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Lake Lillinonah Authority

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Virtual Meeting

7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman S. Young called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present for the Board: Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo, Treasurer B. Woerner, B. Waslenko, J. Ginnetty, M. Digirolamo, B. Piepho, J. Munno, C. Read, V. Young, and J. Curren, S. Leems

Absent Members: D. Lathrop, J. Pinkos, R. Johnson, and B. Rogers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by J. Ginnetty, to approve the LLA February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence from the following;

*B. Piepho and Chairman S. Young were brought into the Southbury Selectman's Meeting to discuss the budget and financial documents. We were also asked to submit the latest balance sheet. Also discussed at this meeting was the schedule of when boats and motors are purchased/replaced, and if there is enough monies in reserve. The Finance Department requested documentation of the reserve account and what is allocated for these reserves. Chairman S. Young had a subsequent conversation with J. Manville, Southbury First Selectman discussing the budget and the support that was not received from their police department regarding the Southbury shoreline.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young reported on what was discussed at the;

Shoreline Management Plan Meeting – Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, and 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo attended this meeting. It is anticipated that on March 1st the elected officials will receive notification regarding the Historic Use Permit that this will happen. On March 12-14th property owners should receive instructions on how to register their property uses. If the deadline is missed, you will not be able to apply for a grandfathered Historic Fee. If missed, the fee to apply is \$150.00.

***Recreation Management Plan Update** – At this meeting Lake Lillinonah was discussed. 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti coordinated with First Light on the claim capability audit where water levels are set higher and that this will not happen on peak recreation days. B. Wood has received the information and will work with operations to ensure this will not happen. It was suggested that permanent and durable signage of non-permitted activities be posted on First Light property.

***Nuisance Species Plan Update** - Chairman S. Young stated the DEP completely relinquishes any and all support of grass carp. He also stated that Squantz Pond has been denuded of all vegetation and they are almost sure that it is a mis-calculation of the amount of carp that were calculated to be the correct amount in that area of the pond. There is a chance that there might be some communication from Candlewood Lake and Squantz Pond under the road that connects there. Carp might have gotten through there and then the numbers rose, which creates an ecological wasteland. There was a great concern with Candlewood Lake and carp. A small amount of zebra mussels were found in Candlewood Lake. Chairman S. Young stated that he wanted communication between our weed vendor and the invasive plant survey vendor hired by First Light & Power. Chairman S. Young emphasized that water chestnuts have been removed from Lake Lillinonah.

Chairman S. Young stated that he has been invited to participate & attend the Housatonic Lakes, Lake Lillinonah, and Lake Zoar, Eco Systems Sustainability Study with a professor from WestConn. This meeting is sponsored by a representative from Lake Housatonic, Paul Jacobson. They are trying to collect all historical data on water quality from day one on all of the lakes and place in a database. This historical data has been performed by J. Klug and her students and included the last 20 years of quality data. Anyone requesting the complete proposal, please let the Chairman know.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti sent a letter regarding peak dates to B. Wood the day of the meeting. He received a response that the letter was sent to the operations department to begin the discussion. Discussion about posting a schedule that was used in the past, indicating how they are moving the water around may give a better understanding of the wind. B. Wood stated First Light will do their best to work with LLA. 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti stated that he has heard numerous complaints from neighbors regarding the inability to communicate with First Light. He was told that requests were sent to First Light and that there has been no response. Chairman S. Young stated that First Light receives up to 300 emails per day. He also stated that there is a process on the website that has to be followed, and if you deviate from this process, your request is not recognized. B. Wood suggested 1st Vice Chairman meet his new supervisor.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

***AIS Grant Update** – 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo stated that the AIS Grant has been completed and that he received notification that it was received. The final submission contained 18 page and 18 pages of historical data. This information can be found on Google docs. He thanked all who participated to make this happen. Funds are expected to be distributed by May 1st if awarded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated he will provide Southbury with LLA's balance sheet as requested. He also received an email from Southbury's Finance Department inquiring about the 10% increase in the budget and if we would consider decreasing the increase. B. Piepho as the Southbury representative will email the information to Southbury and also include a copy of the audit.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GRANT COMMITTEE: None

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: J. Curren thanked 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenze for all his hard work in applying for the AIS Grant.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: M. Digirolamo provided the members with documentation on the latest Legislative Developments. B. Waslenko stated that he responded to a voicemail from Courtney, CT Bottle Coalition asking for support from organizations to increase the bottle deposit from 5cents to 10 cents. No further action is required.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: No report was given.

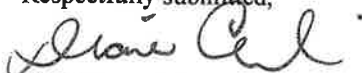
BOATING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young stated that the solar issue at the Patrol Dock will be looked into. He will take photos as soon as ice is cleared. The vendor has good aerial google earth access. The vendor looked at building and stated that it is almost impossible with all the tree cover.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: B. Piepho stated that he and C. Read will file the necessary permits for fish stocking. 900 Northern Pike are expected the third week of April. He also stated that there has been success in the request for Tiger Muskie regulations. CT DEEP approved the following change, LL Northern Pike and Tiger Muskies will be (1) fish 38" long per day, per fisherman. Chairman S. Young applauded B. Piepho and C. Read for their hard work to get this regulation in place.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by V. Young, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane Cerasoli".

Diane Cerasoli
LLA Administrative Assistant