



# LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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## Member Towns

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A special meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00p.m. in the Southbury Town Hall.

### Commissioners Present

Bob Barnes  
Bill May  
Bob Mouchantat  
Glenn Ganz  
Jeannie Purcella

### Commissioners Absent

Jerry Isleib  
Carolyn Wilson  
Bob Bowolick  
Ed Kusinski  
John Downs

Bob Barnes, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Sargeant Dan Semosky (Oxford Resident Trooper) and John Millo (County Insurance) were present as were the patrol drivers, Pat Kenny (Southbury) and Dave Hare (trooper).

**Public Comments:** No comments by public.

**Special Meeting Topic & Discussion:** The special meeting with the marine patrol drivers was to cover scheduling and procedures for the coming season and to gain a better understanding of LZA insurance coverages.

John Millo reviewed insurance coverage and confirmed the LZA is covered for towing in that this is not a routine function. John conveyed the LZA has had a good safety history. Additional property coverage is available and will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

Towing was discussed. It is recognized that towing is inevitable but also that it should be done only if there is not another alternative or in the event of a real emergency. Assuming the boat and/or passengers are not in danger the alternatives include having the disabled boat operator call a friend or the marina, taking someone down to the marina to get gas rather than towing and so on. If tow is deemed necessary it is to the nearest point of entry. Discussion will be finalized at the next regular meeting and a proposed guideline will go to the four member town police departments for review.

General scheduling plan was covered and the drivers gave Dan their availability. Dan will determine actual shift assignments given the general guidelines. Weather policy was reviewed and it was emphasized that the objective is to be on patrol when lake is at its busiest – better to cancel patrol time on a marginal day (typically light boating activity) and extend patrol hours and/or add shifts when weather is predicted to be outstanding (and boat volume is likely to be higher).

Patrol logistics were reviewed and that the plan is for the drivers to have the boats ready to go when the police officer arrives – the goal is to maximize the time the police officer is on the water patrolling. It is also the expectation that the driver clean up the boats at the end of the shift (buckets and brushes will be stored on the boats. Dan will convey details on equipment storage and keys directly to the drivers.

An objective for the future will be for the towns to assign officers that, amongst other training, have boating certificates, are certified on the sound meter and who attend DEP boating law courses.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. was made and unanimously approved.