There have been some buoys that have needed to be repositioned from storms. John L. asked about the Aquasport and Mark noted once it is fully decommissioned it will be put up for sale.

PUBLIC AWARENESS (Mark Howarth)

Mark discussed the video series and that Mark R. has been managing the project. They will be filming a video on the Lake Steward program and one on the clean, drain and dry program. Mark added we are looking to increase efforts on business partners. Mark noted that Steve K. did a talk with his lake community regarding the lake and we'd like to expand to other communities.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (Sofie Licht)

Steve Kluge discussed water quality and that they finished the August sampling. He added there has been little blue-green algae activity besides a bloom in early summer. Steve added that they continue to monitor plants and have had reports of a few plants. DEEP will do more carp removal in the fall. Sofie added the Lake Steward program is going well.

Martin introduced Michael Conforti and Deb Minchin to the CLA

ADJOURN

Martin O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Joan**, all voting in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Archer, Secretary
Dee Wright, Administrative Coordinator

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**Martin W. O'Connor, Chair
Candlewood Lake Authority**

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Municipalities

Discussions continue with the municipalities regarding the closure of the Islands, with ongoing support expressed for maintaining the current closure.

New Fairfield Selectman confirmed a new Delegate has been appointed to fill an opening in the CLA board. The Sherman First Selectman requested a meeting to discuss the CLA docks usage in Sherman. We will connect with First Light with regards to the approved usage, restrictions, etc.

Committees

Regular check-ins with our committees continue. Finance committee noted year end close complete and audit will begin shortly. HR committee, developing a succession planning model considering new delegates. We continue to review and propose updates to our HR policies within the system. Watershed committee, the new Director of Ecology, is quickly getting up to speed with responsibilities and reporting requirements.

Financials

The Treasurer has indicated there are no concerns regarding our financial position. He also noted that funding is on track from the respective Municipalities. We will continue meeting with committee chairs to review and discuss their respective Fiscal 27 capital and operating budgets.

Other

We continue to meet with our attorney to evaluate potential legislative changes that could impact both public safety and environmental protection on the lake. In addition, we have sought legal guidance on several operational procedures.

Martin W. O'Connor

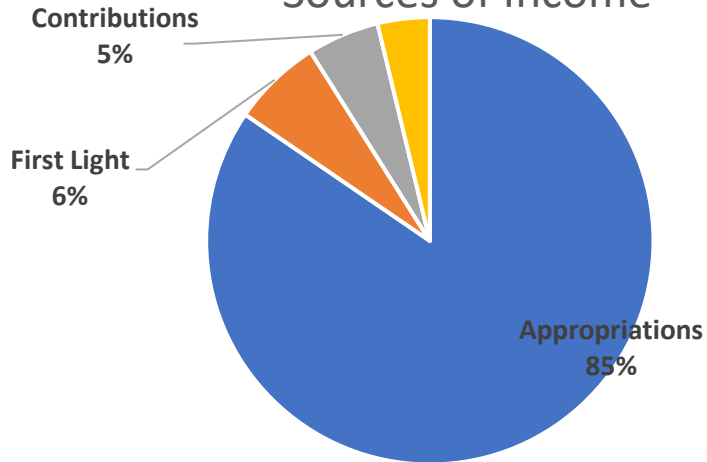
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Finance Committee Financial Results Final June 2026 (Unaudited)

