

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY
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Member Towns

Monroe Newtown Oxford Southbury

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

All Commissioners present

Bob Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

No Public Announcements

Patrol Report

Sergeant Semosky provided his monthly patrol report:

The town of Monroe carried much of the patrol for the month of July.

- First Week –Monroe
- 2nd-Southbury
- 3rd-Newtown
- 4th-Monroe

There were two infractions- one boat was too close to the shore, and an emergency call from an individual who had their boat break down by the bridge. Bob Barnes and Sergeant Semosky helped the boat get out of the water.

Special Note: The spotlight on one of the boats will work, but it doesn't sufficiently operate.

Additional Notes as it relates the traffic on the lake:

- They spoke with PEP about the young people operating the boat
- The river has been busy due the hot weather.

Approval of July Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes

Treasurer Robert Mouchantant, stated there was a small typo, the comma was in the wrong place; it should state \$9,635.00. Commissioner Tony Angelo wanted to strike a couple of statements from the July Water Quality section. He provided the clerk with written changes.

Motion to approve the amended minutes-All in Favor

Treasurer's Report

We've received checks from the Newtown and Oxford. The Lake Zoar Authority current fiscal state:

\$7,998.00 for the 2011 fiscal year

\$62,697.00 for the 2012 fiscal year

\$42,770.00 designated for the weed abatement

All In favor of the treasurer's report

Publicity Report

Commissioner Jeanine Purcella stated informed members that every other Thursday Western CT students will test for zebra mussels. In addition, First Light will have a presentation on water flow next Thursday, 8/11/11, 7:00pm at Riverside Firehouse. All are encouraged to attend.

Commissioners Ray Hoesten and Marven Moss continue to test and review the water quality of the lake.

Commissioner Ray Hoesten briefly discussed the DEP seminar he attended last Saturday. Approximately 17-20 people attended the seminar. The DEP representative provided an overview of the overview of invasive plants and zebra mussels. She cautioned residents about the importance of removing the weeds that are become entangled on the boats

Mr. Hoesten thanked Marven Moss for all his hard of work. He has worked diligently on ensuring that our work and the needs of the lake are publicized on the radio and in the newspaper.

Special Note: The DEP is now identified as DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection)

Lake Signs

Commissioner Marven Moss requested if the commissioners could hand out signs along the lake. So there is coverage across all four parts of the lakes

It has been arranged that signs will be at the Lake Zoar Diner, and at the public library.

Other Items

Bob Barnes mentioned the he received a letter regarding First Light funding. It will no longer provide grants that range up to \$60,500.00. Moving forward, it can only provide grants up to \$5,000.00

Questions/Statements by Email

1. An individual requested a chart of the lake that is marked. The Zoar Authority does not have one and will reply to the person stating that there are no accessible charts...
2. An individual informed us that they pulled a large amount of copper wire from the water

Water Quality

Commissioner Ray Hoesten had a meeting with Neil Lustin regarding the lack of reports from the water quality testing. Bob Barnes recommended that Ray stop testing since the State has not provided the Authority with any results.

Commissioner Jeanine Purcella stated a letter from the Authority to all of the towns should be drafted to explain the testing situation. Bob Barnes requested the letter be addressed to Bill Davis of First Light, and all of the towns will be cc'd. The letter will clearly explain the State's inability to provide the test results from the water testing

Boat, Motors Maintenance

Robert Bowolick provided an overview of the latest Boat maintenance developments:

July 17th: Informed Unit 1 prop and lower unit damaged while in the vicinity of the Shephaug Dam. Visual check showed the skeg was broken off and the prop edges distressed but not bent. A performance test run showed the boat to be slower to get on plane with some degradation in handling characteristics. A refurbished prop is available. Requested Lakeside Marine prepare an estimate for the cost of repair or replacement of the skeg. Recommend repairs of the skeg and the propeller be made after the 2011 boating season and the damaged propeller to be sent out to be refurbished.

July 22: Obtained life jackets from Sea Tow for both units. Each unit has two toddler and two child life jackets for distribution to boaters stopped for inadequate life jackets. These jackets do not have to be returned to the LZA

July 25^t: Participated in water quality test with George Nokline and Bernie Lintzner

July 31: Informed a large tress was a hazard to navigation and was towed to Jackson Cove. A dove line was lost in the process. Notified remote controlled spot lights on both boats are inoperative. Unit 1 light will glow but not swivel and Unit 2 does not operate at all. Researchers the internet for manufacturer's recommended installation and maintenance procedures.

USCG Auxiliary Report

Boating Safety class scheduled for August 20 at the American Legion in Oxford

Unfinished Business

New Business

Commissioner Bob Bowolick explained the need to boat keys readily available in order to ensure the boats are operating properly. It was decided that keys to the boats and pictures of Bob Barnes and Bob Bowolick (authorized individuals) will be at the front desk of the state police office.

Chairman, Bob Barnes mentioned one of the pilots had driven the boat into a restricted area. Since this has happened more than once, it was recommended that possible consequences are placed in writing.

Motion to adjourn the meeting-8:15pm