

# LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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# Member Towns

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The April regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at Oxford Town Hall.

**Commissioners Present** 

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

At 7:02 pm, Ray Hoesten, chairman, called the meeting to order with 8 of 10 current members present.

#### Public Comments: None

# Secretary's Report:

- Secretary was not in attendance.
- February minutes were approved.

# Treasurer's Report:

- Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer presented the report which was approved.
- Bob advised that the CT Class fund is no longer active and has transferred the reserves into the checking account.
- Bob made motion, seconded by Gary Fillion, to set up two savings accounts for the reserves (non-recurring capital and weed treatment). The motion was unanimously approved

#### **Marine Patrol Report:**

- Dan Semosky reported he attended the annual first Light emergency meeting there was no new information and it was a review of communication and procedures in the event of a major emergency that impacts the river/lakes.
- The new radios will be installed prior to memorial day
- Dan will be training the new driver and setting him up for a couple shifts with an experienced driver on board in May.

# Publicity/Public Awareness Report:

No report

# Water Quality & Grants Report:

• Gary Fillion reported that he attended the lake advisory meeting held by first light. FL provided a weed survey map they commissioned which is consistent with our weed surveys.

- Gary reported that the buoy installation is scheduled to occur in April including the new buoys at the sandbar and the shoal south of the 84 bridge. Also, the buoy markings have been corrected for the "shallow" areas (last year they indicated "rock")
- Gary may attend the CT federation of lakes meeting later in April.
- Gary has sent the letter to all the member towns and state DOT requesting timely removal of road sand/salt from the winter before it washes into the lake. Newtown public works has responded favorably and has set roads bordering the lake as a priority. Gary will follow up with the other towns.

#### **Boats and Motors Report:**

- New lights will be installed prior to the season.
- Bob M made motion, seconded by Gary F, to have the boats thoroughly cleaned and waxed inside and outside to help preserve the life of the gelcoat/hulls. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bob M made motion, seconded by Gary F, to purchase and install back and foot rests for the driving console as well as to replace the bad windshield. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:**

No report

#### **Unfinished Business:**

• Frank Cavello reviewed the update map document - it will be ready for final approval at the May meeting so it can be printed prior to the start of the season.

#### New Business:

- Several people have contacted commissioners to complain that personal items have been left in the lake (on the sandbar). Ed Kusinski motioned (seconded by Frank Cavello and passed unanimously) that the LZA have the abandoned table and other items removed from the lake when the ice clears.
- Additional discussion will be needed to address in-season personal items being left on the sandbar as well as other abandoned items in the lake (docks, floats, paddleboats, etc.).
- Leaps of Faith marine event permit was presented. Bob M made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Kusinski, to sign off on the permit application such that LOF can submit the permit request to DEEP. Motion passed unanimously.

# The commissioners went into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss the FOI complaint received last week.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Southbury Town Hall.