

**LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20th, 2015 MEETING
WARREN TOWN HALL – 6:30 PM**

PRESENT: Bill Hopkins, Dean Sarjeant, Ed Berner, Gary Davis, Ed Matthews, Kevin Brady, Steve Sordi, Sandy Papsin.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 1st, 2015 meeting were reviewed by all members. Ed Matthews made a motion that they be accepted as presented, Gary seconded the motion. So passed.

TREASURY: Gary presented the treasury report noting that there has been little activity. All three participating towns have contributed their percentages of the budget funding. Copies of the report were available to those in attendance. Gary would like to step down as treasurer, so Steve has agreed to prepare the LWA budget in the future, and Sandy will pay bills. Within the next few weeks, Gary and Sandy will make the signature changes at the bank for the checking account. Sandy will work closely with Steve to ensure that bills are paid and recorded on time.

MARINE PATROL REPORT: Steve presented his seasonal report noting that 309 boats were launched from the boat ramp, 142 being lake residents and the remaining 167 belonging to day visitors to the lake. 34 of those 167 day boaters live in the towns of Kent, Warren or Washington. 91 day users of the 167 revisited the lake on more than one occasion. A total of 5 daytime user boats were denied launch due to the presence of weeds on their craft/trailer. Also, 2 seasonal user boats were tagged with weeds when they exited the lake. Steve is pleased with the program and with staffing.

EQUIPMENT: Steve noted that the boat is in excellent condition, although the keel guard needs regular maintenance, subject to the level of lake water. The boat is currently being serviced for the winter. The microphone will need replacement. The boat will be stored in the Washington Town Garage for the winter without shrink-wrap.

The new track launch system for the air boat is almost ready. The winch is in place and Kevin has been working to get the ramp completely installed. Because the lake is so low, additional rails are necessary. He will order and install them. This will reduce deployment time.

The Authority needs to expand its team to operate the air boat. Dean will continue to participate in training, and will encourage/recruit others that may be interested. He thought perhaps Kevin Smith in Washington would be interested. Ed asked Dean and Steve if they would work together to form a team and they agreed. A training and team availability schedule needs to be developed.

Ed Matthews questioned how emergency calls are dispatched through 911. Steve noted that it should be automatic to Washington FD, and that a clear procedure should be in place. He also noted that LCD is on 2 different channels for Police, and Fire/Ambulance and he was concerned about that. Dean was under the impression that Morris was automatically deployed in conjunction with Washington for a lake emergency, with Goshen as a backup. Dean and Steve will check on these procedures and forward to Sandy for distribution to all members.

NO WAKE ZONE: The buoys need to be placed correctly and sighted with a GPS. Steve said that this was done originally, but he believed that the DEEP incorrectly moved them shrinking the zone. The dates for seasonal install and removal are under state statute. Spring installation happens after school races are complete at the end of May. Steve will monitor the location.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed would like to purchase a mirror on a pole for undercarriage inspections of boats and trailers entering the lake for those inspections that are conducted at the launch. It would greatly assist the people inspecting crafts. A motion was made to purchase this by Sandy, and Gary seconded the motion. Thus passed.

It was unanimously approved that the Authority will recommend a proposed ordinance banning aircraft landing on the lake for safety and environmental reasons. This ordinance will need to be approved by town meetings in Washington, Warren and Kent. The Authority will gain support from the Task Force and the Lake Association as well as the selectman and the town attorneys prior to the scheduling of the town meetings.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sandy Papsin
Lake Waramaug Authority Secretary**