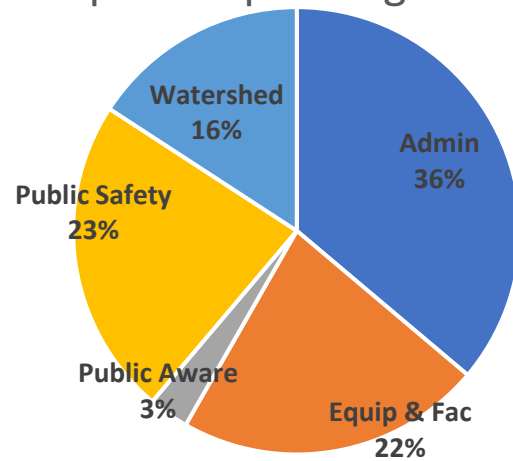


Income & Expense Overview

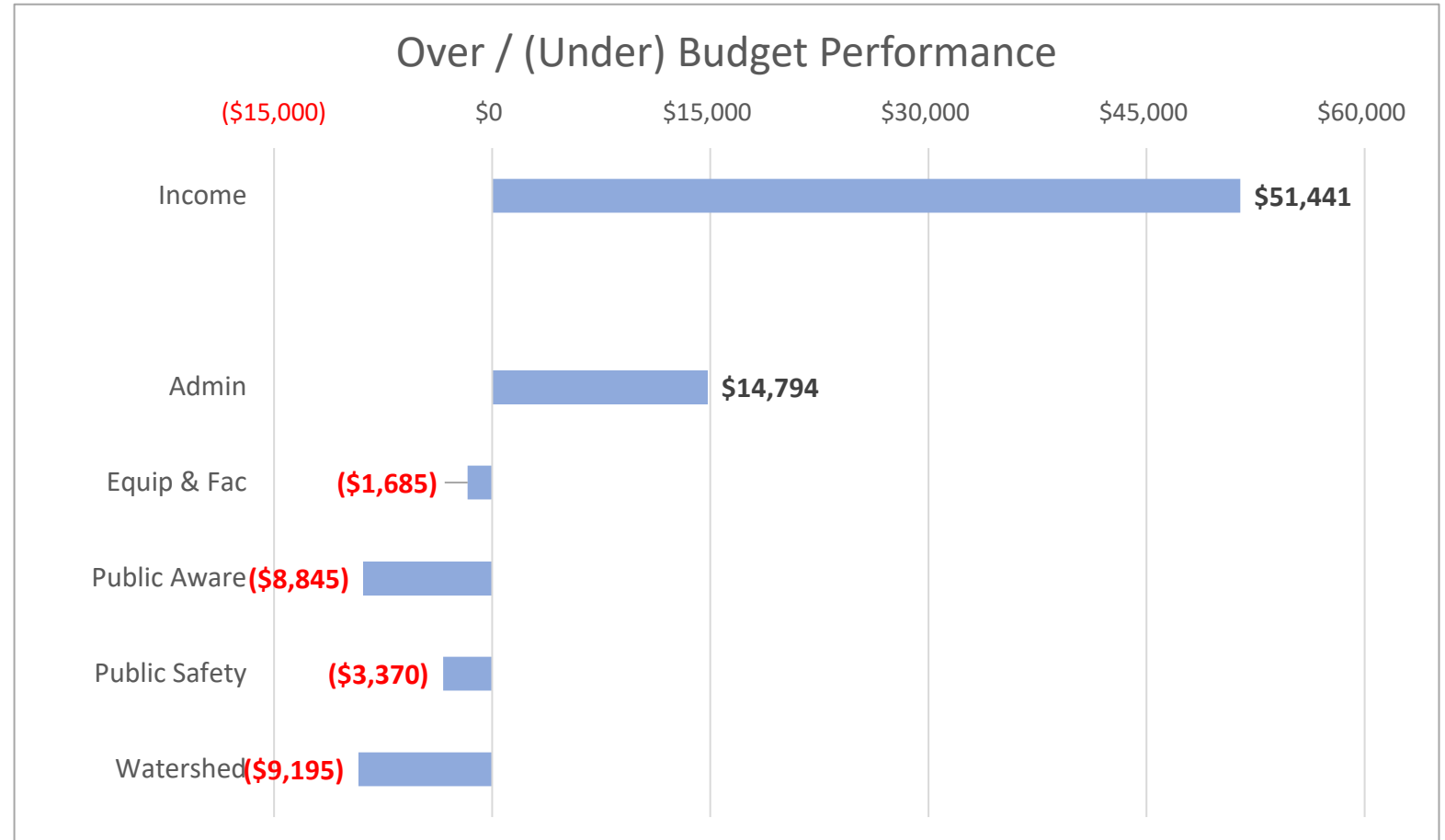
Sources of Income



Expense Spending Profile



Over / (Under) Budget Performance



Operational Income & Expense Summary

Final June 2026 Results	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	O / (U) YTD Budget	% of YTD Budget
Income	\$777,000	\$816,204	\$39,204	105%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Administration	\$287,765	\$312,547	\$24,782	109%
Equipment & Facilities	\$144,595	\$148,163	\$3,568	102%
Public Awareness	\$22,000	\$16,028	(\$5,972)	73%
Public Safety	\$183,000	\$193,180	\$10,180	106%
Watershed Management	\$139,640	\$137,806	(\$1,834)	99%
Total Expense	\$777,000	\$807,722	\$30,722	104%
Other Income/(Expense)	\$0	(\$3,828)	(\$3,828)	
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$4,653	\$4,653	1%

** Accrual Basis Accounting*

Key Drivers

Donations	\$27,870
Interest Income	\$8,594
Expense Under/(Over)	(\$30,722)
Other	(\$1,088)
Total Delta	\$4,653

General Fund Status

Unassigned General Fund Coverage (Objective = 25%)						
	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>
Unassigned General Fund	\$160,837	\$163,138	\$190,521	\$196,832	\$211,226	\$215,879
Next FY Budget	\$825,930	\$784,650	\$777,595	\$775,500	\$797,000	\$825,575
Coverage %	19%	21%	25%	25%	27%	26%
YtY Change (Pts)		1.3%	3.7%	0.9%	1.1%	-0.4%
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$23,251	\$2,301	\$27,383	\$6,311	\$14,394	\$4,653

Key Drivers of the deltas to Budget



Income: Well ahead of budget driven Donations, Interest Income, and Gas & CIRMA rebates.



Administration: Over budget driven by Professional Services (Legal & HR Services), CLA event and offset by rent, workers comp and benefits.



Equipment & Facilities: Over budget driven by Wages, Work Boat and Vehicles expenses.



Public Awareness: Under budget on Subscription Services, and Events.



Public Safety: Over budget driven by Technology, Equipment and Uniform expenses.



Watershed: Under budget driven by Professional Services, and Water Testing costs.

Committee Details



Income Details

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Income						
901 · Appropriations	0.00		651,000.00	651,000.00	0.00	651,000.00
902 · Contribution from FirstLight	0.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
903 · Interest	1,594.72	1,000.00	33,593.66	25,000.00	8,593.66	25,000.00
911 · Miscellaneous Income	-9,479.00		2,490.68	0.00	2,490.68	0.00
912 · Contributions and Donations	3,147.65	1,000.00	53,969.70	35,000.00	18,969.70	35,000.00
915 · Sponsorship -programs/activitie	1,500.00	7,000.00	20,900.00	12,000.00	8,900.00	12,000.00
916 · Lake Patrol Services	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
917 · Buoy Contract	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,000.00	250.00	2,000.00
Total Income	-1,236.63	11,000.00	816,204.04	777,000.00	39,204.04	777,000.00



Administration Expense Details

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Administration					0.00	
100 · Executive Director - Wages	8,275.00	8,275.00	99,300.00	99,300.00	0.00	99,300.00
101 · SS/Medi/CTUC	3,667.30	2,794.32	31,035.42	31,500.00	-464.58	31,500.00
101A · Workers Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	4,844.00	4,835.00	9.00	4,835.00
102 · Exec Dir - Fringe Benefits	1,443.48	1,347.88	16,194.26	16,175.00	19.26	16,175.00
110 · Admin. Coordinator - Wages	2,672.25	3,081.25	35,960.85	36,975.00	-1,014.15	36,975.00
112 · Admin Cor - Fringe Benefits	1,186.22	1,201.63	13,180.32	14,420.00	-1,239.68	14,420.00
113 · Insurance	0.00	0.00	12,371.64	12,000.00	371.64	12,000.00
114 · Telephone	250.00	300.00	3,225.00	3,600.00	-375.00	3,600.00
115 · Office Supplies	1,403.71	491.63	6,019.28	5,900.00	119.28	5,900.00
116 · Postage	282.27	62.50	427.59	750.00	-322.41	750.00
117 · Audit	0.00		8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
118 · Professional Services	7,460.69	1,545.87	44,496.22	18,550.00	25,946.22	18,550.00
119 · Bank and Service Fees	189.88	190.00	2,432.03	2,500.00	-67.97	2,500.00
121 · Expenses	896.35	83.37	6,764.25	1,000.00	5,764.25	1,000.00
122 · Internet Access	161.68	100.00	1,906.63	1,200.00	706.63	1,200.00
124 · Technology Hardware & Services	947.15	833.37	12,958.28	10,000.00	2,958.28	10,000.00
161 · Office Rent	1,133.00	1,755.00	13,431.00	21,060.00	-7,629.00	21,060.00
Total Administration	29,968.98	22,061.82	312,546.77	287,765.00	24,781.77	287,765.00



Equipment & Facilities Expense Details

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Equipment and Facilities						
200 · Personnel - Wages	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	-1,000.00	2,000.00
210 · Operations Manager - Wages	5,332.00	3,810.00	50,189.00	45,730.00	4,459.00	45,730.00
212 · Ops Mgr - Fringe Benefits	100.00	100.00	1,250.00	1,200.00	50.00	1,200.00
221 · Sherman Base - Repairs/Maint	49.97	250.00	2,103.36	3,000.00	-896.64	3,000.00
222 · Utilities - eletric	144.50	520.00	1,965.15	6,240.00	-4,274.85	6,240.00
223 · Internet and Security Systems	21.26	20.87	1,281.34	250.00	1,031.34	250.00
226 · Work Boats	897.75	500.00	9,465.01	6,000.00	3,465.01	6,000.00
227 · Vehicle	209.77	166.63	3,006.72	2,000.00	1,006.72	2,000.00
228 · Dock and Trash Pick Up	0.00	41.63	20.74	500.00	-479.26	500.00
231 · Buoy Maintenance	0.00	0.00	2,881.38	2,675.00	206.38	2,675.00
261 · Capital Replacement Fund	0.00		75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
Total Equipment and Facilities	6,755.25	5,409.13	148,162.70	144,595.00	3,567.70	144,595.00



Public Awareness Expense Details

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Public Awareness						
414 · Subscription services	411.87	416.63	3,801.98	5,000.00	-1,198.02	5,000.00
415 · Events and Displays	707.91	583.37	2,230.56	7,000.00	-4,769.44	7,000.00
417 · Fundraising	0.00	1,000.00	5,657.58	6,000.00	-342.42	6,000.00
421 · Shoreline Cleanup	1,453.66	0.00	4,337.47	4,000.00	337.47	4,000.00
Total Public Awareness	2,573.44	2,000.00	16,027.59	22,000.00	-5,972.41	22,000.00



Public Safety Expense Details

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Public Safety						
300 · Lake Patrol Wages	13,903.22	7,670.64	69,208.74	64,540.00	4,668.74	64,540.00
301 · CLAMP Chief Salary	3,537.50	3,537.50	42,450.00	42,450.00	0.00	42,450.00
311 · Boat Maintenance and Reimburse	2,415.24	1,560.00	22,219.11	21,500.00	719.11	21,500.00
312 · Gas and Oil	4,587.50	4,014.63	24,650.18	25,900.00	-1,249.82	25,900.00
313 · Insurance	0.00	0.00	10,541.36	10,925.00	-383.64	10,925.00
314 · Training	0.00	0.00	186.89	5,610.00	-5,423.11	5,610.00
318 · Miscellaneous	397.60	100.00	1,336.01	1,000.00	336.01	1,000.00
320 · Technology HW & Services	102.45	363.00	9,425.25	4,345.00	5,080.25	4,345.00
321 · Radio & Equipment	0.00	0.00	4,936.72	1,810.00	3,126.72	1,810.00
322 · Uniforms	100.00	0.00	5,662.05	2,920.00	2,742.05	2,920.00
324 · CLAMP Services - Fireworks	2,563.30	2,000.00	2,563.30	2,000.00	563.30	2,000.00
Total Public Safety	27,606.81	19,245.77	193,179.61	183,000.00	10,179.61	183,000.00



Watershed Management Expense Details

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Watershed Managment						
500A · Director of Ecology Wage	7,546.79	6,112.50	74,784.29	73,350.00	1,434.29	73,350.00
502 · Dir. Ecology - Fringe	1,404.27	1,280.00	15,475.52	15,360.00	115.52	15,360.00
511 · Lake and Stream Monitoring	0.00	2,533.35	10,733.16	15,200.00	-4,466.84	15,200.00
512 · E-Coli Bacteria Testing	0.00	500.00	2,980.25	3,000.00	-19.75	3,000.00
513 · Research & Experimental Project	0.00	333.35	168.12	2,000.00	-1,831.88	2,000.00
514 · Travel	0.00	250.00	3,552.35	3,000.00	552.35	3,000.00
515 · Equipment and Supplies	2,957.50	200.00	4,461.43	2,500.00	1,961.43	2,500.00
517 · Science Boat	662.24	930.00	662.24	2,530.00	-1,867.76	2,530.00
518 · Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	-200.00	200.00
531 · Professional Development	81.67	0.00	4,488.38	7,000.00	-2,511.62	7,000.00
532 · Engineering and Consulting	5,000.00		20,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
599 · Miscellaneous	0.00	60.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Total Watershed Managment	17,652.47	12,199.20	137,805.74	139,640.00	-1,834.26	139,640.00

Other (Restricted Grants) Income/Expense Details

	<u>Jun 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Other Income/Expense						
Other Income						
900-21B · DEEP AIS (Lake Steward)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>24,136.20</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>4,136.20</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>24,136.20</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>4,136.20</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Other Expense						
800-21B · DEEP AIS (Lake Steward)	<u>8,582.80</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>27,964.60</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>7,964.60</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
800-20A · HMS Foundation Trust	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>8,582.80</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>27,964.60</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>7,964.60</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Net Other Income / (Other Expense)	<u>-8,582.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-3,828.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-3,828.40</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Capital Summary Status

Capital Summary for Fiscal Year 2025/2026		
	Fund Balance	Unencumbered
Opening Balance as of July 1, 2025	\$575,236	\$344,346
Appropriations		
Annual Capital Appropriation (July 2025)	\$75,000	\$75,000
First Light Donation (Oct 2025)	\$40,000	\$40,000
First Light Donation (Feb 2026)	\$60,000	\$60,000
Vessel Sale Proceeds (June 2026)	\$10,500	\$10,500
Capital Planned Expenditures		
Silver Ships 3 (\$250,000 - Sep 2023)	(\$182,888)	
Science Vessel (\$285,000 - Oct 2025)	(\$279,271)	(\$279,271)
Truck (\$48,000 - Apr 2025)	(\$45,655)	
Boat Lift (\$30,000 - Jun 2026)		(\$30,000)
Ballistic Vests (\$24,000 - May 2026)	(\$20,304)	(\$20,304)
Sherman Base Roof (\$10,000 - Aug 2025)	(\$5,300)	(\$5,300)
Hoist (\$2,000 - Apr 2025)	(\$1,221)	
Antennas (\$6,000 - Dec 2024)	(\$1,125)	
PWCs (\$40,000 - Feb 2026)	(\$38,733)	(\$38,733)
Closing Balance as of June 30, 2026	\$186,239	\$156,238

Items in () show amount & when CLA Board approved the expenditure

Reconciliation	
Capital Fund Balance	\$186,239
Boat Lift	(\$30,000)
Unencumbered Balance	\$156,239

Balance Sheet Summary & Details

	Jun 30
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
1120 · USB Checking -0212	486,186.61
11000 · Accounts Receivable	2,000.00
Total Current Assets	488,186.61
TOTAL ASSETS	488,186.61

	Jun 30
Liabilities	
2000 · Accounts Payable	24,660.11
2500 · Accrued Expenses	1,699.47
2700 · Deferred Grant Income	
2700B · Grass Carp	4,981.00
2700 · Deferred Grant Income	0.00
Total 2700 · Deferred Grant Income	4,981.00
700 · CapitalProject Fund	186,239.14
Total Liabilities	217,579.72

	Jun 30
Equity	
3200B · Restricted	
3200B 1 · Education Programs	8,698.19
3200D · Assigned	
3200D 1 · HMS Initiatives	8,443.71
3200D 2 · Lake Management Plan	37,586.21
3200D 3 · Buffer Garden	0.00
Total 3200D · Assigned	46,029.92
3200E · Unassigned	211,225.55
Net Income	4,653.23
Total Equity	270,606.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	488,186.61

Accounts Receivable	
Danbury Volunteer Fire	\$2,000.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$2,000.00

Accounts Payable	
Cage Creations LLC	\$707.91
Chatterton Marina	\$168.64
Echo Bay Marina (service)	\$443.74
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$13,361.52
Eversource 3075 SH	\$144.50
Marie Nugent Temporary Services Inc	\$6,888.80
New England Uniform LLC	\$100.00
Rose Kallor LLP	\$2,845.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$24,660.11

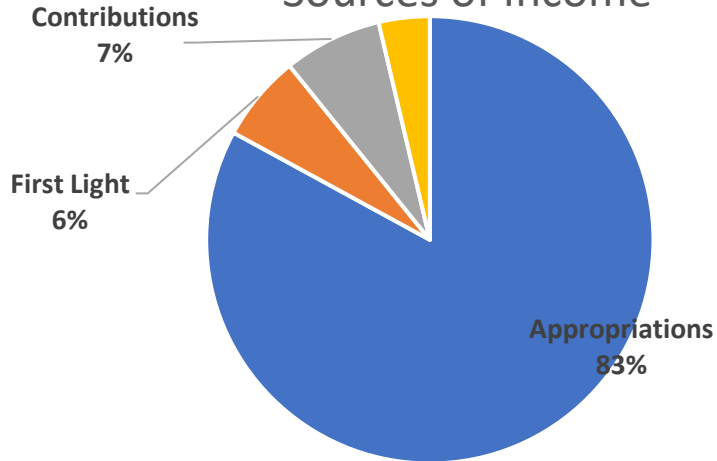
Accrued Expenses	
Lake Steward Tents	\$1,699.47
Total Accrued Expenses	\$1,699.47

Finance Committee Financial Results July 2026

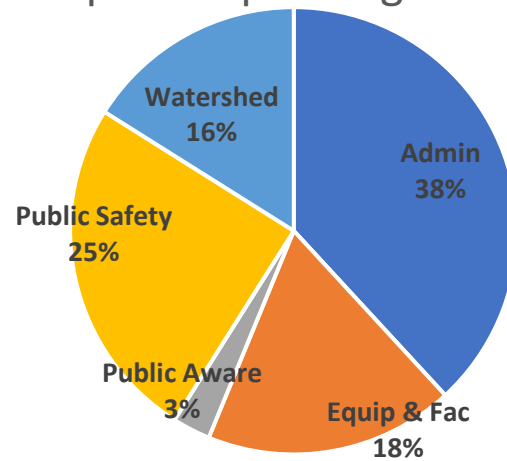


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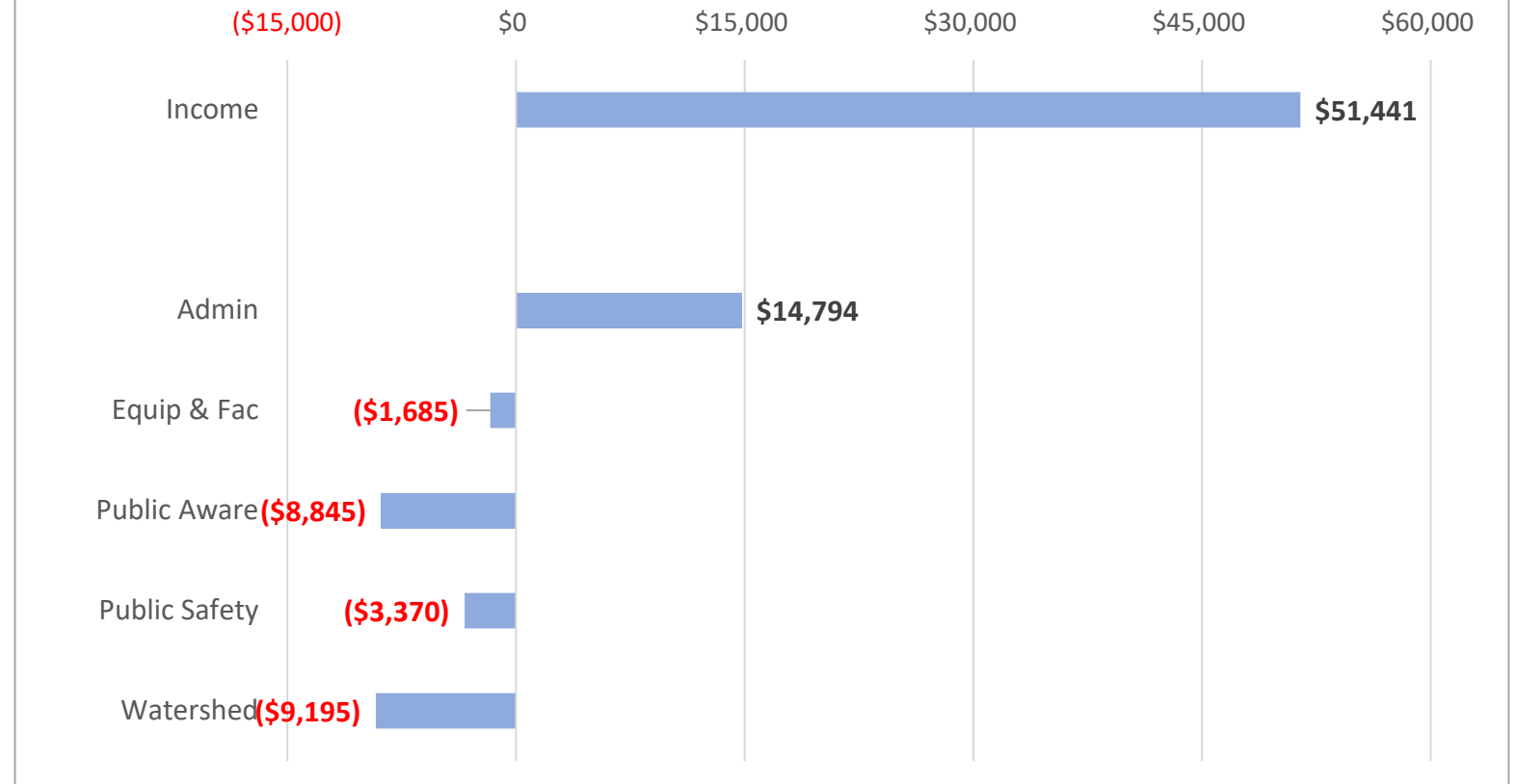
Sources of Income



Expense Spending Profile



Over / (Under) Budget Performance



Operational Income & Expense Summary

July 2026 Results	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	O / (U) YTD Budget	% of YTD Budget
Income	\$717,575	\$715,707	(\$1,868)	100%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Administration	\$30,051	\$27,842	(\$2,209)	93%
Equipment & Facilities	\$80,382	\$80,687	\$305	100%
Public Awareness	\$750	\$0	(\$750)	0%
Public Safety	\$34,459	\$24,233	(\$10,226)	70%
Watershed Management	\$10,755	\$12,313	\$1,558	114%
Total Expense	\$156,396	\$145,076	(\$11,321)	93%
Other Income/(Expense)	(\$5,000)	(\$4,888)	\$112	
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$556,179	\$565,743	\$9,565	102%

** Accrual Basis Accounting*

Key Drivers

Donations	(\$267)
Interest Income	(\$1,601)
Expense Under/(Over)	\$11,321
Other	\$112
Total Delta	\$9,565

Key Drivers of the deltas to Budget



Income: Slightly behind budget driven Interest Income and Donations.



Administration: Under budget driven by Professional Services, Rent, Worker's comp and Taxes.



Equipment & Facilities: Over budget driven by Wages, and Vehicles, partially offset by Repairs, Workboats and Utility expenses.



Public Awareness: Under budget on all expenses.



Public Safety: Under budget driven by Fuel Costs, and Wages.



Watershed: Over budget driven by Water Testing costs, offset by Science Boat and Research Expenses.

Committee Details



Income Details

	<u>Jul 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Income						
901 · Appropriations	664,075.00	664,075.00	664,075.00	664,075.00	0.00	664,075.00
902 · Contribution from FirstLight	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
903 · Interest	1,399.37	3,000.00	1,399.37	3,000.00	-1,600.63	25,000.00
912 · Contributions and Donations	232.65	500.00	232.65	500.00	-267.35	45,000.00
915 · Sponsorship -programs/activitie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
916 · Lake Patrol Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
917 · Buoy Contract	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Total Income	715,707.02	717,575.00	715,707.02	717,575.00	-1,867.98	800,575.00



Administration Expense Details

	<u>Jul 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Administration						
100 · Executive Director - Wages	8,419.79	8,564.58	8,419.79	8,564.58	-144.79	102,775.00
101 · SS/Medi/CTUC	3,453.89	3,723.01	3,453.89	3,723.01	-269.12	32,500.00
101A · Workers Comp Insurance	2,101.00	2,500.00	2,101.00	2,500.00	-399.00	5,000.00
102 · Exec Dir - Fringe Benefits	1,447.82	1,463.75	1,447.82	1,463.75	-15.93	17,565.00
110 · Admin. Coordinator - Wages	3,322.40	3,190.00	3,322.40	3,190.00	132.40	38,280.00
112 · Admin Cor - Fringe Benefits	1,186.22	1,314.58	1,186.22	1,314.58	-128.36	15,775.00
113 · Insurance	3,301.90	3,250.00	3,301.90	3,250.00	51.90	13,000.00
114 · Telephone	340.00	275.00	340.00	275.00	65.00	3,300.00
115 · Office Supplies	352.36	300.00	352.36	300.00	52.36	3,600.00
116 · Postage	0.00	62.50	0.00	62.50	-62.50	750.00
117 · Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
118 · Professional Services	1,390.49	2,447.50	1,390.49	2,447.50	-1,057.01	29,370.00
119 · Bank and Service Fees	189.93	210.00	189.93	210.00	-20.07	2,500.00
121 · Expenses	176.91	83.33	176.91	83.33	93.58	1,000.00
122 · Internet Access	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	-150.00	1,800.00
124 · Technology Hardware & Services	1,026.67	966.67	1,026.67	966.67	60.00	11,600.00
161 · Office Rent	1,133.00	1,550.00	1,133.00	1,550.00	-417.00	18,600.00
Total Administration	27,842.38	30,050.93	27,842.38	30,050.93	-2,208.55	305,415.00



Equipment & Facilities Expense Details

	<u>Jul 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Equipment and Facilities						
200 · Personnel - Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
210 · Operations Manager - Wages	4,752.50	4,266.67	4,752.50	4,266.67	485.83	51,200.00
212 · Ops Mgr - Fringe Benefits	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	1,200.00
221 · Sherman Base - Repairs/Maint	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00	3,000.00
222 · Utilities - electric	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00	3,000.00
223 · Internet and Security Systems	0.00	140.00	0.00	140.00	-140.00	1,680.00
226 · Work Boats	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00	3,000.00
227 · Vehicle	834.46	125.00	834.46	125.00	709.46	1,500.00
228 · Dock and Trash Pick Up	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
231 · Buoy Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
261 · Capital Replacement Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00
Total Equipment and Facilities	80,686.96	80,381.67	80,686.96	80,381.67	305.29	144,580.00



Public Awareness Expense Details

	<u>Jul 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Public Awareness						
414 · Subscription services	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	-500.00	6,000.00
415 · Events and Displays	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00	3,000.00
417 · Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
421 · Shoreline Cleanup	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Total Public Awareness	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	-750.00	22,000.00



Public Safety Expense Details

	<u>Jul 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Public Safety						
300 · Lake Patrol Wages	15,416.94	17,455.00	15,416.94	17,455.00	-2,038.06	64,810.00
301 · CLAMP Chief Salary	3,599.38	3,661.25	3,599.38	3,661.25	-61.87	43,935.00
311 · Boat Maintenance and Reimburse	1,155.12	1,560.00	1,155.12	1,560.00	-404.88	22,750.00
312 · Gas and Oil	1,258.50	8,083.00	1,258.50	8,083.00	-6,824.50	32,560.00
313 · Insurance	2,803.50	2,737.50	2,803.50	2,737.50	66.00	10,950.00
314 · Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,365.00
318 · Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	1,000.00
320 · Technology HW & Services	0.00	862.50	0.00	862.50	-862.50	10,350.00
321 · Radio & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
322 · Uniforms	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,215.00
324 · CLAMP Services - Fireworks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total Public Safety	24,233.44	34,459.25	24,233.44	34,459.25	-10,225.81	199,935.00



Watershed Management Expense Details

	<u>Jul 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Watershed Managment						
500A · Director of Ecology Wage	6,083.34	6,326.67	6,083.34	6,326.67	-243.33	75,920.00
502 · Dir. Ecology - Fringe	1,714.96	1,414.58	1,714.96	1,414.58	300.38	16,975.00
511 · Lake and Stream Monitoring	2,747.70	0.00	2,747.70	0.00	2,747.70	7,000.00
512 · E-Coli Bacteria Testing	622.25	655.00	622.25	655.00	-32.75	3,275.00
513 · Research & Experimental Project	1,020.11	333.33	1,020.11	333.33	686.78	2,000.00
514 · Travel	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	-250.00	3,000.00
515 · Equipment and Supplies	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	-200.00	2,500.00
517 · Science Boat	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	-800.00	8,575.00
518 · Insurance	124.60	100.00	124.60	100.00	24.60	400.00
531 · Professional Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
532 · Engineering & Consulting	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	-500.00	3,000.00
599 · Miscellaneous	0.00	175.00	0.00	175.00	-175.00	2,000.00
Total Watershed Managment	12,312.96	10,754.58	12,312.96	10,754.58	1,558.38	128,645.00

Other (Restricted Grants) Income/Expense Details

	<u>Jul 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Other Income/Expense						
Other Income						
900-21B · DEEP AIS (Lake Steward)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Total Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expense						
800-21B · DEEP AIS (Lake Steward)	4,888.00	5,000.00	4,888.00	5,000.00	-112.00	25,000.00
Total Other Expense	4,888.00	5,000.00	4,888.00	5,000.00	-112.00	0.00
Net Other Income	-4,888.00	-5,000.00	-4,888.00	-5,000.00	112.00	0.00

