

CT B.A.S.S. Nation
Meeting Minutes
July 24th 2014

ROLL CALL: Clubs absent – Pachaug Area Bassmasters

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from Folds of Honor Four Our Donation

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MOTION TO ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES AS POSTED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque

Conservation Report: Dean Rustic

- **Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting – No July Meeting**
- **Fisheries Advisory Council meeting – No Meeting**
- **Fishing Advocacy – Working directly with CT DEEP to promote Fishing with these initiatives.**
 - Shimano Youth Conservation Initiative
 - Moss Back has provided us with additional discounts and will be sending us a banner
 - The Pilot Project is Echo Lake in Watertown set for August 10th
 - Updates from the Pilot Project will be ready for the August Meeting.
 - Remaining Community waters are to be completed in September (please volunteer)
 - Hoping to get Media Coverage for at least one of these events.

Boating Advisory: No Meeting until September

CLA Report:

- Received Newsletter from Larry Marsicano pertaining to us was an article thanking the sponsors who donated to the Lake cleanup on May 17th (we were listed).
- The CT DEEP pump out boat, funded through the Clean Vessel Act, is back up and operating on Candlewood Lake. Due to a delay in grand funding this year, service began for July 4th weekend. It is expected to run through September, provided there is adequate demand. Days of operation are Saturday and Sunday from 9a-5p. There is no fee for the service. The boat will be out cruising the lake, or if things are slow will be located at Echo Bay Marina at a slip behind the gas dock. To Schedule a pump out call 860-985-9474 during the week or on Sat am and leave a message.

CT Haddam Canal Issue:

- Norb Heil's "Letter to the Editor" will be in the Haddam August Bulletin per their Editor Edward Swing.
Shame on CT Yankee Atomic Power Company

I attended the May 20th meeting of the CT Yankee Fuel Storage Advisory Committee meeting as an official of CT B.A.S.S. Nation and our parent organization which represents over 500,000 anglers to find out why CT Yankee closed off the fishing 'canal' along

the CT River in Haddam. I was stunned to hear CT Yankee's representative say the closing was a security enhancement to protect its guards. He made claims that a boater or fisherman shot a guard at a nuclear power plant last year and that boaters were observed floating in the Haddam Canal with 'contraband' including alcohol, marijuana and we assume a gun too. I did some research about the alleged shooting and what happened is anything but clear, in fact, other guard shootings have been reported in the past, all proven to be made up stories fabricated by the guards (<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2013/apr/25/tva-mum-on-shooting-details/>). CT Yankee's characterization about boaters and fishermen is an insult! According to DEEP, we contribute over \$300,000,000 a year to CT's economy. In addition many of our members are former servicemen who have fought to protect our country and insure our liberty. Treating us as potential killers is not in anyone's best interests. CT Yankee claims to be concerned with boater safety. From what I understand there has never been a boating accident in the canal. If that's so, the barrier can be removed - it serves no safety or security purpose - whatsoever and in fact creates a few. To maximize boating safety and protect CT Yankee's property, the entire canal should be made a 5 mph 'no wake' zone with signs saying 'travel at your own risk' and 'no trespassing' above the high water mark on the shoreline. CBN has provided DEEP with a list of alternative measures. The closing of this canal is a loss of liberty and access to a navigable waterway that is public property. Where will it end? CT Yankee discussed closing Salmon Cove. Is that next! Come on you're all good, smart people – we can do better! Please take down that ugly orange barrier, NOW! Thank You.

Sincerely,
Norb Heil Jr.
President, Heart Of Connecticut Bassmasters
East Hampton, CT

- Please find the 7 page letter Norb wrote to the CT Yankee Haddam Canal Committee at the end of the minutes for you to read/review.

Tournament Report: Paul Dingee

- 63 Boaters and 27 Non-Boaters
- Thank you to all who stepped up to help. The help was greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to Joe Horvath and Tom Reynolds for putting on another great cookout for us!
- Next tournament is Mr. BASS – how many clubs are in? Location along with pairings will be posted Monday, July 28th.
- The new 2-Day application will be coming out in August. Please make sure you follow the instructions! If you are linked both of you must fill out your sections (Linked and Co-Angler) with a check for \$100.00 for each of you and applicable paperwork in the SAME envelope.
- If you are not a linked angler just fill out the Angler section and send it in with a check for the \$100.00 and the applicable paperwork.
- Congratulations to the top 40 Anglers and Co-Anglers for qualifying for the Classic/Tournament #4. The app will be up by the first week of September. Nothing will be mailed to you. You must download the app from ctbass.com and mail it by the deadline of Oct 11th.
- Please stay away from the weigh in committee & tent during the weigh in at any CBN tournament. They cannot have a conversation with you and hear what is being called out to them to record. If you have any questions save it until the weigh in is over or ask the Tournament Director. Please do not touch anything as they have a system and moving anything can create an issue.
- Trail is sanctioned under:
 - Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Highest finishing Skeeter Owner Contingency Program
 - Skeeter Real Money
 - Stratos 2X the Money
 - Triton Gold

Sponsorship Report: Robert Nelson

- **Pure Fishing Discount** – No discount this quarter
- **Rigid Industries** - There is a 30% off offer to all members. Members should follow the instructions and using the order forms and links on the CBN website.
- **Navionics**
 - Navionics will be a sponsor of the CBN For 2014. They will be giving the CBN four (4) Navionics+ Charts to be used at the CBN Awards Banquet.
- **Thayer's Marine** – Thayer's Marine has become a Gold Sponsor!!
- **Midstate Battery** – A discount is available to ALL Nation members and the Nation will receive a Volume Rebate
 - MidState Battery was very pleased with the use of the sponsorship by our members! Members spent a total of \$4,400.00!! We earned a check of approx. \$88.00!! At the April meeting there will be a presentation of the new line of Northstar AGM Batteries, MidState will be donating \$600.00 in gift certificates again for the banquet also!
 - They can be reached at 139C West Dudley Town Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002
 - Phone 860.243.0646 Fax 860.243.5945 or email at smerone@midstatebattery.com
 - Notify Sylvia about all purchases so she can keep track of what the CBN rebate should be.
- **Reynolds Garage & Marine** – Reynolds & Skeeter Highest Finishing Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money
 - Qualifying Events:
 - May 18th, CBN Tournament #1
 - June 22nd, CBN Tournament #2
 - July 13th, CBN Tournament #3
 - October 19th, CBN Classic/Tournament #4
 - Payout:
 - Reynolds & Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money based on the year of the highest finishing Skeeter Owner's boat (only one award per event)
 - \$3,000.00 (2011 model Skeeter or newer)
 - \$1,000.00 (2010 model Skeeter or older)
 - Skeeter Real Money up to \$3,000.00
 - Rules:
 - The Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money will be paid to the highest finishing Skeeter Owner in each of the four CBN Tournaments outlined above. Only one prize per event will be awarded. Dollar amount of the award will be determined by the age of the highest finishing Skeeter Owners boat...2011 model or newer Skeeter boat will qualify for \$3,000.00 per event, 2010 model or older Skeeter boat will qualify for \$1,000.00 per event.
 - The highest finishing registered Skeeter Owner must have verifiable proof that he or she is fishing from his or her Skeeter boat to qualify for the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money. Proof of ownership and insurance must be produced and verified by the CBN Tournament Director at weigh-in at each of the four 2014 CBN Events.
 - In the event that the highest finishing Skeeter Owner cannot provide verifiable proof that he or she is the registered owner of the Skeeter boat that he or she used in the event, the second highest finishing Skeeter Owner will become the winner of the Reynolds Garage & Marine/Skeeter Owner Contingency Prize Money.
 - There will be no limit to the times an angler can win per calendar year.
 - The four CBN Events outlined above will also be sanctioned for 2014 Skeeter Real Money. Each CBN Event must have a minimum of 30 boats and 60 anglers to qualify for 2014 Skeeter Real Money. To qualify for 2014 Skeeter Real Money, each individual registered Skeeter Owner must register for the 2014 Skeeter Real Money program. Go to www.skeeterboats.com and download an application. Annual dues are \$25.00 per year. Skeeter Real Money rules are available by clicking on the Skeeter Real Money logo on the www.skeeterboats.com website homepage.
- **Lowrance Insight Genesis B.A.S.S Nation Challenge**
 - In addition to the current Lowrance Social Media challenge, Lowrance has issued another, please see below. PLEASE send to all your club members!

