



LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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The Special meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, July 10,,2012 at 7:00p.m. in the Southbury Town Hall.

Commissioners Present

Ray Hoesten,Chairman
Gary Filion,Vice Chairman
Carolyn Wilson,Secretary
Ed Kusinski
Jerry Isleib
John Downs Jr.
Bob Sauve
Dick Speer
Terry Rooney

Commissioners Absent

Southbury Vacant Position
Bob Mouchantat
Bob Bowolick

Ray Hoesten,, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m The Meeting was noted as Special due to the change in scheduled .date from July 3,2012 to July 10,2012 due to the July 4th Holiday.

Public Comments:

Two individuals attended the meeting:Brian Mc Cauley, Lieutenant, Monroe Police Department, and Anthony D'Angelo,Newtown.Lieut. Brian Mc Cauley reported that on Wed July 4th,a reporter from the Monroe Courier toured Lake Zoar and wrote a positive article re Lake Zoar Marine Patrol. A homeowner flagged down the LZA boat re a fisherman fishing near his dock ; the Marine Officer was retrained as a fisherman may fish near docks but may not tie up/use it; the Marine Police attend a yearly Boating Inservice. Brian and Sgt Daniel Semosky were at the Shepaug Dam today and noted that a paddler was using a Lake Zoar access which is located north of the Danger Sign posted by First Light; they notified Brian Wood, First Light rep. and that entry will be closed and a new access will be constructed south of the Danger Sign.

Anthony D'Angelo, Newtown,sent an email to Ray Hoesten,Chairman re the June 18,2012 Chemical Weed Treatment of Lake Zoar with 24-D and Diquat requesting that it be made available at the Southbury Town Hall for review. Ray Hoesten, Chairman, responded in a letter that the information was available on the LZA website ; the Weed Treatment is a highly regulated process which follows DEEP regulations; the LZA Dispatch Area was not an LZA Office ; LZA Reglar Meetings are office hours and information is available upon advance request and will then be available at an LZA Meeting; LZA has no administrative support to provide information; the information will be available at the July 10,2012 Meeting at the Southbury Town Hall The Weed Treatment Contract was available on the Conference Table for review at the June 5,2012 LZA Meeting .Ray handed the letter to Anthony D'Angelo, who then requested that the Consultant's Report re the Weed Management effectiveness needs to be published. Anthony D'Angelo suggested that Ray Hoesten,Chairman ,obtain a copy of the recent Danbury News Times article re the four year delay by FERC to accept the Lake Candlewood Shoreline Plan.

Secretary's Report: A, motion to accept minutes as read from June 5,2012 meeting was made,by Gary Filion (seconded by Ed Kusinski) and approved unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt.Dan Semosky SP, reported that the June weekends were covered as scheduled except Oxford was unable to cover one thus Southbury and Monroe covered it and Monroe covered July 4th; Unit One was taken back to

Beacon Point Marina, Shelton, Ct due to overheating and stalling. Ray Hoesten, Chairman spoke with a manager there and requested that it be repaired for use this weekend; the water pump will be replaced, a wiring harness short, key switch damage and main relay damage etc were noted. Dan requested that he be notified when the repairs are completed and he and Lieut McCauley will test drive it on the Housatonic River prior to returning it to the Lakeside Marina. Dan requested that the Marine Patrol Officers fine boaters who have been given a written warning on their second occasion. The Jet ski accident in front of the Lakeside Marina, on July, involved a stationary jetski, which was struck by another jetskiier, who had no boating certificate; the Marine Patrol was at the Shepaug Dam when it occurred, an investigation is ongoing by DEEP. Dan displayed the LZA Marine Patrol caps and shirts and two jackets, the longer of which shall be ordered. Deep Boating Accident Investigator, Sgt Eric Lundeen, teaches the Safe Boating Course to the LZA Marine Patrol; every Officer is required to have a Safe Boating Certificate. Driver Carl Seiling is doing well. DEEP will do some weekday patrols with their boat which is moored at Kettletown. Dan reported that most violations are absence of pfd's and speeding; the speed limit on days is 45 mph and nights is 35 mph.; BUI's can be tested with a Speed Alphabet Test; a Breatholizer Test would have to be done at a local Police Department.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman reported receipt of emails regarding; a PWC harassing swans near the Rochambeau Bridge; another requesting rules regarding parasailing on the Lake, which was referred to DEEP; planes landing on the Lake need Oxford Airport permission; request for patrol hours and if BUI is noted after hours: refer to local Police Department; Beach Areas with Lifeguards are located at Jackson Cove, Oxford and Eichler's Copve, Newtown; and a walker noted a lot of garbage deposited at the State Boat Launch and requested that it be cleaned up. Lieutenant McCauley suggested that in the future possibly Eagle Scout projects could include cleanups.

Treasurer's Report:

Reported by Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman for Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer; A motion was made by Carolyn Wilson. (seconded by Terry Rooney); motion accepted unanimously. to accept the Treasurer's Report

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Ed Kusinski reported that he will note tonites meeting as a Special au lieu of Regular Meeting; will publicize on website re proper fitting PFD's for every passenger onboard, Safety, BUI, Speed Limits and suggest that the Boaters Guide, which is available online, be reviewed. ,

Water Quality/Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman and Ray Hoesten, Chairman will take Wesconn Professor Mitch Wagner and graduate students out on the lake to take samples on Thursday, July 12, 2012; to date no zebra mussel colonies have been noted. A Diver was at Kettletown Cove and Oxford Beach to check for hard shell zebra mussels; They have not colonized. This week Gary and Ray will do water monitoring with the Pomperaug Health Dept

Boats and Motors and Repairs:

Ray Hoesten, Chairman, reported that Unit One will be repaired by Beacon Point Marina by this Saturday; Sgt Dan Semoskey SP and Lieut Brian Mc Cauley will test it prior to returning it to Lake Zoar; Ray requested the old parts be returned to LZA; Ed Kusinski will follow up regarding Suzuki dealer and repair standards.

Coast Guard Aux Report

None..

Unfinished Business:

Gary Fillion distributed an email re Buoy Marking Plan with suggested locations to be plotted on distributed maps; Bob Sauve reviewed the plan; buoys are three to four hundred dollars each, and need to mark hazards to boating i.e. rocks, pilings, sandbar areas, bay area near Rochambeau Bridge, etc; need to mid cost price for yearly installation and removal. Bob Sauve discussed a Suggested Path including plan, hazard list, Town and Legal input finished plan, DEEP forms for every buoy placement, bids for install, remove and store buoys, approved supplier list from DEEP, annual review of plan, unknown hazards, liability issues; Bob Sauve and Ray Fillion will cochair the Buoy Committee

New Business:

LZA still needs the Southbury Vacant position filled; Dick Speer is the newly appointed Oxford member; Carolyn Wilson, Secretary will verify Jeannie Purcella's name for the placque; Ray Hoesten, Chairman, thanked Sgt Dan Semoskey/SP, for obtaining the Marine Patrol uniforms; Bob Sauve distributed the Bass Tournament schedules to members and the LZA website; Ed Kusinski will contact Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer re access to website emails; Ed was commended for his efforts with the website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Filion (seconded by Carolyn Wilson); Ray Hoesten, Chairman Adjourned the meeting at 8:45 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, August 7, 2012 at the Southbury Town Hall Room.