

# **LAKE WARAMAUG AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES OF 11/14/2014**

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

Minutes: Those present reviewed the minutes of our previous of May 9th, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Ed Matthews to accept as presented, seconded by Bill Hopkins, the minutes passed as presented.

Treasury: Sandy presented the Treasury Report on behalf of Gary Davis. It was noted that the gas total for 2014 were lower than 2013 even though usage of the boat was the same. Steve said he had been to Dowler's Garage seeking any outstanding bills to account for the difference, but there were none. Sandy made a motion to accept as presented, Ed Berner seconded this and the report passed.

Equipment: Steve stated that the boat was in very good condition. The marine patrol officers are very particular about the care and maintenance of the boat each time it is used. This winter the boat will be stored indoors in a pole barn, so there is no need to shrink wrap it. Currently the boat is at the marina having work done on the keel which has been an issue since the boat was purchased. Steve is confident that this repair will be the last since stainless steel will be used to stabilize and protect it. This will be completed before the boat is waxed and stored for the winter. Steve also noted that the microphone on the radio needs to be replaced.

The Ice Boat is stored at the Town Beach in the garage under the caretakers home. The Fire Department is no longer responsible for the boat; the Marine Patrol under Steve's direction is now completely in charge. Steve and Kevin will meet this Wednesday 11/19 to try and work up the logistics for a winter ramp to provide smoother and faster access to the lake when the boat needs to be deployed in the winter. The boat is stored on the trailer, and all the wet suits and equipment are in the garage as well. Ed Matthews questioned the response time for a rescue emergency. Steve stated it would be minutes, depending on where the responders were at the time of the call.

Marine Patrol Report: There were 20 –25 shifts worked this season, with between 150 and 170 hours of random and scheduled patrols, primarily on the weekends. The Marine Patrol Officers focus on public relations with boaters. There are not many violations. Random patrols will continue next season as well.

Regattas: Again this season, there were no problems, and the events took place without any issues. Steve noted again how appreciative he was to Kevin Garrity for all his years of service and cooperation with the execution of the regattas. The Gunnery

has yet to name a replacement coach for the crew team, but Steve is confident that it will be a smooth transition.

Old Business: Ed Berner reported that the "Slow No Wake" bill is in the State Legislature. A meeting is scheduled for 11/25 to finalize the bill and the LWA is hopeful that it will be in the 2015 CT State Boating Guides. Ed felt that the delay was due to sign designation and distance of the zone.

The DOT held a meeting with the Lake Waramaug Task Force regarding spraying for weeds along the shoreline and assured us that the product they use was not harmful to the water or to waterlife.

New Business: Ed Matthews questioned if it were feasible to designate an area of the Lake for safe long distance swimming. The answer from Steve was no, there is nothing designated.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Papsin  
Secretary, Lake Waramaug Authority