Capital Summary Status

Capital Summary for Fiscal Year 2025/2026		
	Fund Balance	Unencumbered
Opening Balance as of July 1, 2026	\$186,239	\$156,239
Appropriations		
Annual Capital Appropriation (July 2025)	\$75,000	\$75,000
Capital Planned Expenditures		
Closing Balance as of July 31, 2026	\$261,239	\$231,239

Items is () show amount & when CLA Board approved the expenditure

Reconciliation	
Capital Fund Balance	\$261,239
Boat Lift	(\$30,000)
Unencumbered Balance	\$231,239

Balance Sheet Summary & Details

	Jul 31
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
1120 · USB Checking -0212	451,685.42
11000 · Accounts Receivable	664,075.00
Total Current Assets	1,115,760.42
TOTAL ASSETS	1,115,760.42

	Jul 31
Liabilities	
2000 · Accounts Payable	11,625.05
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	1,762.97
2500 · Accrued Expenses	1,699.47
2700 · Deferred Grant Income	
2700B · Grass Carp	4,981.00
Total 2700 · Deferred Grant Income	4,981.00
700 · CapitalProject Fund	261,239.14
Total Liabilities	281,307.63

	Jul 31
Equity	
3200 · Retained Earnings	4,653.23
3200B · Restricted	
3200B 1 · Education Programs	7,527.19
3200D · Assigned	
3200D 1 · HMS Initiatives	8,443.71
3200D 2 · Lake Management Plan	36,859.83
Total 3200D · Assigned	45,303.54
3200E · Unassigned	211,225.55
Net Income	565,743.28
Total Equity	834,452.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,115,760.42

Accounts Receivable	
Brookfield	\$132,815.00
Danbury	\$132,815.00
New Fairfield	\$132,815.00
New Milford	\$132,815.00
Sherman	\$132,815.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$664,075.00

Accounts Payable	
ALS Group	\$622.25
Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield	-\$0.10
BBI Technologies	\$79.03
Chatterton Marina	\$304.55
Echo Bay Marina	\$1,155.12
GEI Consultants Inc	\$585.00
Marie Nugent Temporary Services Inc	\$3,181.60
New Fairfield Tax Collector	\$834.46
Pocono Point Marina, LLC	\$953.95
UConn	\$3,909.19
Total Accounts Payable	\$11,625.05

Accrued Expenses	
Lake Steward Tents	\$1,699.47
Total Accrued Expenses	\$1,699.47



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August 12, 2026
Executive Director
Mark Howarth

Monthly Report

- The past two months Sofie has been busy rapidly getting up to speed on her new position as well as learning everything about the CLA, as you see in her report. She has also been learning, along with us, the new research boat. Steve and Sofie have been spending a lot of time out on the water increasing our knowledge of the lake's ecology, and they're a great team.
 - Also, on August 1st, Steve did a presentation at his community on the ecology of the lake and what the CLA does, and it was very well received. There were many people in attendance and before and after the presentation they were able to tour the research boat and learn about its capabilities. We are planning on future presentations to other communities, including one in September, and if there are communities that wish for us to come talk to their residents, they should contact the CLA office to ask about setting up a date.
- There are several new laws that took effect this summer, which will help promote safe boating.
 - PWC Legislation: PWC owners can now be issued an infraction for lending their PWC to an operator who has not obtained a certificate of personal watercraft operation.
 - Bow-riding Legislation: New legislation now prohibits passengers from sitting with their legs hanging over the sides or stern of a moving vessel, in addition to the bow.

- Vessel ID Legislation: All vessels, including kayaks, canoes etc., are now required to display identifying information.

In situations where a kayak, canoe, or other vessel is discovered adrift, officers will be able to identify and contact the owner, helping determine whether a person may be missing or in distress or if the kayak just blew into the water from

shore, helping to determine the proper safety response. The CLA has produced new ID stickers and distributed those at all our local park and rec offices.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Emergencies: Call 911

Non-Emergencies & Boating Violations: Call 860-424-3333

Be safe...**ALWAYS WEAR** your life vest!



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- The island closures have largely been effective, especially the islands that had the fencing installed: City Island, Sand Island, Blueberry Island and Button Island. While those islands have not had recreational pressure this year, some of that pressure has moved to other areas, most notably Vaughn's Neck, especially an area called Little Neck. Vaughn's Neck, not being an island, was not part of the original island closures last year. On weekends, Little Neck has seen a lot of boats and recreational traffic in the waters around it and on land. The photo here is from the 4th of July. This pressure has resulted in trash being left on the island and evidence of people using the area to go to the bathroom rather than going to a public restroom.



- Sofie and Steve have been visiting the area nearly every Monday or Tuesday following the weekends to assess and document the changes, and when possible, I have joined them.
- Yesterday, the three of us installed signage on Little Neck that reinforced the need to keep the area clean so that it doesn't follow the same path as the now closed islands. We also installed island closed signs on Deer, Skeleton and Skull islands to reinforce the island closures there.
- We are beginning work on the next 3-year cycle of the MOA between the CLA and the CT DEEP EnCon Police. The current MOA expires at the end of this year and we will be spending the next few months working together with DEEP on any changes that either us or they want made to the current MOA.

- The past month we have seen some large storms come through the area. It started with the 4th of July storm that produced a microburst, reminiscent of the 2018 macroburst but on a smaller scale. Brookfield was hit the hardest by that storm and winds. Since then, we have had some large rain events, with hard downpours. The most recent one sent lots



of water down the Sawmill Brook in Sherman, which flooded out that stream and carried lots of large logs and branches into Allen's Cove on the lake. Michael, Steve and Sofie worked to pull debris from the water and Sherman Public Works assisted in the removal of the debris we collected.

