

Lake Zoar Authority

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newtown-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:

Barbara McWilliams, Chairwoman
John Downs
James Galarneau
Tim Glover
Jerry Kozera
Dennis Lawler
John Morin
Lesley Pires
Mark Saksa

Absent:

Dick Speer
John Morin
Bill May

Call to Order

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2023 meetings was made by Mark Saksa, seconded by Dennis Lawler; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

An email was received from a Southbury resident complimenting the water quality of the lake this year, and encouraged similar water quality management next season.

Treasurer's Report:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams presented a financial statement for the annual period ending June 30, 2023. Total revenue received from towns, grants, sale of the boat, and interest earned was \$185,194, with \$28,363 remaining after budget expenses for the year, which included the purchase of the new boat. She reported the current account balances with cash on hand equal \$135,746.35.

A motion to pass the treasurer's report was made by Tim Glover, seconded by Dennis Lawler, the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Marine Patrol Coordinator Dan Semosky reported that the month of September had 12 patrols, with 37 total enforcements, including 3 written infractions. There were 17 boat inspections and 8 boats towed. There was a written trespass arrest at the Shepaug damn on September 9 for a fisherman on the premise, also with no fishing or boating license or registration. There is major debris and boating equipment congested by the Shepaug dam. Marine Patrols will continue throughout the month.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Dennis Lawler reported that the website is still under construction. Dennis is currently managing software for the financial record keeping.

Water Quality

Weed Treatment Committee:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported that the annual drawdown is still scheduled for October 21 – October 30, 2023. Hydrilla has been found in Lake Lillinonah and experts have decided not to pull the invasive weed, as it could actually spread new growth.

Water Quality Monitoring Committee:

Lesley Pires reported that all water samples collected for the WCSU water quality monitoring program remain under the microcystin threshold of 8.0 parts per billion (ppb; µg/L) for recreational waters. Extended sampling will continue through the month.

Boats and Motors Report:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams proposed the boats will be stored over the winter in Newtown for budget savings. A motion to accept the venue was made by Dennis Lawler, seconded by Mark Saska, and passed unanimously. Commissioner Jerry Kozera donated a transparent rain cover for the new boat. Barbara reported that the boat will be winterized, wrapped and stored after the first week of November. The patrol boat will be used for a drawdown inspection of the debris that was not taken care of by First Light.

Grants:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported the Life Jacket Loaner program was successful. All of the lifejackets at Eichler's cove were borrowed and all but two returned. The jackets at Lakeside Marina were used sparingly. The stand will be considered for display at the boat launch next season.

Bylaws:

None.

Unfinished Business:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported she is still waiting on a CT DEEP / FirstLight response for buoy placement at the Shepaug Dam.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Lawler and seconded by Jerry Kozera. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

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 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Community Center.