

# LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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## Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Town Hall, 7 Fan Hill Rd, Monroe, CT

### Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman  
Herbert Garber  
Jerry Isleib  
Dick Speer  
John A Downs Jr  
Gary Dennen  
Frank Cavallo  
Ed Kusinski

### Absent:

Ray Hoesten  
Oxford Vacancy  
Monroe Vacancy  
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer

Gary Fillion, Vice, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 8 of the 10 members present.

### **Secretary's Report:**

There was no Secretary's Report. The Secretary's position is now vacant.

### **Public Comments:**

Anthony DeAngelo, Newtown, expressed concern that the LZA website is still not available or being updated regularly. He encouraged the LZA to continue with plans for the annual chemical weed treatment and to treat as much acreage as possible. Mr. DeAngelo also suggested ordinances be drawn up to prevent wake surfing boats from creating wakes in to be designated areas on the lake. Mel Cunningham, Newtown, raised concerns about recent press coverage reporting the potential toxicity of blue green algae which had been a problem on the lake last season. Dawn DeFeo, Monroe, questioned what type of water testing, and in which locations it was being done on the lake.

### **Correspondence and News Clippings:**

Ed Kusinski, Monroe, was contacted by a home owner in Newton inquiring how they may go about installing a large concrete block further out into the lake to secure their dock to. The LZA suggested the home owner contact the CT DEEP as the LZA cannot grant permits for this type of matter.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Not available. Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, was absent.

### **Marine Patrol Report:**

Sgt. Dan Semosky, SP, reported many patrols have been cancelled due to weather conditions. Sgt. Semosky also noted the warning sign located down river from the Shepaug Dam appears to have broken loose from the cable it was attached to which crosses the river. He has contacted Brian Woods of First Light to make him aware of the situation.

**Publicity/ Public Awareness:.**

Gary Fillion, Chairman, will request additional signage be posted this year by SOLitude Lake Management prior to the chemical weed treatment being applied.

**Water Quality / Grants Report:**

Gary Fillion, Chairman, reported that the annual chemical weed treatment will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Approximately seventy acres will be treated in 2017. The LZA is awaiting the pre-treatment report from Dr. George Knoecklein. Mr. Fillion reported all safety buoys have been installed on the lake. Mr. Fillion also reported he has the digital proof copy of the revised Lake Zoar Map produced by the LZA and will work on revising it and get printing quotes. Jerry Isleib, Monroe, made mention of Aqua Environmental and suggested we consider them a potential water testing contractor. Terry Boge, LZA driver, indicated a tree has fallen into the water and was still attached to the shore on the eastern side of the lake north of Jackson's Cove.

**Boats and Motors Report:**

Dick Speer, Oxford, reported that the LZA Marine Patrol Boats are in good working order. The boat trailers are now being stored at the Riverside Firehouse in Oxford. It was noted we can use extra copies of the Connecticut Boater's Guide to keep aboard the patrol boats for distribution to the public.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

A draft copy proposing an ordinance be put into place restricting the use of wake board boats in designated areas of Lake Zoar was presented. It will be reviewed and edited as needed before being presented the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for consideration.

**New Business**

Gary Fillion, Chairman, requested LZA Commissioners increase their individual commitment and consider participating in more ways with LZA Committes. He suggested we discuss this at the July meeting. Jerry Isleib volunteered to work with the Bylaws Committee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jerry Isleib (seconded by Frank Cavallo); motion passed unanimously; Gary Fillion, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Kusinski

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on **Tuesday, July 11**, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Senior Center, Riverside Road, Newtown, CT.