- The program is split into two groups, large and small B.A.S.S Nations. The contest will award \$20,000 in Lowrance product to the large state that ends up on top, and \$12,000 in Lowrance product to the top state in the small division. They didn't want to lump you all together and give the states with larger member numbers too much of an advantage.
- Clubs can earn \$3,000 of Lowrance product awarded monthly
- Individuals that take part have the opportunity to win and HDS12, HDS9 or HDS7 in the monthly awards for the top three people respectively, and if they are the top person for the entire year, they will earn and all-expense paid fishing trip with one of the Lowrance Tour Pros (I was told it would be an Elite Pro).
- **Power Pole**
 - Power-Pole is now a sponsor of the B.A.S.S Nation for 2014. Effective January 1st, they will be offering a discount to all B.A.S.S Nation members. They will match your officers listed with the B.A.S.S Nation against the rebates applied for and will match members names with current B.A.S.S Nation rosters. You must be a CBN Member to be eligible.
 - The discounts are available via a rebate program through <http://www.power-pole.com> The product will be purchased at the retail value of the Power-Pole (limit 2 per year per boat). In order to receive your rebate you will need to register the Power-Pole at <http://www.power-pole.com> located under the "Support" column header, then "Product Registration" Once the product has been registered you will then be prompted to fill out the rebate form, with this the discount will be issued in accordance with the discount you are entitled to receive. The discount levels will remain active on accessories and apparel purchased through the website for a period of 12 months. Should you have any questions, contact Casey Carpenter @ 813-689-9932 ext. 2021 or email casey@power-pole.com
- **Livingston Lures**
 - New sponsor for the CBN, check for \$1500 received, product coming for banquets, tournaments etc.

CBN Scholarship: Nothing New

Robert S Malloy Scholarship: Nothing New

Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris

- Change of Date: Due to the nationals being held on our original date of November 8th, we will now be holding in on November 22nd. Please be sure to notify all club members of the change. Getting prizes for the youth that will attend, right now that is about 24! *some discussion was held on the banquet being too long. Sylvia let everyone know that there is no guest speaker this year. Suggestions were made to change the way the raffle is done. Remember that this is an Awards Banquet and we do give out several awards. Last year we were done at 10:20 after we cleaned up, tore down banners and counted money. It should be sooner this year.

Membership Committee: Paul Dingee – Nothing New

Website Committee: Armand has been paid

Audit Committee: Nothing to report

Youth Report: Terry Baksay & Ron Frisk

- Nonnewaug and Fairfield Prep competed in the National High School Championship
 - Nonnewaug made the Top 30 to fish day 3 but did not make the Top 10 to fish the final day
 - Fairfield Prep did not make the Top 30 but Michael Toohey won a \$1,000.00 scholarship
 - All of them had an experience of a lifetime.
 - Special thanks to Greg Mazur for boat captaining for Nonnewaug
- Completed our 4th tournament for the 2015 qualifying events. Three events left. Weekday tournaments are taking their toll. Handful of kids unable to make them. 2015 trail is all weekends!!
 - Will need a few boat captains for 9/13 and 10/11 event. 9/13 event on Lilinonah and 10/11 on Zoar

- We will have at least \$100 in product for each kid at the banquet. Looking to have our own raffle table. Have a few special items to raffle off separately. If anyone has any new, unused product or anything new and unused that relates to fishing just laying around please feel free to donate to the High School/Youth program.

Finance Committee: Ray Bessett – Nothing to report

State Team Report: Sylvia Morris

- Lowrance hats, Livingston Lures hats, t-shirts and lures, Humminbird/Minnkota hats, Alliance Team shirts and Lowrance towels were passed out.
- Divisional entry forms were collected and mailed in
- Abe Kalechman, Keith Lee, Reed Johnson and Garrett Kruger turned in their sponsorship of \$250.00 each.
- Paul Mueller's sponsorship from Dobyn Rods of 13 40% off certificates to the team members on one rod each. Other merchandise coming from Reins
- Next meeting before leaving will be Sept 6th at Noon at Sylvia's house
- Second half of hotel fee will be paid this week
- Kevin Noel has switched to a non-boater, moving David Dziob to Boater position #6 and Paul Mueller into possible boater each day.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Excused Absences: Naugatuck Valley Bassmasters, Tobacco Valley, Tolland County
- The Berkely Pure Fishing Aware of \$1500.00 – Revo SX40 was received.
- Grant account has been opened and \$4400.00 has been deposited.
- Marc has closed the Youth account and rolled all funds into the High School account. This account will now be for all youth groups involved with the CBN
- Nominating committee for Tournament Director is Sal Messina (860-883-3116) or Harry Gordon (203-560-7030). Please call either one of these two and nominate someone or yourself for Tournament Director. Nominations are still open and voting will take place during August meeting. Currently Sal Messina has been nominated.
- New Lowrance program – Details Below:
 - New Lowrance program for 2014: Quarterly postings of pictures of Lowrance products being used or events featuring Lowrance products gives us 1 point for each, videos of the product or event featuring Lowrance gives us 2 points, pictures or videos with a new idea using the Lowrance gives us 3 points and finally a unique event or idea gives us an extra point for each. Points will be added and prizes awarded in each quarter. 3 prizes for each: 1st place highest point state gets a touch 12, 2nd place a touch 9, and 3rd place gets a touch 7. A state can win in multiple quarters. You must notify Sylvia when you post anything to the Lowrance Facebook page or any other form of social media. You must begin each post with **#Lowrance BN CT or we will not get credit for it!!! You must notify Sylvia when you post anything to the Lowrance Facebook page or any other form of social media. Let's try to win all four!!!**
 - **UPDATE:** We won the 2nd quarter and will receive another HDS12! Thank you to those who have posted pictures and have posed for me! Working on quarter 3 and are currently in the lead!! Keep the pictures coming!!
- New CBN/NEBA Team Championship Trail has been started. Next tournament August 3rd, Lilionah. New guideline, for every 25 teams signed up by June Tournament we can send 1 team to the Championship. We need 9 more to be able to send two teams.
- Remember to utilize the hotels in Danbury that supply us with a fisherman rate!! Newbury (best parking), Micro-tel and Best Western.
- Marc is working on getting the taxes done as Cohen has told us he will no longer do them but will help us get someone else. Marc updated, we have contacted new company and they have applied for the extension

- Triton Alliance Leads Program, we already have some sales pending for this year. Please let Sylvia know as soon as someone THINKS they are going to buy a Triton. She will email all the info (name, email, phone number and what boat he is interested in if possible) to put the lead in.
- Disabled Military Veteran's Tournament & First Responders Tournament – Boat captains needed. Contact Al Guite to volunteer for any of these events (Al Guite 860-829-0616 or alanguite@comcast.net)
 - Tuesday, Sept 16th sponsor River Front Recapture
 - Sponsor a First Responders Boat forms available on the table (corporate and personal). I would like to suggest a club take the personal one and collect within the club and make it a club donation.
- BASS Renewal Envelopes available – CBN gets \$5 for everyone mailed in to BASS.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

- Northeast Expo Show (\$150.00) will be February 13-15th, 2015
- Need a nomination committee for all officers at the August meeting.
- Thayers Open and Heart of CT open coming up
 - Vinny - For Heart of CT open please get applications in early if interested – some of the money will be going to the kids

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 28th, 2014

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Rose, CBN Secretary**

****Norb Heil's letter to the CT Yankee Haddam Canal Committee****

July 5, 2014
Hello, Eleanor.

It was a pleasure speaking with you the other day. I hope this note finds you getting to relax and have some fun this July 4th weekend. It's kind of appropriate that I am corresponding about an issue that involves the denial of access to a one mile stretch of the Connecticut River Public waterway on a day that celebrates our Liberties and ability to pursue happiness. A time to stop and take a breath and remember our forefathers and armed services and their families who's hard work and sacrifices have afforded Americans the opportunity to enjoy our freedoms which include our Public Lands and Waterways.

I promised that I would send you some of the information that came up when we spoke. Information you may or may not have received, or information you may have requested and did not make it your way during the permit issuing process relating to the blocking off of the public's access to a navigable Public waterway on the CT River. Our hope is that it will assist you and all the decision makers that have the ability to re-evaluate the need for the public waterway canal barricade and the permit that was issued. In closing I will also provide you what I think are some ideas that would assist in a go forward decision that could work to satisfy everyone's interests and have the boom removed while preserving the River's scenic beauty, public access to public waters and minimize concerns CY may have on the public's presence near their unrestricted property.

First, here is the information from two articles on prior and pending lawsuits that CY has won and most likely will win again against the Federal Department of Energy for their failure to not have a facility in place to accept the remaining CY spent fuel waste.

http://articles.courant.com/2013-11-15/business/hc-nuclear-plant-connecticut-yankee-lawsuit-20131115_1_nuclear-waste-federal-government-damages

also...

CT Yankee receives another \$126M for nuclear waste



The nuclear waste storage site is all that is left of the decommissioned Connecticut Yankee power plant in Haddam.

Decommissioned Haddam nuclear plant Connecticut Yankee received another \$126 million in a dispute with the U.S. Department of Energy over the continued storage of nuclear waste in Connecticut, the plant's owner announced Friday.

The Yankee Companies – representing the Haddam plant along with nuclear facilities in Massachusetts and Maine – has sued the federal government three times over its failure to remove spent uranium from temporary onsite storage facilities to a permanent repository. In 1998, the Energy Department was supposed to start collecting spent uranium from nuclear reactors around the country and put that waste into a permanent repository, originally planned for Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

That promise nor Yucca Mountain ever came to fruition, and the country's nuclear plant power owners filed separate lawsuits in 2002, 2007, and 2013 over the federal government's continued failure to remove the waste.

From the 2002 lawsuit, Connecticut Yankee received \$39.7 million in February. The \$126.3 million awarded on Friday was from the 2007 lawsuit. A ruling on the 2013 lawsuit, which covers the cost of keeping the nuclear waste onsite from 2009-2012, still is pending.

Yankee's Maine and Massachusetts sites won \$109 million on Friday, on top of the \$120 million from the first lawsuit.

As these nuclear reactors are owned by a mix of New England utilities, the proceeds from the lawsuit will be credited to electric ratepayers in the utilities' service territories.

Eleanor, I believe that information is important in the conversations going forward since many folks believe that if CY feels they prefer to include additional measures of keeping people off their unrestricted property they need to do it without denying the public access to a public waterway. When the public said in the May 20th Meeting, CY if you really do not want folks on your unrestricted property you may build a fence around the canal and that would certainly be a more robust way to allay any fears you have or the annoyance of the general public enjoying that part of the CT River. CY, spokesperson, Brantley Brueger replied that it would create a rate hike to the public? Well, the Federal Government has documented that CY is in complete adherence to the current requirements they have laid out for CY in the management of the 5.7 acre restricted area and a 100 meter radius as required in 72.106 Controlled Area of an ISFSI or MRS, so I would assume that means if you want to do things on your own unrestricted property Department Of Energy would not expect to see those charges included in future lawsuits to recover costs associated with the management and security of the site since it is not part of what we the Government have said you are responsible to protect. On the other hand, building a fence would solve all the problems and CY and the rate payers would be reimbursed if it was in fact required by the Government as a form of meeting a regulation. Does not add up or make any sense. Closing the canal provides no added safety but in fact is creating many possible scenarios for public safety issues in its current existence. This will come out to show CY was looking for a cheap and inexpensive way to keep the pesky public off a public waterway instead of considering the public and it's rights to that waterway and coming up with alternatives instead of the lame excuses that were presented by CY at the May 20th FSAC Meeting. For example we observed on our camera a boat floating on the canal with contraband. What contraband the Public asked? Alcohol and Marijuana and so we assumed they may have had a firearm – CY responded. I sincerely apologize, Eleanor, my intent was just to send you the two items you asked about but as I think about that meeting and what CY was saying it just felt like this was all choreographed by CY to snooker the Public and one's emotion kicks in. When the general Public starts to get access to all this gets this information next week it's pretty evident they'll draw the same conclusions.