- With the intensity of the storms we've been seeing we remind boaters to always be aware for debris in the water and to watch the forecasts and skies for approaching bad weather, so that they can get off the water in time. Stay tuned for CLA educational videos about those important safety topics.
- The research boat has been a great asset, allowing us to do so much on the lake. It has made a tremendous impact on our capabilities and our functionality on the water. In addition to serving as an ecology boat, it has served as an auxiliary patrol boat twice (fireworks night and light parade night), it has served as an operations boat repositioning buoys, it has served as a dive boat with Sofie starting to plan some research dives and with its enclosed wheelhouse, workstations and connectivity it even allows me to do office work while taking part in research activities while out with the team on the water.
- The new Marine Patrol PWCs got the full lights and sirens installed. Thanks to Mike G. and Sgt. Soicher for their hard work on that. The PWCs are getting high reviews from the officers and are a valuable part of our public safety presence on the water.
- We have continued work on our educational video series, so far filming 5 videos about boating under the influence with CT DEEP EnCon Police joining us on camera. Mark R has taken over the lead on managing the production of the video series for us, and he's already doing a great job of moving that forward.



The next set of videos we are filming will have an environmental focus. This weekend Sofie and the Lake Stewards will film videos about the Lake Steward program and Clean, Drain, Dry protocol to help prevent invasive species.

- We were involved in two broadcasts about water safety and the research boat. The first was on WFSB Channel 3, where Andy Brydges from FirstLight and I went in studio and did a segment on water safety, as well as discussed the science boat on the “Great Day Connecticut” afternoon show. Then, recently, I did a WSHU podcast with Sofie where we were again joined by Andy and also Len Greene from FirstLight as well as Marianne. That one we did on the research boat, and we enjoyed talking about the ecological work we do on the lake and demonstrating the capabilities of the vessel.



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Sofie Licht

Director of Ecology

Candlewood Lake Authority

Re: July and August Monthly Report

Date: 8/11/2026

- I am working on getting comfortable in my new role as Director of Ecology. After a week of training with Neil, I took over the position and have been getting up to speed on my new responsibilities.
- The Lake Stewards Program has been fully up and running, and the stewards are manning two boat launches each weekend and holiday day to help prevent invasive species from entering the lake. They are scheduled through Labor Day Weekend. The stewards have received their new hats and shirts to make sure they are visible to boaters coming in, and we got them new tents with the Lake Steward logo.
 - Most boats that the stewards have inspected are registered in CT or NY, but they have also seen boats coming into Candlewood from NH, PA, RI and DE.
 - The stewards have observed a slight increase in boaters refusing a boat inspection at some of the launches. We are working on some updated language to help encourage boaters to participate in the program.
 - We are filming educational videos about the Lake Steward Program, and the importance of Clean, Drain, and Dry on 8/15 at the Danbury town boat launch from 10am-2pm.
- We completed our June, July, and August monthly Water Quality monitoring and everything is looking good despite the heavy rainfall we've been experiencing. We have two more sampling events planned for September and October.



- Steve and I brought our May and June Water Quality samples up to the UCONN CESE Lab on June 25th for analysis. The team there is super enthusiastic and gave us a tour of their lab and equipment. I look forward to continuing to work with them! I brought our July and August samples in for analysis last week.
- The E.coli sampling this year had a few setbacks with scheduling, and their first samples were taken on July 7th. They have sampled for E.coli every week since then, and there have been no elevated measurements.
- Westconn's weekly Blue-Green algae testing program at all the town beaches along Candlewood has been going great, and we've seen no elevated measurements.
- I went out to Ball Pond Brook, Sawmill Brook, and Glen Brook to redeploy the data loggers on July 3rd with AJ from GEI.

- I have been collecting samples from the three streams before, during and after large rain events. This will give us a better picture of how many nutrients the streams are bringing into the lake following these weather events
- The recent flooding after the 8/3 rainstorm knocked out two of our stream gauges. We were able to recover the one from Ball Pond Brook and download the data but were unable to find the gauge that was in Sawmill Creek.
- I am still waiting to hear from AJ about the details of the well project.



Flooding at Ball Pond Brook

- We have been monitoring the condition of Little Neck after each weekend to see if it's seeing more traffic and trash following the closure of the islands. We have also asked the marine patrol officers to count the boats at Little Neck as they are passing by to give us a better idea of what's going on there.
 - We are seeing evidence of people going to the bathroom on Little Neck, and there has been a lot of trash left there as well. We have heard about and observed people coming and doing clean-ups during the week.
 - We installed signage on Little Neck on 8/11 reminding boaters to Carry In, Carry Out, in order to keep the area open to the public. We also included signage showing people where the nearest public restrooms are located.



- We got an Activity Permit from First Light to put in the boat lift for the research boat. Going through this process helped me familiarize myself with First Light's permitting process and requirements. The boat lift is in and has been working out great!

- We tried out the research boat as a dive boat on June 23rd and have done several dives since! I am hoping to do some more diving this summer to monitor potential plant growth, as well as the range of zebra mussels. I was also able to observe and take videos of garbage in the lake that can be used to educate boaters that the trash they're throwing in the lake doesn't simply disappear beneath the surface.



- We dove the sunken hamlet of Jerusalem on 7/20 to see how much structure from the old town remains. We saw some old building foundations, stone walls, and lots of zebra mussels.

- We have not seen any significant aquatic plant growth on any of our dives or from the boat, likely due to the grass carp. I spoke with Joe Cassone from CT DEEP and he said they are planning to do more carp removals this fall. I will likely join for this effort.
- We participated in a WSHU Public Radio podcast with FirstLight where we got to show off our new Research Boat: <https://www.wshu.org/connecticut-news/2026-08-05/ct-candlewood-lake-power-fun-environment>.

- I helped Michael and Steve remove some of the larger debris that flowed into Allens Cove from Sawmill Brook after the large rain event on 8/3.
- I have been working with Razz and Mark on planning other educational videos. We are hoping to film videos about preparing for weather on the lake, the new research boat, and several public safety videos before the summer wraps up.
- Steve gave a State of the Lake talk to his community at Candlewood Trails and it went great! We are hoping to do a few more of these talks before the end of summer.

