



LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southbury Town Hall.

Commissioners Present

Ray Hoesten, Chairman
Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Bob Bowolick
Ed Kusinski
Jerry Isleib
John Downs Jr.
Bob Sauve

Commissioners Absent

Terry Rooney
Oxford Vacant Position
Southbury Vacant Position

Ray Hoesten,, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comments:

Nine individuals attended the meeting; Fred LeMay, Brian Solt, Mike Mc Carthy ,Chief ,and James Hanrahan Asst Chief, from the Newtown Underwater Search and Rescue; William Gernert, Michael Garrity, Aidan Garrity, Keith Gernert representing Boy Scout Troop and Anthony D'Angelo. Anthony D'Angelo stated that he was boating on Memorial Day Holiday and kudos for the removal of debris, suggested that the website should educate the public re pfd's weed abatement, etc and the LZA minutes be timely. Chief Michael Mc Carthy from the Newtown Underwater Search and Rescue stated that they are contacted by 911 through the Newtown dispatcher and are onsite within 45, forty-five minutes,, and roll with a diving crew; they are privately funded and get some funds from Newtown; they operate under Emergency Management and cover two states and nine towns; they work with the State Police Dive Team and have EMT's, Defibrillator and Medical Equipment ;during a Dive Rescue they would require LZA boats to monitor the area. The Boy Scouts attended the meeting as observers and requested that the lake hazards be marked.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept minutes as read from May 1, 2012 meeting was made, by Gary Fillion (seconded by Bob Mouchantat) and approved unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Dan Semosky SP, reported that the May 19 & 20, 2012 weekend patrol was covered by Oxford at no cost to LZA; and that he and Frank Purcella attended the Safe Boating Day on May, 2012 ; On Memorial Day weekend Boat two needed repairs thus only Boat One was used with Carl Seiling and Dan on duty on the holiday: eleven boats were stopped and warnings were issued. i.e. for not wearing pfd's: loaners were obtained ; one boat had thirteen on board au lieu of eight capacity and was removed from the lake; a few boats were towed including a pontoon boat. New signs have been posted at the Shepaug Dam; no boats went past them: if a boater passes them a misdemeanor summons is required per State Statutes. Dan displayed a sample LZA polo shirt with the LZA Marine Patrol on the back and name on the front.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

The Lake Candlewood Authority minutes and a Danbury News Times article re Phosphorus levels were made available. Ray Hoesten, Chairman, reported that he had a face to face meeting au lieu of sending a letter to Pat

LLodra, Newtown First Selectman, re First Light issues as letter is impersonal;; the next day Pat sent an email to the First Selectmen of Monroe, Oxford and Southbury re a meeting, which was held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 with Pat Llodra, Ray Hoesten, Gary Fillion, and First Light representatives: Brian Wood,, Charles Burnham, and Richard Laudenat. Thanks to Pat Llodra within 3-4 days First Light contacted Ray and Gary and within a week the debris was cleaned from Lake Zoar.

Treasurer's Report:

Reported by Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer; A motion was made by Bob Bowolick. (seconded by Ed Kusinski); motion accepted unanimously. to accept the Treasurer's Report

Publicity/ Public Awareness

Ed Kusinski reported that Leaps of Faith have a link to the LZA website and he will work with David on the front page

Water Quality/Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman took Wesconn Professor Mitch Wagner and graduate students out on the lake to take samples and will repeat in two weeks; to date no zebra mussel colonies have been noted. The Lake Zoar chemical treatment has been scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2012. Bob Bowolick took George Knocklin on the lake yesterday, June 4th and the treatment areas will include Zoar Beach, Kettletown Cove, Riverside Sandbar, Fishrock and the Newtown bay behind the ski course.

Boats and Motors Report:

Bob Bowolick reported that the LZA driver, boat radios were checked by Northeast Communications; the antennae were corroded thus caps will be installed prior to winter storage; the Unit Two antenna was changed and the wiring and antennae are color coded now. Vessel Safety Checks were done on both boats; Unit One PFD was missing and replaced, battery low thus replaced, replacements were ordered for expired adult and child pads; Unit Two two missing PFD's were replaced. Unit One is at Beacon Point Marina as Carl assessed it and a CPU and engine power needed repairs.

Coast Guard Aux Report:

Bob Bowolick reported that Safe Boating Week was May 19 through 25th; A Safe Boating Day was held at the Southbury **State** Boat Ramp on Lake Zoar from 8 a.m. til 3 p.m.; Dan Semoskey, SP, Frank Purcella, LZA driver, attended. Bob Bowolick and Carl Seiling distributed brochures and 2012 Ct Boating Guides and performed Vessel Examinations on twenty-five, 25, boats. LZA members attended; Carolyn Wilson, Secretary and Jeannie Purcella, volunteer (former LZA member) DEEP Zebra Mussel Educator volunteers, distributed zebra mussel info and checked forty-five, 45, boats and trailers: no zebra mussels were noted; report filed with DEEP..

Unfinished Business:

Gary Fillion checked with Lake Lillinoah Authority re buoy placement process; he distributed area maps of Lake Zoar to the LZA and requested proposed placement sites to be noted on them and returned to him. Bob Sauve suggested that a written buoy placement plan be compiled for Lake Zoar and suggested that a Grant be explored; Bob Mouchantat suggested that First Light be contacted re a Grant as it no longer provides funding: formerly \$3000, three thousand dollars, yearly to LZA. Bob Sauve stated that there are DEEP Grants. Ray Hoesten suggested that liability issues need to be explored with a Town Attorney re areas that are not buoyed. Jerry Isleib reported that he contacted Monroe's First Selectman, Steve Vavrek, re a Boat Tour of Lake Zoar and will follow up as Steve's has had a busy schedule. ; Jerry will pursue the LZA rotating schedule to all four towns for 2013.

New Business:

LZA still needs the Oxford and Southbury Vacant positions filled; John Downs Jr will contact the Oxford First Selectman. Ray Hoesten will follow up with Terry Rooney. Bob Mouchantat will follow up regarding a placque for Jeannie Purcella; John Downs Jr will verify her years of service.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Isleib (seconded by Gary Fillion; Ray Hoesten, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.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, July 10, 2012 at the Southbury Town Hall Room 208 PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE DUE TO THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY