

LAKE LILLINONAH AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL – ROOM 209
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018
7:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman G. Petriccione called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
Members Present: Chairman G. Petriccione, First Vice Chairman S. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, M. Carrington, A. Michener, J. Munno, (Southbury)
M. Digirolamo, (Brookfield) S. Schifilliti, and J. Curren
Also Present: Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi
Absent Members: S. Howard, D. Davies, and J. Forlenzo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by First Vice Chairman S. Young, seconded by M. Carrington, to approve the Lake Lillinonah Authority July 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion carries unanimously. The amendments are as follows; under First Vice Chairman's Report, third line, should read at a high level, and on line four add curly leaf before pondweed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman G. Petriccione introduced new members Mauro Digirolamo, Brookfield and John Munno, Southbury.

Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi stated that activity on patrol is up. He also stated that two out of three boats are in the water. Chief J. Puglisi reported that Echo Bay has been very good to the marine patrol. He also reported that he has met with First Vice Chairman S. Young and received a call from the Fire Marshall. Chief J. Puglisi stated there is no report of the recent fatality on the lake as it is still under investigation.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman G. Petriccione received correspondence regarding the Stratus.

First Vice Chairman S. Young discussed a series of back and forth emails from himself and Valerie Bodner regarding the lack of postings and notifications from last month's diquat treatment at Barkwood Cove and Lillinonah Drive. First Vice Chairman S. Young stated he received correspondence regarding carp stocking. He also stated that Greg Bollard, FOTL, responded that carp stocking is not allowed by State statute. He reported that a buoy was out of position, and he contacted the contractor and the buoy is now in place.

First Vice Chairman S. Young reported reading a blog about fishing around CT and fishing on LLA. Blogger stated that he caught 9 pike in less than two hours.

B. Piepho stated he received information that Pittsfield passed a budget for a phosphorus upgrade. The State of Massachusetts will pay for ½ of \$74M and the other half will be bonded by the Town of Pittsfield. This has been approved by city council. 80 lbs of phosphorus will be taken out per day.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman G. Petriccione stated that State Representative Harding and Governor Malloy enacted a lakes week earlier in July. The group went out on Candlewood Lake to get a feeling of the problems on the lake. Arconti from Danbury was also present. Included in the meeting were members of the Candlewood Lake Authority and Bantam Lake. G. Petriccione stated there was good discussion on problems on the lakes. Senator Craig Miner was also present. State Representative Harding, Mr. Arconti, and Senator Craig Miner are heavily involved in the environment. All groups were on the same page as LLA regarding chemical treatment. Discussed was that all groups should come together and work as a team and create a bullet point list of primary concerns to get passed through legislature. Chairman G. Petriccione spoke with Phylliss Schaer, current head of Candlewood Lake Authority, and Mark Howarth, Executive Director, and was all very positive.

Chairman G. Petriccione was approached by Marine Patrol Chief John Puglisi about the possibility of Candlewood Fire Company using the Status Boat. Presently they are down one boat. Awaiting documentation from the Town Attorney and the insurance company. The Stratus will be insured as if the Candlewood Fire Company owned it. Indemnity and hold harmless documentation in addition to them insuring boat on their own will be forthcoming. Candlewood Fire Company will be responsible for the cost of winterization of the Stratus. Chairman G. Petriccione will set up having an appraisal completed on the Stratus.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: First Vice Chairman S. Young will give his report under Old Business, Update on Dock Project.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated that the audit has been completed and ready for review. Any changes by the Authority will be discussed at next month's meeting. He also stated that all insurances are in place. Annual Town contributions have been received from Southbury, Newtown, Roxbury, and New Milford.

A motion was made by First Vice Chairman S. Young, seconded by A. J. Murphy, to increase the hourly rate for the Bookkeeper from \$35/hour to \$37/hour. Motion carries unanimously. The Administrative Secretary rate has increased from \$27/hour to \$27.50/hour.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Update on Dock Project** – First Vice Chairman S. Young stated that he met with Tucker and Tucker provided the corner brackets. Met with Contractor Kimball and actually demonstrated how they were to fit, but it failed. The brackets were returned to Tucker's and will need to be redesigned. The septic tank appeared to have almost no right angle on it and will need to be tapered. First Vice Chairman S. Young will create and provide the template. Still working with counsel regarding responsible party in the event of fuel spills. First Vice Chairman S. Young stated that the modifications will be

complete once the alarm for fuel tank is satisfied and fencing is complete. First Vice Chairman S. Young also stated that he needs assistance with accurate measuring of the water depth from the bulkhead; ie. 20, 40, 60, 80, and 100ft. Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi will assist.

***Vacancies**- Chairman G. Petriccione reported the following vacancy - New Milford-2

NEW BUSINESS:

***Nominations for Vacant Second Vice Chairman Position** – Chairman G. Petriccione made a motion to nominate Scott Schifilliti for the Second Vice Chairman position, First Vice Chairman S. Young seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***Lake Management Committee** – J. Curren stated that he met with Matt, New England Aquatic, regarding creating a management plan to treat curly leaf pondweed and water chestnuts. Recommendation is to monitor the situation and deal with it as it pops up. The Authority will contact New England Aquatic for treatment. Need to decide on a budget to work with for his services, possibly \$10,000.

***Legislative Committee** - M. Carrington stated that he has been compiling relevant laws for lakes into a master folder. He also stated that he has been in touch with Southbury's representative Arthur O'Neill regarding lobbying efforts. Arthur O'Neill suggested waiting until January when the new term/new legislators are sworn in. M. Carrington reported that he will try to coordinate with other lake groups to come up with a basic agenda moving forward. This will be a long-term goal of this committee. Review of the bylaws will be tabled until next month's meeting.

***Public Relations Committee** – J. Ginnetty asked all members to review his public relations proposal presented last month and report any feedback at the next meeting.

***Communications and Information Technology Committee** – He also stated that LLA email addresses have been created for all LLA members for any and all LLA communication. The new design for the LLA website was decided by a hand vote. The #2 logo was chosen.

J. Ginnetty inquired with Treasurer B. Woerner regarding a debit card to set up to pay for any incurred expenses for the website. J. Ginnetty will provide Treasurer B. Woerner with the details.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: First Vice Chairman S. Young asked if the Chairman would consider relinquishing his position as Chairman of the Lake Lillinonah Authority. A motion was made by First Vice Chairman S. Young, seconded by Treasurer B. Woerner, to remove Chairman G. Petriccione from his current position and to vote on the motion at next month's meeting. After discussion all were in agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by First Vice Chairman S. Young, seconded by Treasurer B. Woerner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.