

Lake Zoar Authority

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Member Towns

Monroe-Newton-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:

Barbara McWilliams, Chairwoman
Tony Fischetti
John Downs
James Galarneau
Tim Glover
Jerry Kozera
John Morin
Lesley Pires

Absent:

Dick Speer
Mark Saks
Dennis Lawler

Call to Order

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes from the April 2, 2024 meetings was made by Jerry Kozera seconded by John Morin; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported current treasury balances. The current account balances with cash on hand equal \$100,840.22 A motion to pass the treasurer's report was made by Tim Glover seconded by Jerry Kozera, the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Marine Patrol Semosky reported that patrols will start May 19. There will be 5 patrols this month and two boats on Memorial Day weekend. Marine Patrol safety spot checks will be present at the Southbury boat launch and on the water this season. Veteran Driver Frank V. Purcella Jr. of Oxford passed away on April 19, 2024 at the age of 90 after serving 15 years in service to Lake Zoar. His obituary is available online in the Voices Newspaper.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

James Galarneau reported he and Dennis are still planning the emergency alert system and are trying to prioritize the program objectives based on importance and urgency for the first season.

Water Quality

Weed Treatment Committee:

John Morin reported two hydrilla signs have been hung at the Southbury Boat Launch and one has already been hung in Newtown. Commissioners expressed concerns that a date for the first weed treatment application has not been set, and further delay could adversely affect future water quality if the weeds are treated during warmer months. Commissioners will coordinate with Pond and Lake and FirstLight to garner immediate cooperation.

Water Quality Monitoring Committee:

John Morin reported the committee is waiting for WCSU to initiate the cyanobacteria monitoring program this season.

Boats and Motors Report:

Barbara McWilliams reported that the boats are in the water and in good working order.

Grants:

None.

Unfinished Business:

All four member towns have committed to pay this year's budget dues including the one-time assessment to replace the second patrol boat. Anticipated funds will be received in July.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by John Morin seconded by Tony Fischetti, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:51pm.

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, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall.