

Minutes

Special Meeting Held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 3-C, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut, by Amey Marrella, Commissioner, and Susan Frechette, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Connecticut

Agenda:

To discuss the Candlewood Lake Authority's recent decision to suspend marine patrols of Candlewood Lake and to address how the Department and the cities of Danbury and New Milford, and towns of New Fairfield, Brookfield and Sherman may work together to assure safe recreational opportunities for the public on Candlewood Lake.

People in Attendance:

Ted Backer (CLA counsel, Cramer & Anderson); Larry Marsicano (Executive Director, CLA); Joe Yedowitz (Chief, CLA Patrol Officers); Andrea O'Connor (First Selectman, Town of Sherman); William Davidson (First Selectman, Town of Brookfield); John Hodge (First Selectman, Town of New Fairfield); Pat Murphy (Mayor, New Milford); Eleanor Mariani (Boating Office, DEP); Susan Frechette (Deputy Commissioner, DEP); Kyle Overturf (Colonel, Environmental Conservation Police, DEP); Amey Marrella (Commissioner, DEP); Melinda Decker (Legal Director, DEP); Mary Ann Carson (State Rep.); Mark Toussaint (CLA, New Milford); Mike McLachlan (State Senator); E. Hayes (Selectman, Town of Sherman); Gary Dufel (CLA Delegate, Danbury); Jan Giegler (State Rep.); Joe Taborsak (State Rep.); Richard A. Smith (Candidate for State Rep. 108th); Graham Stevens (Chief of Staff, DEP); Dennis Schain (Communications Director, DEP); Kimberly Anderson (Sen. McLachlan's Office); Joelle Constantino (Fairfield Univ. Nursing); Steffi Williams (Fairfield Univ. Nursing); Wayne Shepperd (Chief of Staff, Mayor Boughton, City of Danbury); Bill Goffry (Volunteer Fireman, City of Danbury); Dirk Perretort (The News-Times)

Meeting Discussion:

Representatives of the Connecticut General Assembly, DEP, CLA, the towns of Sherman, Brookfield and New Fairfield, and the cities of New Milford and Danbury, as well as members of the public who were in attendance, participated in a discussion concerning how to proceed in due haste with resuming CLA marine patrols on Candlewood Lake. DEP Commissioner, Amey Marrella, agreed to take immediate action to provide for DEP supervision of the CLA patrol officers provided that no CLA lake patrol officer be allowed to carry a firearm unless he/she is currently certified by the Connecticut Police Officer Standards Training (POST) Council.

The CLA, the Chief Elected Officials of the CLA member towns in attendance, and the DEP agreed to work together to finalize an agreement establishing the respective responsibilities of the DEP and CLA for supervision and operation of Candlewood Lake patrol officers during the 2010 summer season. The DEP committed to providing a draft agreement by day's end on June 10, 2010, for CLA and the Chief Elected Officials of CLA's member towns to review and consider pertaining to DEP's supervision and operation of CLA patrol officers, among other things.

Commissioner Amey Marrella and Deputy Commissioner Susan Frechette thanked everyone for the cooperative spirit of the discussion that took place.