

**LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27TH, 2017 MEETING**

- Present:** Ed Matthews, Gary Davis, Kevin Brady, Rebecca Holmes, Pat Kessler, Ed Berner, Sandy Papsin
- Minutes:** All members reviewed and approved minutes of the April meeting.
- Treasury:** The Treasurer noted that he has only written one check since our last meeting and it was to the Town of Washington for boat fuel. He asked Pat Kessler to total and approve the fuel receipts that were acquired over the summer and send them to him for payment.
- Regatta Report:** Pat Kessler noted that the events this spring were all well planned and participating schools and personnel were cooperative, especially Gunnery. There was one incident of hypothermia.
- Marine Patrol:** There were few violations on the Lake this summer season. For the most part, residents have been cooperative. There have been recurring incidents and rescues in the north cove area primarily from patrons of Clarke Outdoors.
- Pat is currently the only patrol officer and as a result there were fewer patrol hours on the Lake this summer. Patrols were staggered to be on the Lake during the busiest times.
- It was mentioned that some early morning water skiers do not have an observer. Pat will monitor this more closely.
- Equipment Update:** The police boat is in storage for the winter. The mini-flashing-light bar needs to be replaced and the top cover needs to be repaired.
- Ice Rescue:** The ice rescue team will train regularly during the winter and volunteers from Warren will also be invited to join.
- It was agreed to update emergency response protocols to make sure there is sufficient coverage at all times.
- The Lake Authority approved \$8,000 - \$10,000 to purchase ice rescue clothing and equipment for the team volunteers.
- Old Business:** Tee shirts and sweatshirts with the LWA rescue logo will soon be given to team members. Each team member will also receive a plaque recognizing their contribution. These plaques as well as the tee shirts and sweatshirts will be presented at a recognition dinner for the team. The local papers will be asked to cover the event.
- The Authority passed a motion thanking Trooper Steve Sordi for supervising all police and safety issues relating to the lake for many years.
- New Business:** The police are concerned that Clarke Outdoors, which has a contract to rent kayaks, canoes and paddle boards with the State of Connecticut at the State Park, be equipped, as stated in their contract with staff and a "retrieval vessel for use in rescues or retrievals". The Authority is reviewing this situation with the state. The plan is to have a better system in place prior to the 2018 season.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Papsin