

Bridgewater
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 7, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
7:30PM

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

Members Present: Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, R. Johnson, J. Munno, J. Pinkos, B. Piepho, M. Digirolamo, V. Young, R. Mitchell, and B. Waslenko

Absent Members: D. Lathrop, J. Curren, B. Rogers, C. Read, and R. Mitchell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by B. Piepho, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to approve the LLA June 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes with the following amendments; under Old Business, Tiger Muskie Regulations – Catch and Release Letter, should read “B. Piepho stated he would revise the Catch and Release Letter related to Tiger Muskie Regulations.” The second amendment is under Committee Reports, Legislative Committee, should read, “The bill that is pending in the Gen. Assembly allocates the \$25k to the Connecticut Agricultural Experimentation Station and not the Federation of CT Lakes and Ponds.” M. Digirolamo will follow up by checking into the bill further and to see if Lake Lillinonah could be added to the study. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced Selectman S. Slater.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young stated that communication has improved with Paul Conti of Solitude, which is the company hired to perform water treatment. Chairman S. Young received a call from Curtis Read, Bridgewater First Selectman. The call was on behalf of DOT regarding the work being performed on the 133 Bridge at the same time high water levels in the lake. The Marine Patrol went to check the dock and noticed a boat was caught under the bridge. Chairman S. Young stated he has no follow up on this. He also stated that he had numerous correspondences from Treasurer B. Woerner and the insurance underwriter. Chairman S. Young reported that he received a call from a person with a concern regarding swimming at the RT. 133 boat launch and overcrowding, etc. He returned the call, but no one answered.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Chairman S. Young reported having a big issue this year with camping in and around the lake, which constitutes a trespass as well as issues with littering, liability, and destruction of property. He also reported that on June 27, 2020 at 6:30am a boater noticed that there was an uncontained fire at Little York Road. (Chairman S. Young read aloud the article printed in the paper) Chairman S. Young stated on July 5, 2020 at 6:00am he counted 17 groups of campers from the confluence down to the dam. He also stated that boats and kayaks were everywhere and campers had fires going. Chairman S. Young stated a power audit is performed every summer/winter. Power generating plants perform the claims capability audit every summer and winter. Chairman S. Young also stated that he recognized that men were out on the water doing work and that the water level was returned to regular level as promised.

B. Piepho stated that on July 4, 2020 at 2:30pm he was heading down Purchase Brook and spotted at least 50 cars lined up on Purchase Brook. Southbury police were turning around as many people as they could right out of Waldo and off of little York. He also stated there were many out of state plates lined up on Purchase Brook.

Chairman S. Young stated that we continue having ongoing reports with speeding in the gorge through the no wake zone. A resident has sent photo documents of people going through there and forwarded the photos to the patrol. He

will review with the buoy contractor and make sure he knows that the rope is sized correctly for the correct location of it.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: First Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti stated that residents in Newtown have complained to him regarding skiing in the gorge through the no wake zone. He also stated that he observed swimming at the State launch on Saturday and that the Marine Patrol Police were handling this situation.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Second Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo stated the he will follow up with Susan in Newtown regarding the appointment of Marine Patrol Officers and Assistants.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated that the official bound audit should be received shortly. He also stated that electronic copies of the audit will be sent to all Towns. Treasurer B. Woerner reported that all insurances are in place. The insurance company had questions on the tank insurance and Treasurer B. Woerner reported he will follow up with them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman S. Young stated that B. Piepho continues to work on the Tiger Muskie Regulations – Catch and Release letter.

*Vacancies- Southbury-1

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young stated that the curly leaf pondweed budget monies, plus more, have been spent. 330 gallons of curly leaf pondweed were removed. Water chestnut removal will begin at the end of this month.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: M. Digirolamo stated that Legislature adjourned on the 12th and did not continue due to COVID-19. No updates until they are back in session. He will follow up on this Bill to see if Lake Lillinonah could be added to the study.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty stated that there was a lot of influx from people when a Lake Alert is sent out. Approximately 400 people receive Lake Alerts.

BOATING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young presented the members with the June 2020 Marine Patrol Report. Chairman S. Young stated that the Authority has a credit at Echo Bay due to the sale of the boat.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: B. Piepho stated the Lake Lillinonah Authority stocked 900 (7-8 inches) Large Mouth Bass on June 26, 2020. CT DEEP did not assist in the stocking due to the fact that they felt that any help would violate social distancing rules. He also stated that because of COVID-19 Tiger Muskies will not be stocked this fall. B. Piepho will contact Zett's to purchase Pike for next spring.

GRANT COMMITTEE: No report was given.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by B. Waslenko, seconded by J. Ginnetty, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.