

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 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Southbury Town Hall,Main Street,Southbury,Ct .

Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

Monroe Vacancy

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

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the August 4,2015 meeting was made by Gary Fillion(seconded by Jerry Isleib); motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Terry Bogue,LZA Driver,Bill Sorenson,Shady Rest resident,Joel Zeisler,LOF,Leaps of Faith, and John Munino,Southbury resident, were in attendance .Bill Sorenson inquired re adding two more names to the DEEP approved slalom course south of Shady Rest; he was referred to John Byram ,DEEP. John Munino stated that he was concerned re: the the chemical treatment of Lake Zoar and will check with George Knoeklin and DEEP re other possible milfoil treatments;Ed Kusinski will continue to research treatments also and stated that some are every seven years au lieu of yearly..Joel Zeisler,LOF,stated that a DEEP Parade/Regatta permit was granted for a Dam Buster Skiathon,which is scheduled for Saturday,September 12,2015/Raindate Sunday,September 13,2015;Joel stated that a maximum of 25 skiiers will compete and ski eleven miles to Eichler's Cove and rest then ski back to Shady Rest;LOF boats will pick up skiers as needed .A motion was made by Bob Mouchantat(seconded by John Downs Jr.)to provide LZA Patrol Boats at no cost to LOF;the motion passed unanimously. Sgt.Dan Semosky S.P., stated that one boat will lead and the other will follow.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Articles regarding the presence of blue green algae were noted..

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat,Treasurer, stated that finances are in good shape;full payments have been received from the four Towns; a ten thousand dollar check was received from First Light;this year,budgetary savings included a decrease in fuel,police officers salaries,and navigational aids costs,etc.Bob Mouchantat,Treasurer,made a motion(seconded by Jerry Isleib) to refund each of the four Towns a total of \$6731,six thousand seven hundred and thirty one dollars, for a sum of \$26,924,twenty-six thousand nine

hundred and twenty-four dollars.;the motion passed unanimously. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as discussed by Bob Mouchantat,Treasurer,was made by Gary Fillion (seconded by John Downs Jr.); the motion was passed unanimously.Bob stated that the 2017 Budget will be discussed at the November 3,2015 LZA meeting.

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt.Dan Semosky,SP reported that the usage of PFD's is greatly improved; a wake boarder sustained a head injury in the Jackson Cove vicinity and was transported to hospital via Oxford Ambulance and DEEP investigated the incident; upon climbing aboard,Chuck,LZA Driver impaled his foot on the front cleat of LZA Patrol Boat#2;Dan was aboard , Chuck received First Aid and was transported to Danbury Hospital ;Dan will provide a Safety Inservice.Dan reported that a foot patrol was done at the Riverside Sandbar and an evening patrol was done to check lights etc.Dan requested that Saturday and Sunday LZA Marine Patrols continue with one boat for six hour shifts.Bob Mouchantat made a motion(seconded by Carolyn Wilson) to continue the September Saturday and Sunday one boat LZA Marine Patrols for six hour shifts,weather permitting; the motion passed unanimously.Bob requested that Dan check the Oxford P.D.,Police Department, LZA billing,

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

No report.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion,Vice Chairman, reported that Praxair,Wesconn and CLA,Candlewood Lake Authority are involved in researching the effectiveness of carbon dioxide,CO2, in destroying zebra mussels at the Mass. Twin Lakes pipeline;the CP,cost price, of the research is approximately \$20,000. Gary Fillion made a motion (seconded by Bob Mouchantat) to contribute \$2500 toward the research which will test whether CO2 will kill the zebra mussel villages; the motion passed unanimously. Bob Mouchantat ,Treasurer will remit a \$2500 check to Larry Marsicano,,LCA Administrator. John Downs Jr reported that he received Grant information from Newtown and will report at the October meeting;Jamie Dobrovich will assist John with Grants.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that Boat #2's propeller was changed;he will discuss the composite material Ttops which are cracking and the worn seats with Beacon Point Marina and report at the October 6th meeting.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

Carolyn Wilson,Secy, reported that the CGAux Safe Boating Courses are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month from 8a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oxford American Legion ,Route 67,Oxford Ct .Bob Mouchantat,Treasurer, inquired if classes could be held at a different location and time ;Terry Bogue,CGAux.will refer his request to G.Assenza,the Flotilla Commander and report at the October meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Ray Hoesten,Chairman, provided the Emergency Management Plan to Jerry Isleib for perusal then it will be given to Jamie Dobrovich and Dick Speer next.Jamie Dobrovich will continue to research 911 reverse calls re lake treatments.Gary Fillion reported that CLA Lake Safety Officers drive the CLA boats and enforce the Boating Laws for \$15-\$21 per hour;Lake Housatonic starts at \$15 per hour;Sgt.Dan Semosky S.P. suggested that LZA Boat Drivers have two or three tiers of pay per hour;LZA has approximately 500, five hundred patrol hours per season.

New Business:

Bob Mouchantat,Treasurer, made a motion(seconded by Jerry Isleib) that Gary Fillion,Vice Chairman, be added to LZA bank accounts as an authorized signer in addition to the Treasurer and a Letter of Authorization would need to be signed by the Chairman,Ray Hoesten; the motion passed unanimously. Ray Hoesten,Chairman signed the Letter of Authorization,which Bob Mouchantat will present to the Bank with a copy of the LZA September 1,2015 Minutes.

Ray Hoesten called an Executive Session @ 8:35 p.m to discuss LZA Drivers hourly pay; all members of the public were requested to leave the meeting;the Executive Session ended at 8:54 p.m.
Bob Mouchantat made a motion(seconded by Gary Dennen) to implement a new LZA Driver payscale effective July 1,2015; the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Fillion,Vice Chairman, (seconded by Jamie Dobrovich); motion passed unanimously; Ray Hoesten,Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:59 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 6,2015 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall,Fan Hill Road,Monroe,Ct.