

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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Member Towns

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The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Southbury Town Hall...

Commissioners Present:

Frank Cavallo
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
John Downs
Herbert Garber
Bill May
Dick Speer
Jerry Isleib

Absent:

Ed Kusinski, Vice Chairman
Mark Saksa
Gary Fillion, Chairman
Gary Dennen

Bob Mouchantat, treasurer, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the August 7, 2018 meeting was made by Herb Garber, seconded by Dick Speer; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Glenn Ganz was in attendance to review the damage to his pontoon boat Bimini that resulted from patrol boat taking off at close proximity causing an excessive wake in the immediate area with dozens of boats at anchor for Tuesday night concert series.

John Munno was in attendance to discuss weed treatment. He has several questions on the effectiveness of the treatment materials (including new chemical/herbicide) and locations. He observed that the algae bloom seems to coincide with the treatment and offered that there is available documentation to that fact. Dick Speer advised that First Light performed an overflow from Lake Lillinonah this week which essentially dumps accumulated algae and debris into Lake Zoar which he believes would have had a significant impact on algae this week. John also questioned the timing of the treatment asking couldn't treatment be scheduled to avoid peak use weekend like Labor Day.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

Candlewood Lake Authority minutes were made available for review.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, presented account balances. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Bill May, seconded by Frank Cavallo; the motion was passed unanimously

Marine Patrol Report:

Sgt. Dan Semosky advised that several infractions were issued due to unsafe PWC jumping wake/surf boat wakes. Dan also advised that there have been several PWC thefts on the lake.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Bill May had Dave Knight review the website upgrade plan which will result in a website that is able to be self-maintained by a to-be-determined LZA committee. Start-up costs are projected at \$500 and annual hosting/maintenance is estimated at \$200. The self-maintained site will facilitate timely postings, announcements, links and is expected to include a mechanism for interested individuals to be on an email

group alert system. Bill May made motion to proceed with development and transition from current website to new website well ahead of the start of the 2019 boating season. This was seconded by Dick Speer; the motion was passed unanimously

Water Quality Report:

No report though there was discussion:

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported boats are in good shape. One boat will be pulled in September and the other before the annual drawdown. Dick made motion to remove the VHF radios since they are not used/necessary, seconded by Bob Mouchantat; the motion was passed unanimously

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

None.

Grants:

No report

Communication/Alert System:

See public awareness

Unfinished Business:

Bob Mouchantat reviewed that the approx. 10 year old LZA laptop and version of QuickBooks is no longer supported or able to be used by LZA accountant. The estimated cost to replace is \$1000. Bill May made motion to replace LZA laptop and purchase current version of QuickBooks, seconded by Herb Garber; the motion was passed unanimously

New Business

John Downs made motion to replace Ganz Bimini at LZA expense (estimated at less than \$1000); Bill May seconded: the motion was passed unanimously. Bob Mouchantat asked Glenn to set this up so LZA can pay Echo Bay directly which would allow the purchase to be tax exempt.

The commissioners recommend that Gary Fillion write First Light (copying member town 1st selectmen) to request again that the “danger” sign be re-installed (or some type(s) of additional warning) for public safety and to minimize the need for LZA to respond to incidents of boats being up by dam which has led to propeller damage on the patrol boats and time away from patrolling the main portion of the lake.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Speer, seconded by Jerry Isleib; the motion was passed unanimously. Bob Mouchantat adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Mouchantat, treasurer

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall.