

# LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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## Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Town Hall.

### Commissioners Present:

Ray Hoesten, Chairman  
Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman  
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer  
John Downs Jr.  
Ed Kusinski  
Jerry Isleib  
Bob Sauve  
Frank Cava  
Dick Speer

### Absent:

Monroe Vacancy  
Carolyn Wilson  
Bob Bowolick

Ray Hoesten, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Secretary's Report:**

A motion to accept minutes as distributed from January 9, 2013 meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Gary Fillion) and approved unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

Anthony D'Angelo, commented that he felt there were some inaccuracies in the minutes and he believes the bylaws should be amended. He said that at the December LZA meeting Bob Mouchantat indicated that the annual financial statement had been sent to the four member towns. He had checked and Southbury does not have it. He also believes the LZA should have all records available at all meetings so he can have prompt access to information. Also, he confirmed that prior to the start of the meeting he was provided the ability to review the check ledger he had previously requested but which had not been provided in December as promised.

Monroe 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Vavrek stopped in and thanked the LZA for its efforts and indicated his continued interest in the lake. He hopes to tour the lake this coming season. He mentioned he is working on budgets and as with each year it will be challenging. He also commented that he is working on filling the vacant commissioner slot for Monroe.

### **Marine Patrol Report:**

No report

### **Correspondence and News Clippings:**

Ray Hoesten read the press release that Marvin Moss had published regarding the meeting in Monroe. There was discussion as to doing similar releases ahead of meetings located in Newtown and Oxford. Marvin has volunteered to assist with these.

Ray also announced that he received a letter from First Light that they will provide \$10,000 in corporate support to Lake Zoar in their fiscal 13/14 year.

**Treasurer's Report:**

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as reported by Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer was made by Gary Fillion (seconded by Bob Sauve), was passed unanimously.

**Publicity/Public Awareness:**

Ed Kusinski reported that the LZA Meeting schedule dates, locations and addresses are updated on the website as is some of the other text.

There was discussion on recently announced banning of phosphorus use that can make its way into the lake as well as other material including road sand & salt. The suggestion was made to draft letters to towns and state requesting early cleanup of road sand/salt to minimize runoff. Also discussed was a combination of public awareness efforts to inform residents of keeping the lake healthy e.g. the top ten things to not do to the lake type of thing

**Water Quality / Grants Report:**

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, reported that he received the quotation for buoy installation, estimated at \$1500-\$2000; this does not include the estimated \$4000 for purchasing the required buoys/equipment. The budget has the funding for this project. The permitting process requires DEEP inspection prior to acceptance of the application, this could result in a slight delay in installation which is targeted for 5/15/13.

The annual treatment plan is on schedule and there is a new chemical that may be used which has proven to be more effective at controlling the invasive weeds – George Knocklien is researching this to determine if this may be applicable to Lake Zoar. He has also confirmed that it is possible to do two treatments in a season contingent on DEEP approval.

**Boats and Motors Report:**

The AED's have been donated to Newtown Underwater Search and Rescue.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:**

No report

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

There was discussion on exploring options for selling the weed harvester – a plan for this needs to be developed.

If any commissioners want to propose bylaw changes, there is a procedure for this. Bob Mouchantat will try to locate and distribute a current copy to commissioners for future discussion.

Marvin Moss presented a PowerPoint of Lake Zoar; he plans, with the help of the commissioners, to gather more photos and put together an updated version which could be put on the website to promote the lake since many residents do not know much about it.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Gary Fillion) and unanimously approved; Ray Hoesten, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00pm at the Edmund Town Hall in Newtown.