

# LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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## Member Towns

Monroe-Newton-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Hall, Oxford,,Ct.

Commissioners Present:  
Ray Hoesten, Chairman  
Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman  
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer  
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary  
Jerry Isleib  
Frank Cavallo  
John Downs Jr.  
Gary Dennen  
Ed Kusinski  
Jamie Dobrovich

Absent:  
Monroe Vacancy  
Dick Speer

Ray Hoesten, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 10 of the 11 members present.

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

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the July 7, 2015 meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Gary Fillion); motion was passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

Anthony D'Angelo requested information re the second weed treatment and the increase in hourly pay rate for the LZA boat drivers. Bill Sorenson,, Shady Rest, stated that the lake has a few illegal buoys and the wake boats with ballasts cause huge waves.

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

Bob Mouchantat distributed the Candlewood Lake July minutes .Ed Kusinski discussed a number of emails received re:a loose dock noted at Bennetts Cove which will be referred to First Light for removal;,the weed treatment boat was noted on the lake today : Gary Fillion stated that it was a followup tour to check weed presence and not a treatment;LZA Patrol Boat wakes are large Ed will refer to Sgt Dan Semosky,SP ; return of life jacket to Patrol;complaint regarding health issues with chemical treatment and no postings complaitant informed re the DEEP approval process and benefits and that postings were provided at all lake treatment areas ;Pootatuck Park buoy was referred to First Light for second removal request ; and a resident suggested alternatives to chemical treatments. Gary Dennen stated that a resident suggested reverse 911 be used re weed treatments; suggestion was referred to Sgt Dan Semosky SP .Ray Hoesten,Chairman, appointed Jamie Dobrovich,Chairman of a Reverse 911 Committee.

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

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, stated that he received the Newtown and Oxford 2016 checks and First Light's check for \$10,000. Bob will discuss the 2015 surplus at September meeting.  
A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as discussed by Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, was made by Carolyn Wilson. (seconded by Gary Fillion); motion passed unanimously.

### **Marine Patrol Report:**

Sgt Dan Semosky,S.P. reported that tonight a Band at Jackson Cove was well attended and attracted

approximately twenty-one boats .Unregistered boats and lack of PFD's continue to be issues; Dan and Terry Bogue,LZA driver, did a night patrol on Tuesday checked boat lights and noted a boat was past the danger sign and two fishermen who were fishing at the base of the Shepaug Dam were given written warnings.Ed Kusinski informed Dan that at night jetskiers and boats without lights have been noted in the Stevenson Dam area. Dan will contact DEEP and verify the legal buoys on Lake Zoar.

**Publicity/ Public Awareness:**

Gary Fillion reported that a second weed treatment may be scheduled for late summer based on the weed treatment efficacy.Sgt Dan Semosky SP reported that the Stevenson Dam is being rerefaced.

**Water Quality / Grants Report:**

Gary Fillion,Vice Chairman, reported that Eichler's Cove was added to Weed Treatment areas ,Clipper was not used,today the treatment efficacy was checked to decide re a second Weed Treatment,a Pootatuck Buoy broke loose and will be replaced by the vendor on Wednesday or Thursday;,seventy-two acres were treated and less zebra mussels were noted; a Shady Rest Residents Meeting was held with Pat Llodra,First Selectman of Newtown and First Light regarding the water levels not being maintained at the FERC mandatory level of 101.7.

**Boats and Motors Report:**

Sgt Dan Semosky,SP stated that he and Dick Speer will meet tomorrow as the new boat radios will be installed and he will verify the boat repairs with Dick..

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:**

Terry Bogue,LZA driver reported that Bob Bowolick,CGAux.did a CME,Courtesy Marine Examination, on each LZA boat ; CGAux Safe Boating Course is scheduled for the third Saturday of August at the Oxford American Legion,Route 67,Oxford,Ct..

**Unfinished Business**

Frank Cavallo displayed the revised LZA map with red buoys and will submit the bills to Bob Mouchantat,Treasurer.

**New Business:**

Sgt Dan Semosky SP suggested that the LZA drivers pay per hour be returned to the \$18 level it was a few years ago prior to budgetary cuts,which reduced it to \$15 per hour.A motion to increase the Drivers pay to \$18 per hour was made by Gary Dennen (seconded by Carolyn Wilson); the motion was discussed re need to check competitive rates,consider seniority,etc.;Gary Dennen withdrew the motion..

A motion to increase the drivers with seniority to \$18 per hour and new driver be maintained at hire rate of \$15 per hour was made by Gary Dennen(seconded by Jerry Isleib); the motion was discussed and then withdrawn by Gary Dennen. A motion was made to contact the area Lakes and obtain the Driver hourly rates,review them and revise them for next year by Bob Mouchantat(seconded by Gary Dennen).the motion was passed unanimously. Bob Mouchantat,Gary Fillion and Dan Semosky will contact the Lake Authorities and report at September meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Fillion (seconded by Jamie Dobrovich); motion passed unanimously; Ray Hoesten,Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:47 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, September 1,2015 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall, Main Street,Southbury,Ct.