

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newtown Senior Center, 14 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Ed Kusinski, Secretary
Gary Dennen
Jerry Isleib
Herbert Garber
Dick Speer
Mark Saksa

Absent:

Frank Cavallo
John A Downs
Oxford Vacancy

Gary Fillion, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. with 8 of the 10 Commissioners present.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the October 3, 2017 meeting was made by Ed Kusinski, seconded by Gary Fillion; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Three public guests were in attendance. Concerns were raised regarding the effectiveness of Copper Sulfate being used for the chemical weed treatments. It was noted the Copper Sulfate is only used to target weed control and not algae in the water. Researching alternative chemical applications was suggested. One guest presented documents suggesting other possible alternatives for the weed treatments.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

The Candlewood Lake Authority meeting minutes were distributed. An article regarding the July 11th boating accident on Lake Zoar was also circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, presented account balances and stated all the major bills for the year have been paid. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Dick Speer, seconded by Herbert Garber; the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt. Dan Semosky, SP, reported there were no patrols during the past month.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Ed Kusinski reported that the contract for the domain name "lakezoarauthority.org" will expire on Nov 9th, 2017. Plans are to purchase the rights to the name and contract hosting services for multiple years.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Chairman, reported the fall draw down of the lake began on October 27th. The lake level needed to be raised again due to heavy rains encountered in local areas. The water level was dropped again when rain subsided and raised to normal levels on November 11th. Mr. Fillion reported all the buoys have

been removed from the lake however one was reported missing and could not be located. An email from the Candlewood Lake Authority reminding residents they should not be disposing of fall leaves and clean-up material in the lake was circulated. It was suggested that the LZA plan on using some sort of email list so water quality topics can be emailed promptly to local residents. Mark Saksa also suggested using local papers to notify residents.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported one of the patrol boats has been winterized and is in storage now. The second boat will be removed, winterized and placed in storage very soon.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

No report was available.

Grants:

Gary Fillion, Chairman, mentioned the grant application for First Light will be due this spring. Dick Speer confirmed he will be completing the application and submitting it to First Light.

Unfinished Business:

Gary Fillion, Chairman, welcomed Mark Saksa of Monroe as an officially appointed Commissioner of the LZA.

New Business

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, presented the suggested annual budget for fiscal year 18/19. The budget vote will take place at the December 5, 2017 LZA meeting. Mr. Mouchantat mentioned an updated version of QuickBooks software should be ordered for accounting reasons. He also mentioned the LZA computer has had problems in the past, and while repaired, the computer is becoming old.

Adjournment

Gary Fillion, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Kusinski - Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Oxford Town Hall, 486 Oxford Rd, Oxford, CT