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 02, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Monroe Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:	Absent:
Barbara McWilliams	
Thelma Chen	
John Downs	
James Galarneau	
Tim Glover	
Bruce Lafky	
Jerry Kozera	
Dan O'Donnell	
Lesley Pires	
Dick Speer	
Avi Veeraraghav	

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

Secretary's Report:
A motion to accept the minutes from May 5, 2026 meeting was made by Thelma Chen, seconded by Dick Speer, the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:
None.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Avi Veeraraghav presented the treasurer's report, indicating a current balance of $86,825.82. A check for $2,9500 was paid to New England Aquatic Services for cost of hazard buoy work. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Dan O'Donnell, seconded by Tim Glover; the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:
Marine patrol coordinator Dan Semosky reported there were five patrols for the month of May. There were 47 different enforcements, most for kayakers not wearing PFDs and for expired registration stickers on boats. Most drivers had renewed stickers on board and applied them. There were 65 safety inspections. The water quality remained clear except when the Shepaug dam was powered which churned up large debris. One large oak stump was tied down, and six large logs were removed by Marine Patrol.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:
James Galarneau reported that there has been a lot of activity on Facebook, with over 5k views for the month of May. Messages were received on the website inquiring if airboats and wake boats have restrictions on the lake as they can be a nuisance or cause damage. Currently, neither have restrictions on Lake Zoar. CT DEEP can be called with noise complaints 24 hours a day at 860-424-3333, but callers must first state it is not an emergency call.

Avi Veeraraghav reported he received a response that the Monroe high school girl scouts have received the message that the LZA is looking for volunteers. Several other local organizations have not responded.

Water Quality

Weed Treatment Committee:
Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported that the first weed treatment was applied by Pond and Lake on Thursday, May 28. 80 acres were treated for Curly leaf and Milfoil, at sites including the shady rest area, past the I-84 spot, of the left, the area by the I-84 bridge, the sandbar, the state boat launch, Kettletown State Park, Jackson's cove, French's Cove, Monroe marina and boat launch. The CT DEEP permit is valid for three years. Spot treatments will be applied as needed, as agreed by Pond and Lake and the LZA.

Water Quality Monitoring Committee:
Tim Glover reported microcystin testing will begin the last week of June. Results will be available on the LZA website.

Boats and Motors Report:
Dick Speer reported the boats are in good working order.

Grants:
None.

Unfinished Business:
Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams reported that the LZA has hired a Southbury resident with professional experience for the bookkeeper role and she will start working early this month.

Barbara reported the CIRMA insurance policy has been recertified and has raised 2-3%.

New Business:
None.

Adjournment
With no further business, Chairwoman Barbara McWilliams adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.

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 **Monday** July 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Community Center.