The second document we talked about was 72.106 - this is what was used as another basis for CY requesting blocking a Ct Public Waterway. First problem with this is the waterway does not traverse the 100 meters documented by the Federal Government. This is the touchy one because CY took it upon themselves to stretch it to 300 meters? In doing so we're told it jussst may touch a corner of the unrestricted canal? Obviously it is clear what CY was attempting to do here. Hopefully the State was presented the clear regulations on what the permit was being based on and not mislead directly or indirectly. I have not really seen all the detail of how things transpired but this all came up at the May 20th, 2014 FSAC Meeting I attended. As you are aware a very detailed and factual account of the Canal Boom being erected and documents obtained from the FOI is forthcoming from the Haddam Bulletin - that would be a better source for timelines and facts and actual supporting documentation then what I am sharing here.

Here is the video of that FSAC meeting :<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WY92xCEa0SA&feature=youtu.be>

In the beginning of the meeting after CY, Brantley Brueger reads a short security update he then proceeds to address the public's concern about the Canal Boom. (Ct Bass Nation only heard about the public being invited that morning). The only State Agency that I believe attended was DEEP's - Radiation Division. I may be wrong on that? If you have a little time over a cup of coffee to watch it would be very helpful in getting a sense of the issues and ramifications surrounding this as well as some of what I would call weak reasons CY felt this was necessary.

§ 72.106 Controlled area of an ISFSI or MRS.

(a) For each ISFSI or MRS site, a controlled area must be established.

(b) Any individual located on or beyond the nearest boundary of the controlled area may not receive from any design basis accident the more limiting of a total effective dose equivalent of 0.05 Sv (5 rem), or the sum of the deep-dose equivalent and the committed dose equivalent to any individual organ or tissue (other than the lens of the eye) of 0.5 Sv (50 rem). The lens dose equivalent may not exceed 0.15 Sv (15 rem) and the shallow dose equivalent to skin or any extremity may not exceed 0.5 Sv (50 rem). The minimum distance from the spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste, or reactor-related GTCC waste handling and storage facilities to the nearest boundary of the controlled area must be at least 100 meters.

(c) The controlled area may be traversed by a highway, railroad or waterway, so long as appropriate and effective arrangements are made to control traffic and to protect public health and safety.

[53 FR 31658, Aug. 19, 1988, as amended at 63 FR 54562, Oct. 13, 1998; 66 FR 51842, Oct. 11, 2001]

I could go on, Eleanor but that's enough for one day. Time to go celebrate the 4th weekend. Hopefully I'll make it out to the River tomorrow and Candlewood during the week to fish. As I mentioned I'm in a difficult spot because I'm President Of Heart of Ct Bassmasters a chapter of the Connecticut BASS Nation and B.A.S.S, I am a local fisherman who adores the River and I'm out there on that Jewell several days a week and a simple tax paying resident of East Hampton just down the road from that section of River.

I have a deep respect for the DEEP and as we spoke CT BASS Nation and DEEP have an incredible relationship and respect and understanding of what each of our missions and obligations are. We look forward to continuing that Partnership. The folks we have had the pleasure to work with in DEEP have been fantastic.

Please feel free to share this note and information with Peter Aarristad. I had a nice conversation with him as well and I'm concerned that Fisheries will be getting a lot of questions since folks are already asking how hard and how involved was fisheries in fighting this and supporting the public's right to utilize these public navigable waters.

Here is what I think would be a road forward to a better place. Assemble CY focal on this, DEEP focals, surrounding Town Officials (Melissa Schlag – Haddam First Selectwomen) addressing this issue and propose the following:

- 1) Have the DEEP immediately mark this part of the River as " No Wake Zone", that alone will reduce risk of accidents along that stretch, reduce and control what very very little traffic the canal receives
- 2) Based on the fact it is now a designated NO Wake Zone have DEEP EnCon Police Patrol as they already do - but add a heightened focus on ensuring the new No Wake regulations are being followed and educating the Public on CY's sensitivity even in spite of the fact it's an unrestricted area of the property
- 3) Have CY increase the number of signs posted along the canal that the land is private property and that violators will be prosecuted for Trespassing on the property
- 4) On the times you occasionally see more than one or two boats in that entire stretch are normally during Fishing Tournaments. The State DEEP can share the Tournament dates and times so Security at the unrestricted property is

aware ahead of time why it would be seeing more boats at those times. (Just like tournament permits are posted by the DEEP in the CTFISHERMAN.com website ahead of time now)

- 5) *Make CY aware that every Fisherman and Hunter as well as boater holds a license so the State already has all the information computerized on those individuals*
- 6) *Reconsider the Canal Boom based on the safety issues the boom creates just being there - and weighing the risks of access it poses if there is a need to immediately have access to that stretch of Public Waterway*
- 7) *Consider keeping it attached on one side and covered by a green tarp - in the event that it needs to be installed to serve a legitimate purpose the option is there if required (rules on what constitutes it being utilized can be worked out with DEEP, the Town and CY).*
- 8) *Realize there is endless shoreline where boats can make landfall that do not include the canal if ill intent really exists. A fence around the canal is still an option that needs to be fully pursued or a partial fence that parallels the road with intrusion detection at each end*
- 9) *Create a Public Permit - hate to get to that but it is done easily now with properties around the State for pheasant and deer hunting (even though in this case the Public really is not on private property unless they make landfall) - register on line and be able to print out a special permit to access that part of the River for recreational pleasure for the season and if asked by enCon you need to produce it or be asked to leave until registering and obtaining one. Note: when I suggested that CY consider a way to provide a program to allow fisherman permission based on the fact we're all licensed they said they would take it under consideration.*
- 10) *If CY feels obligated to patrol the unrestricted property along the canal consider a part time additional security guard to patrol it. Because for five or more winter months of the year the canal waterway receives no traffic and other than maybe a handful of boats during prime shift and several more during a fishing tournament or Kayak tour there is never more than two or less boats in there at any time.*
- 11) *Consider making the interior of the canal a 'safety zone' and include it in the Hunting Regs.*

These are ideas I was able to come up with without even collaborating with a group. Haddam First Selectwoman , Melissa Schlag said she was going to create a sub-committee to work together to come up with alternative ways to get this Canal Boom removed but I have not seen or been contacted about where she is with that. I will reach out to her this week for an update as well I plan to speak with the local Veterans Affairs this week since we work with their Wounded Warriors and take them Fishing several times a year as Peter is probably aware. As I said before if the right decision makers, you being key, I'm confident you can come up with an alternative solution to what is in place now which currently only seems to serve CY in ways the Public is still grappling with? A Public that is prepared to continue to make this a local, State and National issue if one cannot be developed in a timely manner.

If there is any way I can help you - any other information I can assist in tracking down for you, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail, heilnorb@comcast.net or by phone (c) 860-836-3906. Thank you, Eleanor.

*Sincerely,
Norb Heil
President, Heart of Ct Bassmasters
And East Hampton Ct Resident*