

# LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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## Member Towns

# Monroe-Newton-Oxford-Southbury

The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at 7:05 p.m. at the Oxford Town Hall, 486 Oxford Rd, Oxford, CT

### Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman  
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer  
Jerry Isleib  
Dick Speer  
Frank Cavallo  
Ed Kusinski  
Herbert Garber

### Absent:

Ray Hoesten  
Oxford Vacancy  
Monroe Vacancy  
John A Downs  
Gary Dennen

Gary Fillion, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with 7 of the 10 members present.

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

There was no Secretary's Report. The Secretary's position is now vacant.

### **Public Comments:**

Anthony DeAngelo, Newtown, suggested LZA patrol boats monitor boat and PWC wakes near docks. In many cases operators who are causing damaging wakes are likely in violation of CT Boating Laws. Patrol boat presence and educating violators of boating laws was discussed.

Louis Denaro, Oxford, presented a written letter to the LZA expressing concern that the LZA may propose an ordinance be passed that would restrict wakesurfing on certain areas of the lake. He made the point that many other vessels and watersport activities can cause equal sized wakes as a wakesurfing boat. He suggested there is a lack of credible data that provides evidence wakesurfing and wakesurfing boats are causing more damage than other activities on the lake.

### **Correspondence and News Clippings:**

The LZA received an email indicating Leaps of Faith has been seemingly operating waterskiing clinics on a daily basis. The question was raised as to what, if any, type of laws may be in place for such activities. Concern was expressed, the frequency and number of waterskiing passes made each day in a confined area may be considered a nuisance and may also be damaging wetland property.

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

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, indicated we are current with all bills. A grant of \$10,000 from First Light has been received. We are awaiting annual contributions from Newtown and Oxford. Monroe and Southbury payments have been received.

### **Marine Patrol Report:**

None.

### **Publicity/ Public Awareness:**

The Candlewood Lake newsletter was provided.

**Water Quality / Grants Report:**

Gary Fillion, Chairman, reported we are waiting for the post treatment survey results from the June annual chemical weed treatment. A second chemical weed treatment has been suggested. The most recent chemical application method and effectiveness was questioned by some members. Bob Mouchantat motioned that we move funds for the Fiscal 2016 weed treatment to the Fiscal 2017 budget, Gary Fillion seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fillion presented a draft printed copy of the revised Lake Zoar Map. Quotes on printing were presented as well. Gary Fillion motioned the LZA have 500 11"x14" color copies of the maps printed for the cost of \$340, Frank Cavallo seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Fillion has spoken to the CT DEEP regard obtaining copies of the CT Boaters Guide for distribution. He was told we will be provided with 300 copies. Intentions are to distribute copies from the patrol boats.

**Boats and Motors Report:**

Dick Speer, Oxford, reported that the LZA Marine Patrol Boats have been upgraded to 4 blade propellers. Drivers have reported better planning performance and what seems to be better fuel economy. The lights on Unit 2 have been repaired and are all functioning properly. An anchor pulpit on a patrol boat caused damage to a civilian vessel while performing a routing safety stop. The pulpit has been removed to avoid any possible future damage. Written quotes for the damage are being obtained. Gas bills for the boats have been received. Bob Mouchantat would like to compare them to last years. New lock boxes will be installed on the patrol boats in effort to avoid officers and drivers from needing to go to the State Police barracks in Oxford for keys.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

A suggestion to promote an ordinance be put into place restricting the use of wakesurfing in designated areas of Lake Zoar was discussed. Rather than the LZA petitioning the public for signatures it was decided if members of the individual towns would like to petition they can. Towns can petition changes in laws/regulations/ordinances. It is suggested the public go before the individual Towns to request the proposed ordinance be presented the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for consideration.

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, indicated Oxford and Monroe have yet to reply with their Police billing rates. Southbury and Newtown have.

Jerry Isleib, Monroe, suggested the May 2017 Meeting Minutes be changed to indicate The Police Pact agreeing upon billing rates was established in 2005, not 2011. Gary Fillion motioned the change be made, Ed Kusinki seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

The June 2017 Meeting Minutes were never approved as a quorum was not met.

Dick Speer, Oxford, motioned the June 2017 Meeting Minutes be approved, Frank Cavallo seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Gary Fillion, Chairman, once again requested LZA Commissioners increase their individual commitment and consider participating in more ways.

Gary Fillion, Chairman, requested all Commissioners check with their respective Towns and provide their term period at next months meeting.

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, was contacted by our insurance company requesting we contact them about a possible change of policy provider.

Gary Fillion, Chairman, motioned Ed Kusinski be appointed Secretary, the motion was seconded by Herbert Garber, motion passed unanimously.

Gary Fillion, Chairman, motioned Ray Hoesten be recognized as an Alternative Commissioner. Dick Speer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Frank Cavallo volunteered to participate on the Coast Guard Auxiliary Committee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat (seconded by Frank Cavallo); motion passed unanimously; Gary Fillion, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Kusinski - Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Southbury Town Hall, 501 Main St S #1, Southbury, CT