

**Lake Beseck Environment Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

**Present:** Rick Santos, Lisa McCabe, Jim Irish, Craig Lundell, Carmi Kowalewski, Aleta Cromack

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>Opening</b>	Meeting opened at 7:06pm Minutes reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve minutes. Craig seconded. All agreed.	
<b>Public comment</b>	No public present	
<b>2025-2026 Drawdown</b>	Commissioner's letter confirmed: Drawdown will begin around October 1 and attempt to reach <b>6 feet</b> by November 1. It will be maintained at that level until January 31, 2026. After Jan 31, 2026, the drawdown will be managed until March 1, 2026 at <b>3 feet</b> before allowing the lake to naturally refill for the start of the spring recreational season.	
<b>Mycrocystin Toxin reports</b>	Weekly report from Western CT State University has ended for the season. Dr Wong has resigned. There is a new person in charge and hopefully this program will continue.	
<b>Open position</b>	Lisa will be leaving the committee and has submitted her resignation to Rick.	All are asked to consider volunteering to take minutes
<b>Postings for Friends of the Lake</b>	Lisa created a simple, eye-catching flyer to remind people to not blow leaves and yard waste into the lake or culverts (attached) Rick shared a short paragraph to post on Facebook and other media sources. A template for lawn signs was created during the meeting	

<b>Water Testing - August</b>	August testing results were reviewed and noted to be similar to July, with elevated levels of algae still trending.	
<b>Lake Management Company</b>	Discussion on whether to continue with All Habitat or approach SOLitude Lake Management to work with us.	Rick will reach out to SOLitude to explore the possibility of transitioning that lake management company.
<b>DEEP permit</b>	Still awaiting an update from All Habitat regarding the permit status	
<b>CT Federation of Lakes</b>	CT Federation of Lakes has been expanding its education offerings and other resources. Membership is available to all lake community associations/ committees and is something the committee is considering. A first draft of the LBEC description for the CFL website is attached.	Website: <a href="http://www.CTlakes.org">www.CTlakes.org</a>
<b>Selectman report</b>	Jim provided updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town newsletter came out recently, full of information (20 pages in length!)</li> <li>• Middlefield organizations will have booths at the Durham Fair; encourage fair goers to stop by.</li> <li>• There is interest from lake residents for an additional speed limit sign to be installed at the exit to Baileyville Road from Lake Shore Drive.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm Motion to adjourn. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 7:00pm	

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa McCabe

### **Information about LBEC for the CT Federation of Lakes website:**

The Lake Beseck Environmental Committee was recognized as a town committee in 2017(?). Its mission is to assure the health and safety of Lake Beseck for the lake ecosystem and for the recreational enjoyment of the citizens of Middlefield and its visitors. The committee achieves this through monitoring, education, and advocacy. Accomplishments include eradication of Milfoil. Current initiatives include: control of blue-green algae and reduction in phosphorus content in lake bed.