

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, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:

Barbara McWilliams
Thelma Chen
John Downs
James Galarneau
Tim Glover
Bruce Lafky
Jerry Kozera
John Morin
Dick Spear
Avi Veeraraghav
Thelma Chen

Absent:

Tony Fischetti
Lesley Pires

Call to Order

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting was made by Dick Spear; seconded by Bruce Lafky; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Avi Veeraraghav reported current treasury balances with cash on hand equaling \$60,431.42. \$4,710.40 has been paid to WCSU for water quality monitoring this season. Two payments were made to Mobile Truck & Equipment Repair (\$1,522.45 and \$2,536.87) for boat repair; \$123.47 to Dick Spear for lock on guard shack at Eichler's cove. 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 Coordinator Dan Semosky reported 6 patrols in month of May, Oxford Monroe and Newtown supported. 21 stops and inspections/warnings. One boat tow from Pomperaug area to state launch in Southbury. Minor debris removed to side of lake.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Avi Veeraraghav reported one lifejacket volunteer for lifejacket support.

James Galarneau reported 1,068 followers on Facebook page, traffic is increasing on Facebook. Positive feedback on buoy installation at top of lake near Shepaug Dam.

Water Quality

Weed Treatment Committee:

None.

Water Quality Monitoring Committee:

John Morin reported water quality sampling begins end of June. Payment has been made in full for the 2025 season to include sampling of Phosphate and Nitrate. Tim Glover input Jackson Cove E coli sampling is done by Housatonic Valley Health District and conducted weekly on Tuesdays with results and closure notices as applicable posted the following day.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported multiple repairs on boat 1: Fixed no start condition, removed water from fuel filters and replaced starting battery.

Grants:

None

Unfinished Business:

Lifejacket stand at State boat launch canceled due to continued damage. Dick Spear and Tim Glover continue to make repairs on Eichler's cove guard shack. Barbara McWilliams briefed First Light work on debris removal. First Light was unable to remove the tree located at the Sandbar and multiple trees located in Kettletown park. Barrier is now installed at Shepaug dam, DEEP installed.

New Business:

Barbara McWilliams reported annual funds/check from First Light was received and increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for operating costs.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Morin
Acting Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Monday July 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Community Center.