



LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe ▪ Newtown ▪ Oxford ▪ Southbury

The April regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00pm at Oxford Town Hall.

Commissioners Present

John Downs
Ed Kusinski
Bob Mouchantat
Dick Speer
Frank Cavello
Gary Fillion

Commissioners Absent

Jerry Isleib
Carolyn Wilson
Monroe Vacant Position
Oxford Vacant Position
Southbury Vacant Position
Ray Hoesten

At 7:00 pm, Mitch Wagner from Western Connecticut State University did a presentation on the status of zebra mussels in Lake Zoar including a description of the research done by his team in the summer of 2013 and intentions for continued research and monitoring this coming summer. The bottom-line is that Lake Zoar has zebra mussels and it is likely to be an expanding problem.

Gary Fillion, vice-chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with 6 of 9 current members present.

Public Comments:

Tony D'Angelo was present and commented that he would like to see enhancements to the website, recommended continued support of WCSU zebra mussel research on Lake Zoar and pleased that the weed treatment is planned to be expanded to cover more acreage this season.

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer presented the report which was approved.

Marine Patrol Report:

- A similar plan as was done in summer 2013 will be followed for the summer of 2014. Bob Mouchantat to update the plan and email it to Dan Semosky for scheduling.
- No new drivers are needed; Karl will be back into the schedule this summer.

Publicity/Public Awareness Report:

No correspondence or news clippings

Water Quality & Grants Report:

- Gary Fillion reported that the hazard marking buoy purchase has been made and the installation is tentatively scheduled for the end of April.

- Ed Kusinski to prepare a press release to include buoys and pre-season water safety reminders to be issued the week of buoy installation.
- Gary passed on confirmation that First Light continues to participate in zebra mussel studies and is highly concerned about the problem as it has a meaningful impact on the lake in general and specifically on the operation of the dam.
- Gary reported that First Light will be working on lake debris prior to the start of the summer boating season.

Boats and Motors Report:

- Dan Semosky to obtain final pricing on replacement of the radios AND confirmation that the four member towns are in agreement that the new radios will be the only installed radios on the patrol boats.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

- No report

Unfinished Business:

- none

New Business:

- none

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, May 6th at the Southbury Town Hall.