

Lake Zoar Authority

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. online via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/91661986760?pwd=bTJHR29lRm1teEtaaW1KQUsrNDBoUT09>

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman
Bill May, Treasurer
Lesley Pires, Secretary
Frank Cavallo
John Downs
Herbert Garber
Mark Saksa
Dick Speer
Jeff Thomas
Stacey Zimmerman

Absent:

Ed Kusinski, Vice Chairman

Gary Fillion, Chariman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the December 1, 2020 minutes was made by Mark Saksa, seconded by Bill May; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Newtown resident DJ Bobowick expressed interest in bringing more public awareness to the cyanobacteria blooms that have been more frequent along Lake Zoar. DJ is interested in creating informational signs or materials regarding water quality and public safety for people who reside on the lake or enjoy the lake recreationally. Media created by DJ will be published on the LZA website and displayed on a new webpage located under the water quality category.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill May, Treasurer, presented account balances. Bill advised that the 2021 budget was submitted to all four towns. Bill advised that budget increases are due to less corporate grant money received and unpredictable weed treatment expenses. Bill recommends the LZA aggressively pursue corporate grants. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Gay Fillion, seconded by Herbert Garber; the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

The boats are overwintered. There is no official report. It was noted that two sunken vehicles were recovered from the lake on December 13, 2020. It was clarified that an operator of a motorized canoe must have a valid CT Safe Boating Certificate to operate the vessel on Lake Zoar.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Two Owls Sustainability of Branford, CT is interested in donating 400+ plastic fish to the LZA to be reused in any creative way, as to help divert waste from the landfill. The LZA gladly accepts the donation and will use the fish for outreach or promotional projects.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Chairman Gary Fillion reported that there is a CT DEEP Grant available for aquatic invasive species control on lakes, ponds, and rivers, and asked for assistance with the application. Gary advised that any awarded funds would have to be matched by the LZA as per the terms specified in the application. Commissioner Frank Cavallo volunteered to manage the grant application.

Boats and Motors Report:

None.

Grants:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Herbert Garber, seconded by Frank Cavallo, the motion was passed unanimously. Gary Fillion adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lesley Pires, Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall.