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Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newtown Senior Center, Riverside Road, Newtown, Ct .

Commissioners Present:
Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary
John Downs Jr.
Ed Kusinski
Frank Cavallo
Gary Dennen
Dick Speer
Jamie Dobrovich
Jerry Isleib

Absent:
Ray Hoesten, Chairman
Monroe Vacancy
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 9 of the 11 members present.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to amend and then accept the minutes as read from the June 7, 2016 meeting was made by Jaimie Dobrovich (seconded by Jerry Isleib): Secretary's Report : change: buoy was moved and relocated; motion was passed unanimously.

Introduction of Guests:

Terry Bogue, LZA Driver, attended the meeting

Public Comments:

, Terry Bogue, Oxford,, LZA Driver stated that the Buoy at the mouth of the Pomperaug River needs to be moved and relocated to its position near the old bridge abutment; Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, will follow – up and also verify if heavier weights and or alternative connections can be added to it, as suggested by Gary Dennen.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, distributed various articles; namely, Monroe Courier re Protect Lake Zoar from Zebra Mussels; Danbury News Times and Newtown Bee re: Lake Zoar Affected by Hydroelectric Operations necessitating residents to move fish from Newtown cove to deeper waters .

Treasurer's Report:

No report.

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt. Dan Semosky, SP, reported that many infractions were noted and many repeat offenders were cited re: no ct. numbers on boats, going beyond warning sign at Shepaug Dam, etc. Monroe P.D. covered last weekend :two Boats were used on Sat 7/2nd and Mon 7/4th ,one boat on Sun 7/3rd; Fathers Day one Boat was used for extended hours. Terry Bogue, LZA Driver, reported that the overhead lights on the Boats have clouded polycarbonated lenses ,which greatly impair visibility. Sgt Dan Semosky, SP and Dick Speer will check replacements and cost prices. Sgt Dan Semosky S.P. will demonstrate the S.P patrol. car overhead lights to the Commissioners after tonight's meeting.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Ed Kusinski inquired re the status of the LZA Website paperwork which was sent to the Company; Gary Fillion will verify with Ray Hoesten, Chairman. Ed Kusinski reported that a Lake Zoar user requested a Lake Zoar Map which Gary Fillion provided and Ed will distribute.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, reported that he and George Knoecklin surveyed the Lake and George will compile a report; DEEP approved the Aquarion Permit for Herbicide Treatment and a date will be set shortly. Gary reported that a number of Florida Beaches are currently closed due to the presence of Blue-Green Algae.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that Beacon Point Marina mechanic performed the twenty hour maintenance on both LZA Marine Patrol Boat engines at Eichler's Cove, Newtown and tomorrow, he will meet him at Lakeside Marina where he will install a propeller on each motor and repair the steering on Boat #2; an extra propeller will be kept on each boat.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

Terry Bogue, LZA Driver, reported that the LZA Marine Patrol Boats will be scheduled for CGAux Safety Inspections.

Unfinished Business:

Ed Kusinski reported that he is awaiting the results from the FOI Hearing Officer.

New Business:

Ed Kusinski reported that FOI has received another complaint and an FOI Hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2016; he will research the information requested. Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, stated his concerns re the length of time for the DEEP permit process and will notify his CT reps and encouraged all to do so.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dick Speer, (seconded by Jerry Isleib); motion passed unanimously; Gary Fillion, Vice Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Wilson, Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Oxford Town Hall, Route 67, Oxford, Ct.