

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Town Hall..

Commissioners Present:

Frank Cavallo
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Mark Saksa
Jeff Thomas
Bill May
Dick Speer
Herbert Garber
Gary Fillion, Chairman

Absent:

Ed Kusinski, Vice Chairman
John Downs

Gary Fillion, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the January 8, 2019 meeting was made by Bill May, seconded by Frank Cavallo; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Several Monroe residents were in attendance to ask questions about weed treatments noting that weeds in the lake adjacent to the area south of Eichlers Cove was very thick with weeds throughout the summer.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

An article discussing Monroe's request to have an audit from Lake Zoar Authority was made available for review as were Candlewood Lake Authority minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, presented account balances. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Herb Garber, seconded by Dick Speer; the motion was passed unanimously

Marine Patrol Report:

No patrol activity.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Bill May updated the commission on the status of the replacement of the website. Progress is being made and next steps are to move the website over to the new provider this month. Bill requested members submit potential website content to him. Bob Mouchantat to provide Bill with contact info.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion has asked George Knoecklein, Northeast Aquatic Research, to attend the March meeting to review past weed treatment and options for summer 2019. Gary will be attending meetings with First Light on weeds, debris, First Light's Shoreline Management Plan and other issues in the coming weeks.

Bob Mouchantat suggested two questions for George: is it possible to have interested parties participate, at

their expense, in the weed treatment of areas that are considered more specific than the general navigation of the lake (including Kettletown, Jackson's Cove, Eichlers, the two marinas, community associations/areas) and second, ensuring the timing of treatments is optimal since the initial/large treatment seemed less effective in early June 2018 than years past when treatment was at the end of June.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported boats are stored. He is investigating replacement of VHF radios.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

None.

Grants:

Dick Speer will be working on 2019 First Light Grant.

Unfinished Business:

Bob Mouchantat advised that he has not been contacted by Southbury regarding potential audit or their comments in the paper that Mr Tait from Newtown Board of Finance has offered to do an audit. The LZA's position is that the four member towns must instruct the LZA to increase budget to include an audit or the requesting party must fund the unbudgeted audit at their expense.

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Cavallo, seconded by Herb Garber; the motion was passed unanimously. Gary Fillion adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

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, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Senior Center.