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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
Virtual Meeting
7:30pm

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

Members Present: Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, B. Waslenko, V. Young, J. Curren, and C. Read

Absent Members: R. Johnson, J. Munno, D. Lathrop, M. Digirolamo, B. Rogers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo, seconded by V. Young, to approve the December 1, 2020 LLA Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced R. White, Friends of the Lake and Shellie Leems.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence from the following: BOF Representatives from Newtown and Southbury regarding LLA's budget – particularly the increase in patrol. The new Candlewood Lake Authority's Chairperson contacted Chairman S. Young with specific questions regarding LLA's patrol. Chairman S. Young was also contacted by First Light & Power regarding a high stream water flow after a rain storm that came after a snow storm which raised the river, and the lake had to be lowered. It was not necessary to alert the community.

J. Ginnetty stated that he received correspondence regarding water fowl hunting on the lake and referred email to DEEP.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young spoke with B. Wood in regards to in the next few months property owners on LLA will be contacted shortly by First Light & Power and will receive an ID# and Pin# and a formal letter which will allow their property and its uses to be grandfathered as they exist now. Each property owner will be granted a certificate of use permit. The property owner will have 45-60 days to accept. If the property owner does not accept during this 45-60 period, a significant cost will be incurred to grant an existing use permit in the future. B. Wood will be sending out a formal notification shortly. Chairman S. Young stated that he is waiting for the debris removal log from B. Wood. Chairman S. Young also stated that there is a new CEO at First Light & Power and looks forward to working with them. Chairman S. Young reported that every six years First Light & Power revises its Recreation Management Plan. In the next few months LLA members will be invited as stakeholders to share concerns.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti and 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo created a letter and will be sent to B. Wood regarding peak use on LLA.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo shared with members the qualifications to apply for the AIS Grant. Application is due by February 2, 2021. We will apply for this grant with a specific project in mind. 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo will collaborate with Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, and J. Curren to complete this application.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated he received invoices from Echo Bay Marina, for boat winterization, and Tucker for dock removal.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Debris Removal Report - this agenda item will be tabled until the LLA February 2021 Meeting.

*Letter of Request to First Light Regarding Debris – Chairman S. Young will create this letter to First Light & Power.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GRANT COMMITTEE: This item was discussed in 2nd Vice Chairman's report.

R. White, Friends of the Lake, stated that a grant was applied for to cover water chestnuts in the Still River and Housatonic River from the Connecticut Community Foundation.

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

*Letter of Request to First Light & Power for Funds for Weed Removal - J. Curren along with Matt, weed harvester, composed a letter to First Light & Power requesting for funds for weed removal.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report was given.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty stated the yearly rollover for the website has been completed.

BOATING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: No report was given.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: B. Piepho stated that he submitted a follow up letter to DEEP regarding fish regulation. He thanked C. Read and 2nd Vice Chairman J. Forlenzo for their collaboration. DEEP requested for LLA to double check stock quantity of Pike and Tiger Muskies in the lake for the last ten years to try to come up with an estimated population. There was some concern about overstocking and depleting other species in the lake. B. Pepo stated that DEEP is considering a special regulation for Lillinonah.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by B. Waslenko, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.