

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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The March regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00pm at Edmund Town Hall (Newtown).

Commissioners Present

Ray Hoesten Ed Kusinski Bob Mouchantat Dick Speer Frank Cavello Gary Fillion Jerry Isleib <u>Commissioners Absent</u> John Downs Carolyn Wilson Monroe Vacant Position Oxford Vacant Position Southbury Vacant Position

Ray Hoesten, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comments:

None present

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary was not in attendance.
- January meeting minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer presented the report which was approved.

Marine Patrol Report:

No report

Publicity/Public Awareness Report:

No correspondence or news clippings

LZA website has been frequently offline – the host provider has been working on it and assures us that it is back up and stable

Water Quality & Grants Report:

- Gary Fillion reported that the hazard marking buoy project has been approved. He is obtaining final quotes and anticipates installation to occur prior to Memorial Day Weekend. Ed Kusinski to begin drafting a press release to include buoys and pre-season water safety reminders to be issued the week of buoy installation.
- Ed Kusinski intends to follow up on enhancement of the information on the website related to zebra mussels including links for things like proper boat cleaning before and after launching. This to include working with WestConn to convey their findings and recommendations.
- Gary will try to schedule a presentation from Mitch Wagner (WestConn) for the April regular meeting
- Gary advised that he (and Ray) will be attending a meeting on the impact of certain algae that can be found in the Housatonic
- Gary has received the quotes to do the FY14 weed treatment the treatment is to be larger than last year, approx. 73 acres as compared to approx. 42 acres in 2013 and the corresponding cost is estimated at

\$33,440. Bob Mouchantat made motion to move forward with the treatment was seconded by Dick Speer and all commissioners present were in favor.

Gary passed around First Light debris report – approx. 1500 tons of debris was removed from Lake Zoar in 2013. Also, first Light has assured Gary that they will deal with the hazards in the lake previously pointed out including the tree just north of rt84.

Boats and Motors Report:

• Dick Speer obtained quotes on the replacement spot lights totaling approx. \$900. Bob Mouchantat made motion to move forward with the treatment was seconded by Jerry Isleib and all commissioners present were in favor.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

No report

Unfinished Business:

- Ray has had no success in getting 1st selectman from Monroe, Southbury or Oxford to appoint commissioners. It was suggested that a follow up letter by sent coping all selectmen and also to solicit Pat Llodra's help in talking with the other towns.
- The 2014 Leaps of Faith event dates and application were reviewed. Bob Mouchantat made motion to approve events as submitted and for the Chairperson to sign off which was seconded by Gary Fillion and all commissioners present were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, April 1st at the Oxford Town Hall.