

Lake Zoar Authority

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Member Towns

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The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall, 7 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, CT 06468.

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman
Bill May, Treasurer
Lesley Pires, Secretary
Frank Cavallo
Herbert Garber
Jerry Kozera
Barbara McWilliams
Dick Speer

Absent:

Mark Saksa
John Downs

Gary Fillion, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the September 7, 2021 minutes was made by Frank Cavallo, seconded by Bill May; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

None.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill May, Treasurer, presented account balances, with cash on hand equaling \$166,708.92. Bill reported that the LZA is now officially insured with CIRMA as of October 1, 2021. The savings is approximately ten thousand dollars, at \$3,700 per year, and is specialized for municipalities. There are now new coverage elements, including pollution coverage, flood insurance, insurance for commissioners, etc. The boats are currently listed as 2006 / 2007 fiberglass boats, at approximately \$38k value each, with the motors at approximately \$7k each. These can be corrected if needed. Bill will look into making sure the installed equipment on board is ensured. The cost to overwinter the boats at Lakeside Marina was quoted at \$1,695 each. The shop reports that boat #1 is missing the cavitation plate. The treasurer will work with Dick Speer on replacing the plate. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Herbert Garber, seconded by Barbara McWilliams; the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Dan Semosky, Marine Patrol Coordinator, reported there were 12 patrols in September with 41 enforcement actions, 90% being for no PFD's, and others for lack of boat registration. There was one person in the restricted area of the

Shepaug Dam and they were summoned. There were 8 vessels towed short distances. Due to the I-84 bridge construction, parts of the channel were closed but the channel was still navigable. There were no infractions for ignoring the no wake zone at the bridge. Due to the September 1st hurricane, debris and garbage travelled south into the lake and patrol officers removed a bulk of the debris and trees. The debris field in front of the dam has cleared except one tree.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Lesley Pires reported that the LZA website is under construction. Emails can still be received from the public on the website at this time.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Chairman Gary Fillion reported that the annual drawdown dates announced by FirstLight are October 15 – 27, 2021. The drawdown will target an elevation of 98.5' to allow for maintenance and inspection activities. Marine Patrol will do an annual drawdown safety cruise at this time as well. Gary will schedule the buoy removal for the third week of October. They will be inspected, cleaned, and stored until early May.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that boat #2 will be taken out of the water first so the prop can be replaced. Dick will check on the costs for a new cavitation plate to be installed on boat #1. Boat #2 needs two side floodlights replaced. LED's will be used.

Grants:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Cavallo, seconded by Jerry Kozera, the motion was passed unanimously. Gary Fillion adjourned the meeting at 7:47.

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, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Community Center.