

# LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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## Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday,September 3,2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southbury Town Hall..

### Commissioners Present:

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

### Absent:

Monroe Vacancy  
Southbury Vacancy

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

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

A motion to accept minutes as read from August 6, 2013 meeting was made by Gary Fillion (seconded by Bob Sauve) and approved unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

Four residents were present. Bill Sorenson inquired if a drawdown date was set; Gary Fillion responded that the projected date was October 25,2013 and he would verify it with Brian Woods, First Light. Anthony D'Angelo stated that he gave Acquamarine paperwork to Bob Mouchantat and requested that the treatment results be published; he also stated that a Library of LZA information as discussed by Ray Hoesten, Chairman would be welcomed .Another resident inquired re treatment of algae and reported that the cove near the Silver Bridge,Newtown needs to be treated; Bob Mouchantat stated that it would be evaluated in the future.

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

Jerry Isleib distributed a Connecticut Post article regarding Candlewood Lake Authority's future assessment of Lake Candlewood; copies of the article will be provided to the LZA Commissioners.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bob Mouchantat ,Treasurer, reported that F.Y.2013 bills have been paid; Bob also made a motion (seconded by Carolyn Wilson) to assign the First Light contribution of \$10,000, ten thousand dollars, to F.Y. 2014 to support the installation of navigational aids that were not accomplished in F.Y.2013; motion passed unanimously. Bob made a second motion (seconded by Ed Kusinski) contingent upon, and after receipt of Monroe F.Y.2014 funding, refund the four member towns the excess F.Y. 2013 funds based on the percentage they funded F.Y.2013 with. This is estimated at \$4545 for Monroe and \$4745 to each Newtown, Southbury and Oxford; motion passed unanimously.Bob reported that he sent a followup email to Monroe re the budget monies and will send another to Heidi et al.; Jerry Isleib will contact Heidi.

**Marine Patrol Report:**

Sgt Dan Semosky, S.P. reported the the regular Marine Patrols have concluded for the season, but he suggested that an abbreviated patrol be extended through September, weather permitting; there were cancellations last month due to rain. On Sat., Bill Cannon towed a huge stump from the sandbar area; a disabled boat was also towed to a dock. On Sun. am, Newtown Search and Rescue called re a missing person from Sandy Hook; Dan met them and Lake Zoar was scanned with sonar to no avail. On Sat., a blue heron was hanging from fishline from a tree; it was removed by Bill Cannon and Newtown S&R. A summons was given to a boater who was near the Shepaug Dam, on Sun. Most violations noted this season were lack of PFD's. Most of the Marine Patrols were done by Monroe and Oxford, Newtown did a few and Southbury did none. Ed Kusinsky reported that he spoke with Lieutenant Mc Cauley re the patrols. Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer made a motion (seconded by Jerry Isleib) to extend one boat Marine Patrol through September, weather permitting; the motion passed unanimously. Sgt. Dan Semosky will schedule them.

**Publicity/ Public Awareness:**

No report..

**Water Quality / Grants Report:**

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman reported that he contacted Brian Woods re the lake debris and was informed that twice the amount of debris was removed this year by First Light as compared to last year. Brian Woods will check the tree north of the Rochambeau Bridge and the large amount of debris at Kettletown Cove and along the Newtown side south of Oxford. Gary will contact George Knoecklin re the weed abatement report. Gary submitted the GPS report for Buoy placement and DEEP requested magnetic compass points; Gary will discuss the conversion with Sgt Dan Semosky as the conversion can be performed with laser. Gary stated that there was no report for LZA Grants.

**Boats and Motors Report:**

Sgt Dan Semosky, SP, reported that the spotlights are not working and will inform Carl , Lakeside Marina. The halogen lights will be evaluated in the future. Dick Speer volunteered to do Boats and Motors, due to Robert Bowolick's resignation; Ed Kusinski volunteered to assist.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:**

No report. Due to Robert Bowolick's resignation, Carolyn Wilson, Secretary will provide the CGAux report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Ray Hoesten, Chairman, reported that the Weed Harvester was sold as is for \$23,500 to Aquatic Control, which will pick up the original trailer as they transported it on theirs; copies of the sale documents will be distributed to Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer and files.

**New Business:**

Ray Hoesten, Chairman, announced the receipt of a letter of resignation from Robert Bowolick, Southbury. A request for a replacement will be sent to Ed Edelson, Southbury, First Selectman by Carolyn Wilson, Secretary. Ray requested that copies be sent to the Selectman of the other towns along with another reminder to Steve Vavrek, Monroe's First Selectman regarding the Monroe vacancy; Jerry Isleib will also contact him. Ray reported that a boater, contacted him regarding Leaps of Faith reporting him to DEEP as he travelled through the boat barriers during an event on the lake; Ray will contact Joel Zeisler, LOF President, regarding it and discuss the suggestion of Marine Event Buoys. Carolyn Wilson, Secretary made a motion (seconded by Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman,) to continue the LZA Town rotation schedule; after discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Bob Sauve discussed the possibility of scanning LZA minutes etc in the future; Anthony D'Angelo will fax Bob pertinent information .

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Fillion (seconded by Bob Sauve) motion passed unanimously; Ray Hoesten, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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, October 1,2013 at7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall..