

Lake Zoar Authority

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Member Towns

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The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Oxford Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:

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

Absent:

Tony Fischetti

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 March 5, 2024 meetings was made by Mark Saksa seconded by Dick Speer; 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 \$106,702.56 There is a \$5,000 deposit due to Diamond Marine for the new boat. A motion to pass the treasurer's report was made by Dennis Lawler seconded by Dick Speer, the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

Marine Patrol Semosky reported he and the three patrol drivers will be attending a marine law enforcement class through the CT DEEP. The buoy line will be deployed soon.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

James Galarneau reported there has been active engagement on the LZA Facebook page regarding the boat launch and a potential emergency notification system. There are several seasonal CT DEEP job postings related to local water safety on the CT DEEP webpage. Dennis Lawler reported the 2024 boating safety publication is now online.

Water Quality

Weed Treatment Committee:

Chairperson Barbara McWilliams reported she has attended meetings with neighboring lakes, the CT DEEP, FirstLight, and Pond and Lake regarding Hydrilla invasions. The CT DEEP has assured permits to treat sprouting hydrilla will be prioritized as early as July. The invasive weeds such as curly leaf and milfoil will be treated as scheduled, earlier in the season.

Water Quality Monitoring Committee:

John Morin will contact WCSU's Wong Lab to inquire about renewing cyanobacteria monitoring services for this season.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer reported that the boats will be in the water after servicing and pressure washing. The boats will be in the water this month, ready for a marine patrol survey before the recreational season begins.

Grants:

Chairperson Barbara McWilliams reported she applied for a \$5,000 community grant from FirstLight to beautify or sustain the lake. The grant will be used to upgrade the current shed at Eichler's cove for the life jacket loaner program, and to implement a new shed at the Southbury boat launch for the new life jacket station.

Unfinished Business:

Jerry Kozera reported that he conferenced with Code Red and is planning zoom meeting to demonstrate the applicability of an alert system managed by the company. The company can collect and manage a subscriber database. Dennis Lawler reported that he has been researching how to manage an online alert system to reach subscribers who have individually signed up with the LZA.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Speer seconded by Jerry Kozera, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned 8:03pm.

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 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall.