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## Lake Lillinonah Authority

PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

### Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 7, 2022 Virtual Meeting 7:30pm

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

**Members Present:** Chairman S. Young, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, R. Johnson, M. Digirolamo, S. Lee, J. Pinkos

**Absent Members:** B. Rogers, D. Lathrop, J. Curren, B. Waslenko, J. Forlenzo, and C. Read

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young, to approve the LLA May 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carries unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Angela Woerner, Friends of the Lake

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman S. Young stated that he received an invoice from Matt, Buoy Contractor which has not been paid yet. He also stated that he went out with Jeff Silverman and Brian Wood to discuss debris. Friends of the Lake had a great turn out for Save the Lake Day.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** No report for this month.

**FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti stated that Brian Wood and another person in a pontoon boat visited his house and several other homes on Pond Brook last Tuesday. They were taking pictures and making notes. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti thought he might be surveying the shoreline. He has observed pontoon boats with logs in tow on the lake. He stated that he has created a depreciation schedule for the police boats. He requests additional information to complete the schedule, such as; the cost of boats, cost of motors and when they were replaced, and the year of each boat. Treasurer B. Woerner will send the requested information to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti. After this information is received he will send to Chairman S. Young and Treasurer B. Woerner for discussion. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti reported that he sent an email to First Selectman D. Rosenthal regarding the town contribution. First Selectman D. Rosenthal will send Newtown's contribution. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti will request an official letter from First Selectman D. Rosenthal stating that Newtown will pay their share.

**SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young stated that he attended an Open House at the GMS Rowing Center. They offer lessons at night for adults. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman V. Young also stated that there is a 5 inch pothole at the Pond Brook Launch. Chairman S. Young will put him in touch with Yolanda Cooley.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer B. Woerner stated he has received quite a few invoices this month. He also stated that he has renewed the Workers Comp. Insurance and is completing applications for other insurances. Chairman S. Young and Treasurer B. Woerner will discuss the purchases requested by Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi. Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi informed Chairman S. Young that government officials are changing the mandates for uniforms to be in compliance. The life jacket purchase will be paid. Budget will run over this year for marine patrol uniforms and fuel surcharge.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business was discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Debris Removal Update:** Chairman S. Young stated that he went on the annual debris tour with First Light & Power with Jeff Silverman, Friends of the Lake. They toured from the dam up to Jeff Silverman's home (above S curve) all the way up to the Bleachery and back. He stated that he observed over 60 logs presently tied up at Addis Park. He also stated that the amount of volume and effort is very impressive. He also stated that there a fair amount of logs tied to the back of boats at Good Year Island and Poison Ivy Island. Logs were 3ft in diameter and 30 feet long. Brian Wood has been in communication with people at fisheries and the safety person at DEEP. They are coming up with an idea to latch a large log to the shoreline and permanently attach to the shoreline and put debris behind that which creates a habitat. They would like LLA to be in support. B. Wood will create a letter and share with LLA. The letter will not be signed until the members have had an opportunity to read it. LLA will not share in the liability if someone were to be injured. Chairman S. Young will send pictures to the members.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **GRANT COMMITTEE:**

**\*Update on AIS Grant:** There have been multiple inquiries for an update on the AIS Grant – there have been no updates.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Chairman S. Young stated that he will contact Matt to inquire when he will start his work on water chestnut removal. Chairman S. Young has asked the members to contact him if you spot water chestnuts.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** M. Digirolamo stated that he will follow up with S. Harding regarding the AIS Grant and who best to contact.

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** None

**BOATING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Chairman read the boating and safety report from Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi as follows for the month of May 2022;

#### **Patrol Activities:**

Currently there are 12 officers and 9 assistants for 2022. Two of Lake Lillinonah Authority furnished marine patrol boats are in service and available. The third boat is at Echo Bay Marina waiting on the engine replacement and should be in the water soon. DEEP refresher training was conducted online in April and several members of patrol attended. Annual firearms qualifications were held on May 14 in Torrington. A total of 215 man-hours were assigned in May. There were 4 patrol shifts that ended early due to rain/thunderstorms this month. Patrol had 75 contacts with vessels, camper/swimmers, which resulted in 53 verbal warnings for assorted violations and 8 inspections primarily for life jackets. Patrol had 4 documented boater assists and 6 trespassing contacts at the Bleachery Dam. There was one reported minor boat crash reported at the state boat ramp. Swimming at the State boat ramp on Rte 133 continues to be a problem.

**FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE:** No report for this month.

**ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Chairman S. Young stated that the fireworks will be held on 7/2/22 with a rain date on 7/3/22. He also read a letter from Friends of the Lake thanking the over 30 volunteers which showed up for the 19<sup>th</sup> year Save the Lake Day.

A. Woerner stated that there will be a summer barbecue in July to replace the dine around. It will be held at Schaticoke. Burgers and hot dogs, etc. will be served. The barbecue is for members only and their guests. The cost is \$25 per ticket.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Cerasoli*

LLA Administrative Assistant