



# CANDLEWOOD LAKE AUTHORITY

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## Minutes of SPECIAL BOD Meeting February 24, 2022 - 7:00PM ZOOM

### ATTENDING:

P. Schaer Sherman  
D. Cushnie Sherman  
M. O'Connor Sherman (*joined at 7:12pm*)

J. Archer New Fairfield (*phone*)

M. Gaffey Brookfield  
B. Lohan Brookfield  
W. Meikle Brookfield

M. Toussaint New Milford  
J. Wodarski New Milford

M. Howarth, Executive Director  
N. Stalter, Director of Ecology & Environmental Science  
J. Usher, Administrative Coordinator  
N. Mellas, Chief, CLAMP (*phone*)  
M. Gasperino, Operations Manager

Recorder: Jeannine Usher

Guests: 0

Chairman, Marianne Gaffey called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

### USE OF BODY CAMERAS BY CLA MARINE PATROL OFFICERS (Will Meikle)

The CLA Marine Patrol is seeking to hire several POST-certified officers. The new police accountability act goes into effect on July 1, 2022, and requires all POST-certified officers to wear body cameras. The Town of Redding approached the CLA with an offer to sell 17 of their body cameras including all the accompanying equipment, as well as a policy with an external firm for \$2,500. This purchase was approved in the last Public Safety meeting and will be drawn from their existing budget. It was noted that all CLA LPOs would wear body cameras.

### ABSENT:

J. Main New Fairfield

B. Licht New Fairfield

C. Robinson Danbury  
E. Siergiej Danbury  
D. Rosemark Danbury

S. Kluge New Milford

## **PURCHASE OF BODY CAMERAS FOR CLAMP**

*Will Meikle made a motion to approve that the CLA authorize the LPO's to wear body cameras from this point forward, seconded by Joe Wodarski.*

Discussion about body camera software license transferability.

*Mr. Meikle amended the motion above to include the provision that the body camera software must be transferable, seconded by Mr. Wodarski, with all voting in favor.*

## **CLA COMMENTS TO FERC REGARDING THE RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

*Martin O'Connor joined at 7:12pm.*

Neil Stalter discussed the proposed revision to the Recreation Management Plan from FirstLight, who is proposing to eliminate the requirement to do flyover boat counts.

Discussion about Mr. Stalter's proposed written comments.

*Mark Toussaint made a motion that we accept Neil's draft written comments to FirstLight, seconded by Mr. Meikle. Mr. Toussaint amended his motion to include the following language in Neil's comments: the recent overcrowding and need for expanding our patrol footprint on the lake, and FirstLight's support of that activity, seconded by Marianne Gaffey, with all voting in favor.*

## **ADJOURN**

*Joan Archer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phyllis Schaer, with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.*

Respectfully submitted,



Martin O'Connor, Secretary  
Jeannine Usher, Administrative Coordinator

*These minutes are not considered official until they have been approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Candlewood Lake Authority.*