

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oxford 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 February 5, 2013 meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Gary Fillion) and approved unanimously. There was no meeting on March 5, 2013 due to lack of quorum.

Public Comments:

Anthony D'Angelo, commented that he was concerned that the Newtown Bee had the wrong location for the 3/5 LZA meeting. He is also concerned about water flow during weed treatments and thinks more money should be spent on treatments.

Marine Patrol Report:

The overall plan for Summer 2013 was discussed and Dan Semosky has the scheduling outline.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Candlewood Lake minutes were available for review. No other news clippings or correspondence. The email forwarding on the LZA gmail is not working (a copy of emails is supposed to go to Gary Fillion for timely response), Bob Mouchantat to try to fix this.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Publicity/Public Awareness:

There was discussion on creating a press release reminding lake users on safety and of several "don'ts" to help promote better care for the lake (e.g. leave raking, fueling boats in the water, boaters are responsible for damage caused by their wake and so on). The objective would be to release this kind of thing just before Memorial Day weekend.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

The annual treatment plan is on schedule. The new chemical is expected to be used as it has proven to be more effective at controlling the invasive weeds with a similar application process. The contractor continues to be responsible for compliance to all requirements. Bob Mouchantat made the motion to proceed with the contract to treat the 41 acres; this was seconded by Bob Sauve and unanimously approved.

Gary Fillion to investigate if DEEP would allow expansion of the acreage to be treated in conjunction with the current project and/or on a different date.

The towns and state have been advised as to concerns about road sand and salt run off into the lake.

Gary reported on recent meeting with First Light and the other lakes indicating that all attendees are concerned about zebra mussels. There is significant research going on in several areas and he stressed to the commissioners that the LZA needs to be active in this and supportive.

Gary made a motion to commit \$1000 to the WestConn continuing research project on Lake Zoar. Jerry Isleib seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Gary will follow-up to get a request/documentation from WestConn.

General discussion included that water quality and navigational aids are good areas to utilize First Light's committed financial contribution to the LZA.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dan Semosky to follow-up with Bob Bowolick and Lakeside Marina on boat preparation to ensure we are ready when patrols start.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

No report

Unfinished Business:

Gary Fillion is working on the sale of the harvester and has been in contact with Aquamarine to help determine value and potential buyers.

New Business:

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Gary Fillion) and unanimously approved; Ray Hoesten, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:22p.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, May 7 at 7:00pm at the Southbury Town Hall.