

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Mark Saksa
Gary Dennen
Bill May
Frank Cavallo
Dick Speer
John Downs

Absent:

Jerry Isleib
Herbert Garber
Ed Kusinski

Gary Fillion, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the March 6, 2018 meeting was made by Bill May, seconded by Frank Cavallo; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

John Muno asked about the relationship/impact of milfoil treatment on blue green algae.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

The Candlewood Lake Authority minutes were circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, presented account balances. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Dick Speer, seconded by Gary Dennen; the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Gary Fillion to contact First Light about replacement of damaged warning sign for the dam. Dan Semosky reported no activity and he will be working on planning the summer season.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Gary Fillion report that the website is back up and running and that some updating is still underway.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Chairman, reported buoy installation will be done this month. He also reviewed the annual first Light meeting and reports on invasive species – lake Zoar programs are working as expected and the belief is the approach should continue including two treatments per season to curtail expansion of the recurring weed problem. He also commented that it is recommended that we begin to treat the pond weed which is continuing to grow /impact recreational use of the lake. It was also noted that the zebra mussel population is slightly down year to year. Lastly, other related organizations are interested in working with Lake Zoar on these issues (e.g. Pomperaug and Pootatuck River Watersheds)

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer advised that the boats will be ready for launching soon and should be in the water before Mid-May. Dick recommended replacement and installation of new fenders on boats; motion was made by Gary Dennen and seconded by Bill May; the motion was passed unanimously.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

No updated schedule was available.

Grants:

Dick Speer mentioned the grant application for First Light has been submitted.

Unfinished Business:

Bob Mouchantat reported that he has received notification from Monroe in writing and Oxford via voicemail that both towns do not believe a more formal audit/financial review is necessary and that any town requiring this should be financially responsible. Once he hears from Newtown he will send out a summary memo to the member towns.

An update on the 2018 project to create a communication tool to advise residents of significant changes or issues that impact the lake including high/low water level extremes was made by Mark Saska and John Downs - they continue to research how to gather resident information. The discussion included that they should simultaneously be researching what system would be needed/what the costs would be for the system to be able to email, text and/or automatically call the residents.

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Cavallo, seconded by Gary Dennen; the motion was passed unanimously. Gary Fillion, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Kusinski – Vice Chairman / Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall, 501 Main Street, Southbury, CT 06488