

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Hall, Route 67, Oxford, Ct.

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman
Gary Dennen
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary
Dick Speer
Frank Cavallo
John Downs Jr
Jerry Isleib
Ed Kusinski
Jamie Dobrovich

Absent:

Monroe Vacancy
Ray Hoesten, Chairman

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 10 of the 11 members present.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the July 5, 2016 meeting was made by Frank Cavallo (seconded by Gary Dennen); motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Gary Fillion reported that the Lake Zoar Water Treatment by SOLitude Lake Management was done on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 and was reported by the area newspapers i.e. Bridgeport Post, Danbury News Times, Voices, Waterbury Rep.-Amer etc. Gary reported that he received a Thank You from the David Semosky family for the donation and Mass Card.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as discussed by Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, was made by Carolyn Wilson. (seconded by Frank Cavallo); motion passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report

Sgt. Dan Semosky, S.P. reported that the LZA Marine Patrol was cancelled on Sunday, July 31 due to weather; Patrol issues continue to be insufficient PFD's, and unregistered boats. Dan and driver removed the Pomperaug River Bridge abutment Buoy as it had been moved from its position during the Fourth of July weekend; they delivered it to Gary Fillion's dock; Gary reported that it was reinstalled by the vendor, who reapplied the graphics. Dan reported that there was an incident at the Monroe Boat Launch on Sat, July 30; a warning was given. Dan distributed a quote from Utility Communications, Inc for outfitting the LZA Marine Patrol Boats with improved lighting as the lack of visibility of the overhead lights is a safety issue; LED lights would greatly improve the visibility; Dan will contact them re a quote for both boats and report at the Sept. meeting.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Ed Kusinski reported that six emails were received re: the Lake Treatment and some requested a map defining the treatment areas; Gary Fillion will email Ed a map for distribution.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, reported that seventy acres of Lake Zoar weeds were treated by SOLitude with Reward and Copper Sulfate on Wed., July 13, 2016; George Knoeklin will perform an assessment before the second Weed Treatment on Wed., August 17, 2016, which has been permitted by DEEP; Gary reported the lengthy DEEP Permit process to a CT State Representative as it must be shorter so it can be done in the early summer per usual; Gary reported that the Mass. Laurel Lake CO2 Project by Praxair was cancelled due to Liability issues and may be done next year; Lake Candlewood has inserted Carp into the Lake to address milfoil issues and has a Blue-Green Algae Committee discussing possible treatment modalities upon the urging of the Sherman First Selectman.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that the new propellers were installed by Beacon Point Marina and both LZA Marine Patrol Boats, which now plane very well; oil changes need to be done every 100-130 hours

LZA Grants:

Jaimie Dobrovich reported that she is researching re applicable Grants.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report: None

Unfinished Business

Ed Kusinski reported that three FOI complaints were filed this year ; as LZA FOI Liaison, he attended the FOI Hearing and FOI approved retaining the Southbury mailing address and maintaining LZA Records at The Monroe Town Hall; another FOI Hearing is scheduled for Wed August 17, 2016 re filing of LZA Minutes ; Ed will report at the Sept meeting. Gary Fillion will follow –up regarding the LZA Website status with Ray Hoesten, Chairman.

New Business:

Ed Kusinski made a motion (seconded by Bob Mouchantat) to discuss, review and revise the LZA Bylaws at the September 6, 2016 meeting; the motion passed unanimously; all members were requested to review the LZA Bylaws, which Bob Mouchantat will email . Gary Fillion noted that Joel Zeisler, Leaps of Faith, has scheduled a Dam To Dam Busters on Sat, August 20, 2016 from 9am til 12noon and has requested that the LZA Marine Patrol Boats lead and follow the boats and waterskiiers from Shady Rest, Newtown to the Monroe Town Beach; Bob Mouchantat made a motion (seconded by Dick Speer) to support the request; motion passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dick Speer (seconded by Frank Cavallo) motion passed unanimously; Gary Fillion , Vice Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall, Main Street, Southbury, Ct.