

# 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, April 07, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Oxford Town Hall.

### Commissioners Present:

Barbara McWilliams  
Thelma Chen  
John Downs  
James Galarneau  
Tim Glover  
Bruce Lafky  
Jerry Kozera  
Dan O'Donnell  
Lesley Pires  
Avi Veeraraghav

### Absent:

Dick Speer

### **Call to Order**

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **Secretary's Report:**

A motion to accept the minutes from February 3, 2026 meeting was made by Tim Glover, seconded by Thelma Chen, the motion was passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

A member of the public was in attendance to inquire about water levels affecting Lake Lillinonah, particularly who expands the dam and when. She was directed contact FirstLight and encouraged to sign up for the Lake Lillinonah Authority Lake Alert automated alert system.

A Lake Zoar resident inquired about the process for putting in a new dock and was directed to the FirstLight website.

A Lake Zoar resident inquired about volunteer opportunities during the upcoming recreational season. Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams will coordinate.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Avi Veeraraghav reported current treasury balances with cash on hand equaling \$105,924.00. A motion to pass the treasurer's report was made by Vice Chairman Dan O'Donnell, seconded by Thelma Chen; the motion was passed unanimously.

### **Marine Patrol Report:**

None.

**Publicity/ Public Awareness:**

Avi Veeraraghav reported he is currently seeking volunteer scouts for this season.

James Galarneau reported the website is in working order. Social media has been routinely updated with fishing tournament postings and the seasonal reminder about life jacket regulations on the lake.

**Water Quality**

Weed Treatment Committee:

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported Pond and Lake plans to treat the lake with Aquathol Kin early May for Milfoil, and then again in late June for pondweed. Patch treatments will be reconsidered for treatment with ProcellaCOR after the reassessment.

Water Quality Monitoring Committee:

Tim Glover reported that the WCSU Cyanobacteria Monitoring Program has been paid in full for this season and testing will commence in June.

**Boats and Motors Report:**

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported, on behalf of Dick Speer, that the two newest boats are waiting for out-of-stock oil filters to be replaced, and one should be in the water within two weeks. A debris tour with FirstLight will be scheduled when the boat is in working order.

**Grants:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

The finance committee formally presented the part time bookkeeper position initially discussed at the last meeting. The committee recommended hiring a 1099 independent contractor at \$50/hr. The position will be posted online and the best candidate will be presented at the next meeting. The finance committee will have flexibility to adjust duties and hire the individual. Background check and references will be considered.

Vice Chairman Dan O'Donnell motioned to accept the treasury committee's recommendation to hire a bookkeeper, seconded by Lesley Pires, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams recommended selling the oldest boat and its trailer for public sale for the best offer over \$3,000, as is. Bruce volunteered to take photos of the boat and get it ready for advertisement.

Commissioners discussed removing decals and equipment before sale, and the advantages of open market versus wholesale offers.

Vice Chairman Dan O'Donnell motioned to list boat publicly to sell for best fair market value with funds payable to the LZA, seconded by Lesley Pires, the motion was passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams presented the needed for a committee to organize and maintain LZA historical records at the Monroe town hall and current electronic records. Lesley presented the state retention schedules maintained by the CT state library and FOIA requirements for producing existing documents. Commissioners discussed sorting historical documents and maintaining current electronic records in accordance with the CT Office of the Public Records Administrator. Sub committees are to submit electronic reports each month to support this initiative.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

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 May 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall.