

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, December 06, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Hall, Oxford, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Dick Speer
Frank Cavallo
Gary Dennen
Ed Kusinski
Jamie Dobrovich
John Downs Jr
Jerry Isleib

Absent:

Monroe Vacancy
Ray Hoesten, Chairman
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and 9 of the 11 members were present for the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as distributed from the 11/1/16 meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Jerry Isleib); motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Bob Whitfield of Southbury was present and has volunteered his assistance. He is new to Southbury and has spent many years working and managing water quality issues around the country and world. Gary Fillion has his contact information.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Bob Mouchantat made available the Candlewood Lake Authority minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, stated that all received bills to date are paid and reported account balances; a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as discussed by Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, was made by John Downs (seconded by Gary Dennen); motion passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report

Sargent Dan Semosky reported no issues. There was discussion on the increase in hourly rates charged by Newtown which have become substantially higher than Monroe. It was noted that the state police charges for officers provided by Oxford continue to be high as well. (Southbury has not recently performed patrols.) It was agreed that rates will be reviewed this winter and a meeting will be scheduled with Newtown to get rates that are strictly direct costs for the officers which is the agreement with the four towns established several years ago.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

The website is still not fully functional. Ed Kusinski will try to get with Ray Hoesten to get the proper forms files to change the website administrator and allow us to restore/enhance website functionality.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, noted that the feedback on zebra mussels is generally - more than last year but well less than two years ago. Gary also distributed a copy of the weed treatment follow up reports. In summary, the milfoil treatment was reasonably effective though in some locations it was less than expected. In addition, the presence of invasive Pond Weed (which starts growth later in the season) is increasing and the consultant is recommending a two staged approach in the summer of 2017 – milfoil treatment the 3rd week of June and a milfoil follow-up along with Pond Weed treatment mid-summer.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that boats are cleaned, winterized and in storage at Beacon's Point.

Grants:

None

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

None.

Unfinished Business

The draft revisions of by-laws were reviewed and the final document will be ready for vote at the January meeting.

Gary Dennen reported on his investigation into creation of an ordinance limiting what portion of the lake wake surfing would be allowed. This is in responsive to reported issues of water/tear on docks, anchored/floating boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and so on.

The \$98,271 budget for fiscal year 18 was discussed. Motion to accept proposed budget was made by John Downs (seconded by Gary Dennen); motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Fillion (seconded by Jamie Dobrovich); motion passed unanimously; Gary Fillion, Vice-Chairman, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Mouchantat, treasurer

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall.