

LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY

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The regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority was held Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Newtown Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Commissioners Present:

Gary Fillion, Chairman
Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer
Ed Kusinski, Vice Chairman/Secretary
Gary Dennen
Jerry Isleib
Frank Cavallo
Dick Speer
Herbert Garber
John Downs

Absent:

Mark Saksa

Gary Fillion, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept the minutes as read from the February 6, 2018 meeting was made by Bob Mouchantat, seconded by Frank Cavallo; the motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

A presentation: "Cyanobacteria: Linological Forcing Factors and Management Strategies" was provide to attendees by Dr. Robert Kortman. Dr. Kortman is the President of Ecosystem Consulting Service located in Coventry, CT. The presentation addressed many critical factors regarding the life cycle of cyanobacteria, its causes, affects and possible treatment strategies.

Several public guests were in attendance for the presentation. Representatives from The Lake Housatonic Authority also joined us this month. Comments were welcomed concerning algae and weed growth, along with treatment options that may not rely on chemicals.

Correspondence and News Clippings:

The Candlewood Lake Authority minutes were circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Mouchantat, Treasurer, presented account balances. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Dick Speer, seconded by Herb Garber; the motion was passed unanimously.

Marine Patrol Report:

None - there were no patrols during the past month.

Publicity/ Public Awareness:

Access to the LZA website was restricted. There was some confusion regarding billing. It has been confirmed all outstanding hosting fees have been paid and access to the website should be returned.

Water Quality / Grants Report:

Gary Fillion, Chairman, reported a replacement buoy has been ordered and is to be installed this spring. A seminar on Invasive Species will be held by First Light Power Resources on March 30th. A representative of the LZA will attend.

Boats and Motors Report:

Dick Speer suggested we prepare to pay Beacon Point Marine for upcoming cleaning and commissioning of two patrol boats for the 2018 season. Rates would be the same as the 2017 bill.

A motion was made, to approve the spending of funds towards getting the boats ready, by Bob Mouchantat, seconded by Gary Fillion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Report:

Candlewod Lake Authority will be offering Boaters & PWC Safety Courses on March 23rd and 26th.

Grants:

Dick Speer mentioned the grant application for First Light will be submitted in March.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business

Gary Fillion – Chairman, introduced and nominated Bill May as a potential Commissioner. Mr. May had been a previous Commissioner of the LZA and would like to fill the vacant Commissioner seat for Newtown.

A motion was made, to accept Bill May as a Commission, by Gary Fillion, seconded by Bob Mouchantat, the motion was passed unanimously. We welcome the return of Mr. May to the LZA

Bob Mochantat – Treasurer, reported he attended a meeting with the Southbury Board of Finance. The BOF was pleased with our budget format and the fact we hold Reserve Funds for future needs. The Southbury BOF suggested the LZA have an official audit and review, even though there were no objections to our annual budgets and spending. Mr. Mouchantat suggested we send a letter to the BOF suggesting our annual financial statements act as adequate documentation. Quotes for both an audit and financial review quickly approached the \$7,000 to \$10,000 range. The LZA feels this type of spending would be financial irresponsible as it would be nearly 10% of our annual operating budget. It was also suggest that if the audit and review be absolutely required the cost of such be differed to the Town Of Southbury who is requiring both.

A motion was made by Ed Kusinski to contact the Town Of Southbury Board of Finance with the propose letter, Seconded by Herb Garber, the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Cavallo, seconded by Herb Garber; the motion was passed unanimously. Gary Fillion, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Kusinski – Vice Chairman / Secretary

The minutes are not considered official until approved at the next regular meeting of the Lake Zoar Authority to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Oxford Town Hall, 486 Oxford Road, Oxford, CT 06478