

Bridgewater
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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Via Zoom
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 V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Curren, R. Johnson, J. Munno, C. Read, J. Ginnetty, B. Waslenko, M. Wurtmann, M. Digirolamo, K. Lee, C. Symes, and S. Lee

Absent Members: J. Pinkos

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by M. Digirolamo, seconded by 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, to approve the LLA March 5, 2023 Lake Lillinonah Authority Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced R. White and A. Woerner, Friends of the Lake. He also welcomed Tina Ferranti, a new appointed member from Southbury.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young reported receiving communication from the new Chairman of Lake Zoar regarding common issues. He also received communication from FOTL regarding Save the Lake Day and B. Waslenko regarding the AIS Grant. M. Digirolamo reported that two communities that have weed treatment will not be working with Solitude any longer. They will now use The Pond and Lake Connection in Brookfield. Chairman S. Young received phone calls requesting information on the lake.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman S. Young stated there will be a meeting with FL&P regarding the Nuisance Species Advisory Committee. 2023 is an on year for LLA for the Invasive Species Survey. Survey will be moved up to July from August and identify areas of water chestnut. He also stated that there is a new invasive species in the CT River Watershed called Hydrilla. This invasive species is difficult to control. The task is to stay diligent on what the Hydrilla is and how to identify it.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this month.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated that FOTL petitioned for intervenor status regarding Kimberly Clark. FOTL also asked to be included in all Kimberly Clark correspondence. He also stated that all employers with five or more employees are eligible to have monies set aside from their paychecks for retirement.

Employees will be able to choose to opt in or opt out of the 401K option from the state. Treasurer B. Woerner has completed his portion of paperwork for the AIS Grant and forwarded to B. Waslenko. Treasurer B. Woerner reported that he is working on insurances and possibly changing vendors. He also reported that Worker's Comp. is a big factor in choosing an insurance company.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Vacancies – New Milford -1**

NEW BUSINESS:

***Motion to amend budget** – After discussion, a motion was made by 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to amend the agenda eliminating a motion to amend the budget. Motion carries unanimously.

We are presently negotiating with CIRMA regarding changing our insurance provider. The process is not straightforward. There are significant potential savings but there are some potential risks that the lake authority would be exposed to regarding a massive deductible in our pollution policy as well. We do not have final figures at this time nor will we have final figures to present until we get closer to the date of policy commencement. The way that the various policies are written is not like our previous provider so further evaluation and cost to risk assessment requires consideration. ,

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

GRANT COMMITTEE: B. Waslenko stated that Treasurer B. Woerner has completed his part of the AIS Grant regarding invasive treatment from last year. All information has been completed.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty stated receiving emails regarding people interested in properties on the lake.

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young stated that he has received communication from Chief John Puglisi. He also stated that all marine patrol employees need to take part in mandatory training for power of arrest and infraction from DEEP. The dock is in the water and one boat should also be in the water asap. Fuel will be available by May 1st. One of the two whalers will need some repairs before it is placed in the water.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: C. Read stated that we have been approved for the Pike stocking permit.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: There were no other items to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by Treasurer B. Woerner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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