

Lake Zoar Authority

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Commissioners Present:

Barbara McWilliams, Chairwoman
John Downs
James Galarneau
Tim Glover
Dennis Lawler
Jerry Kozera
John Morin
Lesley Pires
Mark Saksa
Dick Speer

Absent:

Tony Fischetti

Call to Order

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2024 meetings was made by Mark Saksa seconded by Jerry Kozera; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported current treasury balances. The current account balances with cash on hand equal \$116,280.94 There is an outstanding invoice for \$150 for website management services. A motion to pass the treasurer's report was made by Dennis Lawler seconded by Jerry Kozera, the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

None.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Dennis Lawler reported that an email blast service has been set up. Dennis is gathering historical photos of Lake Zoar from towns and residents for presentation on the website. Any interesting and historical Lake Zoar photos or other media can be emailed to it@lakezoarauthority.org.

Water Quality

Weed Treatment Committee:

Chairperson Barb McWilliams reported that this season's weed treatment permit is currently waiting approval. The treatment will be applied as early as April before the weeds break the water surface to reduce biomass by treating before excessive growth. Pond and Lake is formulating an approach to treat hydrilla as needed this season as it may spread from Lake Lillinonah. Pond and Lake will treat with diquat and possibly other herbicides depending on hydrilla sightings.

Water Quality Monitoring Committee:

The complete balance from the Cyanobacteria Water Quality Monitoring program has been paid.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that there is not an option for a third marine patrol boat slip at Eichler's cove if a third boat is secured this season. There is also not additional availability at Lakeside Marina. Commissioners will look into other options.

Grants:

None.

Bylaws:

Members had no changes to the Bylaws.

Unfinished Business:

John Downs reported he researched a reverse 911 notification system through the towns to alert residents of Lake Zoar issues. John reported that the Oxford fire marshal explained the possibility of a code red system along lower Housatonic at Stevenson dam but presented obstacles with maintaining an accurate call roster, as residents may not voluntarily continue to update their contact info. Commissioners expressed a broadcast system is needed to communicate with residents about dangerous floating debris during recreational months. Commissioners will check with other member towns to understand the practicality of an emergency broadcast service.

New Business

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams proposed that the next meeting be held via Zoom online, all commissioners agreed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Speer and seconded by Tim Glover. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Pires
Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm, online via Zoom.